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Council Approves Alcohol on City Property

By Ted AYALA

Faced with a budget gap and the need to find new streams of revenue for Glendale, the Glendale City Council voted on Tuesday to allow the serving of alcoholic beverages on city property. Deukmejian Wilderness Park and the Brand Library will be among the sites where visitors can order themselves a drink – as long as a permit has been obtained.

Though alcohol can be served, those organizing an event on city property must provide bartenders that are licensed, bonded and insured for any liabilities. Even then, it would still be up to the discretion of the city manager's office to approve the permits. Factors that would be considered before approval of permits would be the size of the facility, ability to manage the particular event in question, and types of alcohol being served.

"[City Manager Scott] Ochoa wouldn't necessarily be allowing a kegger at Chevy Chase Library," joked City Attorney Micheal J. Garcia. "He's going to be able to use his discretion."

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Partnering to Save Lives

It was all about communication and cooperation during this multi-agency training.

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

The Los Angeles County firefighters and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. joined other agencies on Angeles Crest Highway last weekend to run a number of rescue exercises and build inter-department relationships. Exercises began on Friday and continued through the weekend.

The two agencies worked alongside the Montrose and Altadena search and rescue teams, and the United States Forest Service.

Along with running "over-the-side" training exercises, the sheriff's department demonstrated the capabilities of their newest search and rescue helicopters that form the county's Air Rescue 5 program. The three new aircraft, model AS 332L1 Super Pumas, help modernize the department's fleet and improve the capabilities and response time for future operations.

"The old helicopters were 1960s technology, this brings us into the 21st century," said



Personnel from several safety agencies, including (from left) the U.S. Forest Service, L.A. County Fire Dept. and Montrose Search and Rescue, met up at Angeles Crest Highway last weekend to train together to minimize response time when handling an emergency.

Sergeant Burton Brink from the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's station. "This is much more cost efficient. It was difficult to get parts for the old craft. It is smaller in size and works well with all search and rescue teams."

Search and rescue has been a major obligation of Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Dept. whose teams carried out 560 missions last year, which amounted to an increase of 10%. A large number of incidents involve motorcycles and other vehicles that have fallen over the side railing of the Crest.

The new craft will significantly cut down on department

response times with a top operational speed of 170 mph. The helicopters are also slightly smaller and fly at a higher altitude than their predecessors. The Air 5 program is based in Long Beach.

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New CV Station Captain Begins Sunday

The new captain for the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station will take the helm on Sunday.

The Crescenta Valley community has been waiting to hear who will fill the position of captain at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. It was announced over a month ago that Capt. Dave Silversparre, who has served at the CV Station for five years, would be moving on to the LASD Communications and Fleet Management Bureau. Since that announcement, LASD has been in the process of conducting interviews to fill the position.

Capt. Bill Song has been announced as the new captain for CV Station, said Steve Whitmore, LASD spokesman.

Song has recently been serving in the office of Assistant Sheriff Cecil Rhambo.

Painting the Town

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose is now painted purple, thanks to a group of volunteers, shoe stencils and lots of purple paint.

The annual Paint the Town

Purple was held on Saturday morning along Honolulu Avenue in support of the upcoming Foothills Relay for Life on May 11-12.

Purple shoe prints were painted on storefronts of those



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

Members of Prom Plus Club paint a window purple on Saturday reminding the public of the upcoming Relay For Life taking place May 11-12.

who support the event.

"All the footprints are facing [west], toward Clark Magnet High School," said Regan Boone, long time supporter of Foothills Relay for Life.

Foothills Relay for Life is held at Clark Magnet High School. The 24-hour event invites people to create teams and then raise money for the American Cancer Society. The money goes toward cancer research and raising awareness of the disease, but Relay is more than that – it's a true Crescenta Valley event.

"We are a little different," Boone said.

Relay for Life is a national program in which supporters walk the track for 24 hours – reminding participants that cancer doesn't sleep and neither do the cancer research supporters. The Foothills Relay event also has the traditional walkers but adds a CV spin to the event, from the entertainment to the local food.

Painting the Town Purple is a big kick-off event. Chuck Boone

has been involved with Relay for years, since his wife and he took part to support their son who had been diagnosed with cancer. Their son lost his leg to cancer, but survived the ordeal.

Survivor recognition is an important part of the Relay. Those who have survived cancer are given gifts and have a special booth set aside for them with information and support at the Relay for Life event.

Toward the end of Saturday evening at Relay, the luminaria ceremony is held. The track is lined with small paper lanterns. Everyone is given a candle and the survivors begin a silent march around the track. They are joined by caregivers, then by everyone. It is a symbol of community and solidarity, a symbol that no one is alone in the battle.

Last Saturday, a small luminaria ceremony took place with teens and Relay supporters walking along Honolulu Avenue armed with glow sticks

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



Thanks and Thanks Again

I want to start off by saying a big “thank you” to everyone who called, sent an email or texted to tell me how glad they were to learn that I wasn’t hurt in the incident outside of Indio last week. The picture of the shattered windshield was very sobering. Several people told me that they were sending my column to relatives who needed a reminder of what dangers could be lurking on our highways and how dangerous distracted driving is. I’m happy to report that I am again behind the wheel of my beloved Solara convertible. I’m sure you won’t be surprised to learn that the first thing I did when leaving Indio on Monday after I picked up my repaired car was to slather on the sunscreen and drop the top.

Secondly, you might have noticed that this week’s paper is a little heavier, a little thicker. This issue, my friends, is the largest yet that the Crescenta Valley Weekly has produced. You’re holding 36 pages of information that you just need to know.

To say that I am proud of this achievement would be an understatement. When I started the paper more than three years ago, I was glad to be able to consistently produce a 24-page paper. To graduate first to 28 then 32 pages, and then today’s 36 ... well, I’m speechless. While I may not be sure how often the paper will be this big, I’m proud that

we were able to do it this week.

The amount of work that went into this issue was daunting. Thankfully, I have an awesome crew that specializes in creating an amazing product. From my sales staff to my designers to my writers, everyone stepped up to ensure that this paper is of the same top quality that you’ve come to expect from the CV Weekly. Of course, now you need to do your part. After enjoying each and every page, I hope you’ll frequent our advertisers. They have placed their faith in the community’s favorite newspaper by investing their ad dollars into it. Let them know that they’ve chosen wisely.

And finally – was that your stomach I heard growling? Well, have I got a solution for you!

This Sunday is the annual Taste of Montrose along the 2200-2400 blocks Honolulu Avenue.

The fundraiser benefits Crescenta Valley High School’s Prom Plus committee that hosts a \$25,000 after prom party for CVHS’s seniors and their guests at the Crescenta Cañada YMCA.

Before you think that we’re indulging these kids, let me remind you that Prom Plus was started after one of our seniors

was murdered at an unsupervised, post prom hotel party in 1991. The Taste of Montrose (which is held in conjunction with the Kids ‘n’ Kritters and Wags ‘n’ Whiskers event) is one of the largest fundraisers for the organization.

Prom Plus strives to offer an unforgettable night for CV seniors – one not marred by tragedy – and by offering our kids everything from a full casino to a zip line (at no additional cost to them), attending Prom Plus is a no brainer.

Tickets for Taste of Montrose are just \$20 and available along Honolulu Avenue on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as well as at several local locations. Visit www.promplus.org to learn more.

I thank you in advance and look forward to seeing you Sunday at the more than 20 participating Taste of Montrose restaurants.

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Weather in the foothills



“I can feel the wind go by when I run. It feels good. It feels fast.”
~Evelyn Ashford
In 1992, the oldest American woman to win gold in track & field (four gold in her career)

The sun shined brightly upon the Crescenta Valley High School track and field on Saturday. With accompaniment from the marching band, Special Olympic athletes declared the games “open.” As a mom of a CV alumni and long distant runner, I was more than eager to volunteer at these games. After years and years of track and cross-country meets, you become kind of addicted. Once again the energy, excitement and dedication of the athletes took hold and did not let me go.

No Crescenta Valley High School T&F or CC meet would be complete without our local “memory keeper” and photographer Leonard Coutin. What did he capture at this very special event?

Pictures tell a story. The weather added details, hard to miss in the photos. To begin with, it was a “picture perfect” day. Clear blue skies set the background. As the athletes gathered to warm up before and after their events, bottles and cups of water were here, there and everywhere. Coming in a close second were cans of sunscreen. At the event organizing table where I was stationed, both were plentiful.

As temperatures climbed toward the

90 degree mark, these items were much needed. In spite of the heat, a cool breeze could be felt in the shade. After all, it is still spring. A good time was had by all ...just look at the pictures of the day (see www.cvweekly.com).

Now weather-wise, get ready for a rollercoaster ride with a sun hat in one hand and an umbrella in the other. Here we go...

Gusty N.E. winds blow through the foothills on Thursday and Friday. Temperatures may reach 100 degrees! These combined with low humidity make fire conditions serious. The first Red Flag warning of the season has been issued. Then...

Late Sunday the marine layer has returned dropping temperatures by 30 or more degrees. A developing cutoff low is expected to bring isolated and brief light showers our way.

This year, as we count the very few drops, we welcome with open umbrellas any rain that may fall.

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Whose Savvy?

Our local real estate market has picked up steam and savvy buyers are poised to take advantage. The challenge for buyers is demand is well above supply, and that is driving competition and prices higher. Our last 4 sales received an average 14 offers, including one with 21. All sold over asking, and one a whopping 11% over. Trendgraphix, Inc reports that we are at 25% of ‘normal inventory.’ The other key factor is that interest rates are still at historic lows, and for many buyers, buying is less expensive than renting. Sellers want to get top dollar for their properties, but face the challenge of getting appraisal value since comps at current values are very scarce. So how do you succeed in this market?

Our advice is straightforward! For Sellers, work with a seasoned REALTOR® who understands the dynamics of the market and knows how to navigate through multiple offers, appraisal challenges, and potential transaction pitfalls like inspections and buyer loan hazards. Price your property slightly below market, get maximum exposure, be willing to sift through multiple offers to select the best buyer candidate, understand that cash buyers will be more demanding and less flexible, and be patient. Be careful not to get greedy. You will end up with an Expired Listing.

For Buyers, work with a savvy, knowledgeable, and aggressive REALTOR®. This market is not for the weak hearted. Your REALTOR® should specialize in the market where you wish to buy. Do your homework and be prepared to act fast. If you have good knowledge of the marketplace and the trends, you can price your offers for success. Make your offers strong not with just sales price but also minimize contingency dates for inspections and loans, provide financials documents, and be willing to show the sellers you are flexible and will do what it takes to close the sale. Often, a personal letter with a photo can sway a seller’s decision. So have a brief 2 paragraph letter ready to submit with offers. If you have questions and/or want additional tips, please contact us. We are always prepared!

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NEWS

She's In Good Company



By Brandon HENSLEY

Having a couple of pets can make all the difference in someone's world, but what if that person is 95 years old? What if she is a widow? And what if her only son recently died?

It might be a good bet to say those pets would mean everything and more to this woman. That would be mostly correct, but it doesn't completely factor in the natural sunny disposition she carries with her.

It's the same disposition she takes to the YMCA for daily pool exercises, or to church to exercise her faith. Or even down the driveway on a bum leg to pull up two green trashcans the 20 yards or so back to the side of her house.

You can see for yourself if you catch her right as she begins to grab them. Frances Clapp will let you inside the gate and offer to shake your hand, then ask if you can take the cans up for her, because it's hard to do that at 95 and on a bum leg, after all.

This disposition follows Clapp with her into the house. She doesn't complain about the walking, or the pulling of the trashcans, and she's not looking for a cushy seat on the couch to plop down on, to let the drudgery of her day's work dissipate into one of the six rooms in her house.

For the last 15 years, she's had no husband to come home to (Earl

died of cancer in 1998), and as of last month she has no son to talk to in Arizona on the phone (he died at age 70 of a stroke).

But it's okay, because she can talk to Honey, her poodle mix that was thrown out of a car in Hollywood last year and picked up by a couple of writers who dropped him off at the Pasadena Humane Society.

Clapp's friend at the Y told her about Honey, and Clapp, who has had many pets but never bought one, decided to check him out.

"He was curled up in a corner. He was a mess," she said upon seeing Honey for the first time. "I looked at him, and I said, 'He needs me and I need him.'"

Honey is a bundle of energy, especially at the breakfast table. He starts with a low grumble aimed at Clapp and, if he's mimicked by her, he'll go into a high register until he's full-on yelping, throwing his head back, but always waiting for his owner to repeat what he said.

"Any noise he makes, he expects me to imitate it," she said.

There's also Jax, a cat that looks like an orange tabby but hard to tell because he's afraid of anyone not named Frances Clapp, and trying to get a good look at him is like chasing a ghost down a hallway.

Clapp will talk about Jax's relationship with Honey. When Honey is outside, Jax will move from room to room, window to window to keep track, and whenever Honey comes back inside they bump noses.

Jax is also the house alarm clock. He'll climb on top of Clapp to wake her up and then get behind a recliner Honey is sleeping on and rock it back and forth until everyone is ready for a new day.

"7 o'clock, you don't sleep beyond that," Clapp said.

Jax's story is less abusive than Honey's but affecting nonetheless. One of Clapp's grandsons used to have him, but he kept going out of town for work and Clapp would take him. Whenever the grandson took Jax home, he would start to cry. The grandson figured he couldn't keep doing this to Jax, and so last year the cat stayed with Clapp for good.

The grandson is moving to Wisconsin this month, and it might seem like a lonely time is upon Clapp. But she takes things in stride.

"We're not in control. God's in control," she said.

She's a Brooklyn native, and her mindset is as strong as the New York accent that has never gone away ("Dea buddies!" she'll say about Honey and Jax, and it conjures up an image of her on a stoop talking about her pets while her friends play stick ball in the street).

Yes, she's surprised she's still alive at 95 but no, she doesn't mind putting off her reunion with Earl if it means spending another day with Honey and Jax.

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IN BRIEF

DUI/DRIVERS LICENSE CHECK-POINT

Glendale Police Dept. will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Check-point on Saturday, May 4 at an undisclosed location within the Glendale city limits between the hours of 7:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol and/or drug impair-

ment. Officers will also check drivers for proper licensing and will strive to delay motorists only momentarily. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

PROM PLUS CLUB HOLDING RUMMAGE FOR RELAY

The Prom Plus Club from Crescenta Valley High School is holding a rummage sale on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire house, 2563 Foot-

hill Blvd. The proceeds from the sale will go toward Foothills Relay For Life, Prom Plus team.

Foothills Relay For Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is being held from May 11-12 at Clark Magnet High School. Prom Plus Club is raising money to help support this event for cancer awareness and research. Prom Plus families have donated several of the items for sale but are still looking for more; anyone who may have items they would like to donate to sell can contact PPC at (818) 535-5962 or email mary@cvweekly.com.

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Gatto's Bill Clears Assembly Judiciary Committee

Assemblyman Mike Gatto's legislation to protect small businesses from meritless lawsuits took a huge step forward Tuesday by clearing its final policy hurdle, the Assembly Judiciary committee, by a unanimous, bipartisan vote of 10-0. The bill, AB 227, would allow small-business owners who receive notice of a technical-signage violation of Proposition 65 to achieve compliance within 14 days and pay a small civil fine. In doing so, these businesses would avoid facing exorbitant retrospective fines, and the prospect of being forced to pay settlements in the thousands of dollars for neglecting to put up a simple sign. AB 227 essentially provides for a "fix-it ticket" for signage violations over the most common, everyday substances covered under Prop. 65 such as those that naturally occur when grilling food or in alcoholic beverages.

Prop. 65 was passed by voters in 1986 and requires warnings for a huge list of products. It also allows for fines of \$2,500 per day, enforced by any person, for failure to comply. Unfortunately, a small number of attorneys have recently started to use Prop. 65 technical violations to target small businesses that lack resources for a legal defense, with the goal of reaching quick settlements to avoid costly litigation. Since 2012, more than two-dozen brick-and-mortar businesses in Southern California, including restaurants and cafés in Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, and Los Angeles, have been threatened with Prop. 65 lawsuits for simply ne-

glecting to have posted signs (or signs of the right size) that warn about beer, wine, or chemicals that result from the natural process of cooking food. Some of these businesses have paid settlements of \$5,000 and more for not having put up a \$20 sign or for the sign being one inch too small.

"Threatening a small business with a lawsuit for serving its customers coffee with their breakfast, a burger with their lunch, or a glass of beer or wine with dinner is absurd," said Gatto. "The voters passed Prop. 65 to be protected from chemicals that would hurt them. They did not intend to create a situation where shakedowns of California's small-business owners would cause businesses to want to close their doors."

The idea for the legislation came from Assemblyman Gatto's Small Business Advisory Commission, formed earlier this year to advise him on challenges facing local small-business owners. Since its creation by the commission in January, AB 227 has received increasing support from a variety of sectors including community organizations, small-business groups, and environmental and consumer advocates.

Mike Gatto is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the California State Assembly. He represents the cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Atwater Village, and portions of the Hollywood Hills and East Hollywood.

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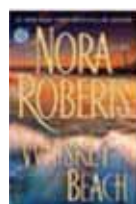
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Communities Come Together to Remember



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Though it has been nearly a century since the Armenian Genocide began, dignitaries and ordinary people from various communities came together last week to show that the slow tread of time will not make them forget the suffering.

Known in Armenian as *Medz Yeghern* or The Great Crime, the genocide was a nearly decade-long pogrom instituted by the Ottoman Turks against the Armenians who mostly populated modern-day Turkey's eastern territory. In the eight years during which the genocide took place, nearly 2 million Armenians perished, their properties confiscated, and their culture suppressed. It also triggered the first wave of the Armenian diaspora, which resulted in the flowering of their culture on foreign shores.

"They've affected our nation

and our world in religion and in the arts," said Assemblymember Mike Gatto. "Armenian authors and artists have beautifully chronicled life around the world and particularly in this state. The Turks stole a great deal in The Great Crime innumerable fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, and the loved ones of the Armenian nation. They stole the innocence of the 20th century. But your presence here tonight is testament to the fact that the Ottomans did not win."

Rep. Adam Schiff delivered a speech via video to those gathered as he was unable to leave Washington, D.C. Earlier in the day, he took to the floor of the House of Representatives to exhort – speaking in Armenian – his colleagues and the White House to recognize the genocide.

"Despite Turkey's [diplomatic] opposition, I will continue to push for recognition at every

opportunity," he said. "It is our sacred obligation to the victims of the genocide to ensure that this tragic episode in human history is never forgotten."

One of the dignitaries who elicited the most attention was Umit Kurt, a Turkish scholar at Clark University who has made a special study of the theft of Armenian property by the Ottomans. His presence was the first time a Turk had addressed the event. In Turkey it is a crime to publicly counter the official government position of denial, something that even luminaries such as Nobel Prize winning author Orhan Pamuk has had to contend with in his own remarks about the genocide and his country's culpability.

The event was also a moment for celebration. Dancing and singing dominated the later half of the program, with a memorable contribution of a pair of Armenian songs sung by the Chamlian School Children's Choir.

Drugs Collected at Event



A Glendale police officer dumps a bag of medication that was surrendered as part of Drug Take Back Day on Saturday into a receptacle. The collected drugs will be burned at another location.

By Jason KUROSU

Saturday morning saw people flocking to CVS and Rite Aid stores in La Crescenta and La Cañada, not to buy medication but to dispose of it at the bi-annual Drug Take Back Day. Since 2010, the Drug Enforcement Agency has coordinated with law enforcement agencies and other organizations across the country to remove expired and/or unwanted prescription medication from homes.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., anyone could anonymously drop off unwanted prescription drugs at four locations throughout the foothills.

At the CVS on Verdugo Boulevard, a woman handed Glendale Police Officer Joe Allen a paper bag filled to the brim with medications. The contents of the bag, along with all the other medications collected throughout the day, would be burned later at another location.

"We don't ask questions. We don't look at what people bring," said Allen. "We're just trying to minimize availability and access, so there's less misuse and abuse."

The Take Back Initiative was started to combat escalating prescription drug abuse and to provide aid for those who might otherwise not know how to dispose of their expired medication. Environmental concerns stemming

from medication thrown into the garbage or flushed down the toilet have also spurred the cause.

Though the campaign focuses primarily on prescription drugs, it is encouraged that anyone bring any and all unwanted drugs when Drug Take Back Day occurs every six months, whether that be under or over-the-counter medication or used needles and sharps.

The DEA co-sponsors the event with the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept., the Glendale Police Dept., Glendale Community College Police Dept. and the Crescenta Valley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition.

Scott Meyer from CVDAPC manned the drop-off site at the La Crescenta Rite Aid.

"We're trying to keep illicit drugs out of the hands of children," said Meyer, who had about five containers full of dropped-off medications by noon.

La Cañada's CVS and Glendale Community College were two other available collection sites operating throughout the day.

Since its inception, Drug Take Back Day has yielded over two million pounds of collected drugs, according to the DEA's website.

"Every time we think we're going to get less, we end up getting more and more," said Allen.



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Two Strike Holds Arbor Day Ceremony

By Mary O'KEEFE

On April 20, the community celebrated Arbor Day by honoring all those who have protected the "great outdoors," which adds so much to the Crescenta Valley area.

"How many of you see the great outdoors as part of your personal life?" asked Sheriff Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

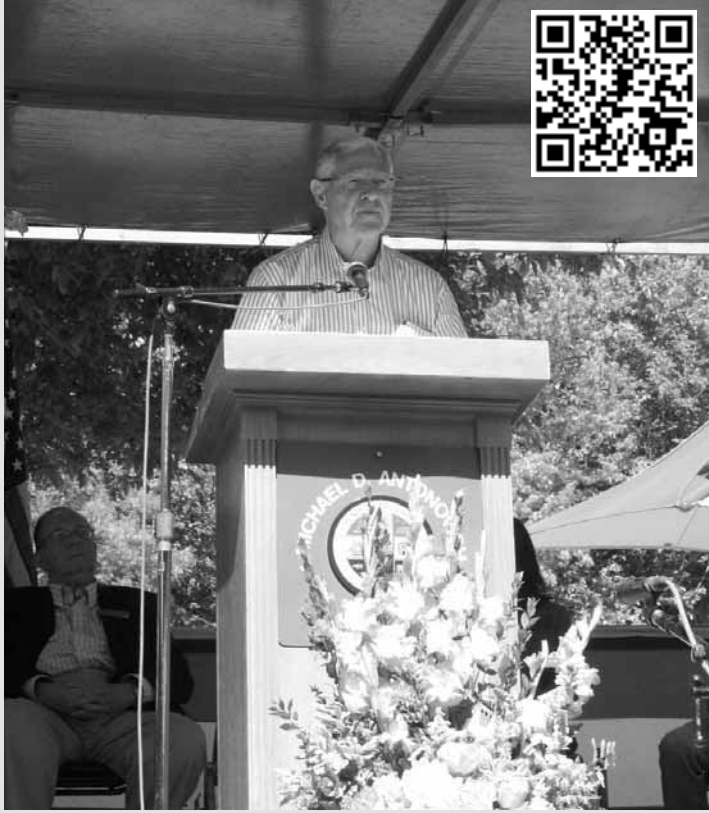
Baca was the keynote speaker for the event that

is sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Crescenta Valley Town Council. CVTC members Charles Beatty and Danette Erickson chaired the event that partnered L.A. County Parks and Recreation, Supervisor Antonovich, CVTC and community organizations.

For more pictures and a video of the event, visit www.cvweekly.com.



Photos by Jessy SHELTON



Community Turns Out to Celebrate Special Athletes



Photo by Jason KUROSU

Athletes from 12 delegations in preparation for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games took to the Crescenta Valley High School track and field on Saturday. Winners were presented with medals.

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

By Jason KUROSU

It was a day filled with anticipation, hard work and, ultimately, accomplishment.

In anticipation of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, a regional competition was held at Crescenta Valley High School on Saturday. Over 250 Special Olympics athletes from 12 delegations participated in the events, which overtook CV's lower field. The 500 volunteers, 60 coaches and countless other family members and friends watched as the athletes performed in events such as shot put, softball toss, long jump and various races around the CV track. In the stands, dozens of people cheered on the athletes, offering encouragement and celebrating the spirit that each brought to the field.

The nonprofit organization CV CAN (Crescenta Valley Committed to Athletic Needs) sponsored the event and provided the food, which attendees enjoyed on the basketball courts overlooking the field, shielded from the sun in a shaded area.

The event was the fourth of its kind at Crescenta Valley High. Volunteer Kimberly Villa said both the need and number of volunteers has increased with every year CV has hosted the Special Olympics.

"I've noticed this year that there are more people, extensions from other people who have volunteered who are now coming out," said Villa. "One of the things I've seen is that people get involved with this and they have a greater awareness of the disabled community and they try to find ways to help."

Many of the volunteers were current Crescenta Valley High student athletes and members of Montrose Church.

Pat McClenahan, a Glendale resident who attended Hoover High School, is also the CEO of the 2015 games in Los Angeles. The summer and winter games for the Special Olympics occur every four years in odd numbered years so as to not conflict with the Olympics, with the most recent World Games taking place in 2011 in Athens, Greece.

"The key to these games is the legacy of the games. It's the changed perceptions that people have about people with disabilities," said McClenahan. "Our overall goal with the Special

Olympics is to create awareness that leads to acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities."

Special Olympics began in the 1950s and early 1960s, when Eunice Kennedy Shriver saw what she felt was the unjust and unfair manner in which people with intellectual disabilities were treated. What started as a summer camp in the Kennedy Shriver backyard has grown into worldwide celebration of the athletic abilities of these competitors.

The 12 delegations on Saturday represented the Tri-Valley area, which encompasses Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Barbara, the Antelope Valley, Ventura County and more. Another annual competition is set for June 8 and 9 in Long Beach.

The opening ceremony for the 2015 World Games will take place on July 24 at the L.A. Coliseum.

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"This is the 10th year for Kids 'n' Kritters and the ninth for Wags 'n' Whiskers," said Linda McMenamin, events coordinator of Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA). MSPA sponsors the event that takes place in the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue in Montrose and includes a petting zoo, kid rides and a parade of animals.

Glendale Humane Society is a no kill shelter. Alyce Russell, executive director for the shelter, said Wags 'n' Whiskers is a special event.

“So many of the walkers [during the parade] are previous adopters,” she said. She added that everyone who adopts an animal from the shelter goes through a pet parenting class. She said that some potential pet adopters are resistant to take a class.

“[Folks will] say, ‘I’ve had dogs for 30 years and never took a class,’” she said. But Russell is firm and has told those future pet parents that if they took the canine parenting class and did not learn something new or did not find value in the class, she would pay for the adoption.

"I have never had to pay," she said. "You know, 90% of the dogs in shelters are there for behavior issues and 80% of those [animals] can be traced back to the owner [not training]."

In addition to potential adoptees being at the Wags 'n' Whiskers and Kids 'n' Kritters, there will be a "low key" parade at 8 a.m. and the day continues with many activities for kids, krittters and everyone else. Pets can be registered for the parade at the Glendale Humane Society booth on Honolulu Avenue.

There will be raffles throughout the day and contests including pet and pet parent look-alikes. Vendors that specialize in animal merchandise and animal rescue

Seven years ago, Prom Plus Taste of Montrose was added to the event. A \$20 ticket gives guests a taste of cuisine from over 20 local restaurants. The funds raised go to Prom Plus, an organization that is approaching its 20th year.

The organization partners with the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA, along with many other businesses and community supporters, in creating a safe, fun place for high school seniors with activities that include a zip line, mechanical bull, bungee run and full casino. All of this costs about \$25,000 and Taste of Montrose is one of Prom Plus' biggest fundraisers.

For more information about Prom Plus, visit www.promplus.org. Tickets for Taste of Montrose can be purchased at the Prom Plus booth at the Harvest Market on Sunday in the 2200 and 2300 blocks of

For information on the Glendale Humane Society, visit www.glendalehumane.org or visit their booth at the Harvest Market on Sunday.

The Sunday Harvest Market will still be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Honolulu Avenue will be closed to traffic in the 2200 and 2300 blocks.

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CRIME BLOTTER

April 29
5200 block Ramsdell Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident reported he was asleep in his bedroom when he awoke to a noise. Scared, he grabbed a handgun. He then heard footsteps coming from another bedroom. The resident entered his hallway and saw an intruder standing in the hallway in front of him. The man shouted, “Freeze” and the suspect immediately ran away. The suspect may have entered from an unlocked window.
The incident was reported at 3:37 a.m.

April 27
200 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a witness reported she saw a man, later identified as a 38-year-old Santa Monica man, enter St. Bede’s the

Venerable Church and sat at one of the pews. She reported that she had lost sight of him for awhile but then a church employee had told her they witnessed him take money from the collection boxes. The employee reported the church had been plagued with thefts from the collection boxes that were located in the lobby.
The priest asked the man to leave but he refused and became argumentative. The Santa Monica man left the church. Deputies found the man and arrested him at 1:10 p.m.

April 25
2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a 61-year-old La Crescenta man was arrested for allegedly stealing several items from Ralphs market. A witness

reported seeing the man come into the store, walk to the liquor department and placed several items in his backpack. He walked to the cashier and reportedly said he had forgotten his wallet and walked out. He was held by the store security until deputies arrived. After an investigation, items he did not pay for were found in the backpack at 3:50 p.m.

5400 block of Ocean View Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident arrived home to find his

home’s front door open and rooms ransacked. It had not yet been determined if anything was stolen.
The incident occurred between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

April 22
2300 block of Panorama Drive in La Crescenta, a 62-year-old La Crescenta man was arrested for scavenging through a blue Allied Waste trash can for recyclable materials. The man was detained because of numerous complaints from residents about two white males driving a red Ford Ranger pick up truck taking recyclable materials out of the trash cans. The man was arrested at 11:05 a.m.

Ideas on Improving Foothill Explored

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

A meeting hosted by the Crescenta Valley Community Association was held at the La Crescenta Library in order to discuss the state of businesses in the northernmost part of Glendale. The meeting on April 25 was held with the intention of opening the dialogue between business owners, residents, and city officials regarding the development of Far North Glendale.
Business owners discussed a number of issues that they believed were preventing the development of the area to its greatest capacity. Although landlord disputes and signage visibility due to city trees were discussed, a lack of foot traffic was deemed one of the larger obstacles to seeing Far North

Glendale reach its full potential. “Far North Glendale” is the area located north of Honolulu Avenue and between Pennsylvania and Lowell avenues in La Crescenta.
Participants also brainstormed potential events that would bring in more people and help address the perceived exposure problem for a number of the businesses in that part of the city. The possibility of a local art walk was discussed and will be further explored.
The CVCA is a cross-jurisdictional organization consisting of local volunteers dedicated to the well-being of the foothills. The group meets monthly to discuss a variety of topics impacting the area.
“This is an opportunity for residents, business owners, and representatives from the city to

get together and start a dialogue on ways we can improve our commercial district,” said Nancy Comeau, a member of the CVCA. “Obviously nothing will change unless we make it happen, and here is a golden opportunity to start moving in the direction of improving Foothill Boulevard, which in turn will increase not only the quality of our lives here but pragmatically improve the value of the properties.”
In addition to holding a discourse about businesses, the group advocated for the preservation of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course and expressed an opposition for the 710 Freeway North Extension Tunnel project.
The CVCA made plans to revisit the recommendations made during the meeting during its meeting to be scheduled in June.

Two Injured in Motorcycle Pursuit



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

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A motorcycle pursuit that began on the Foothill (210) Freeway ended at Glorietta Avenue and Verdugo Road with two people being transported to the hospital.
“We received numerous calls of 100 to 150 motorcycles holding up traffic on the 210 [freeway] at Wheatland Avenue,” said California Highway Patrol Officer Tatiana Sauquiolo.
The call came into CHP at 12:42 p.m. on Sunday. The motorcycles were traveling eastbound on the 210 freeway.
CHP officers responded and attempted to conduct a traffic

stop when one of the motorcycle drivers, later identified as Adrian Perez, 21, of Arleta, did not comply. Officers began a pursuit of the motorcycle.
The pursuit continued to the Glendale (2) Freeway southbound. “The motorcyclist exited onto Verdugo [Road] and was [traveling] at about 100 miles per hour,” Sauquiolo said.
The motorcycle collided head-on with another vehicle. The motorcyclist was transported to Huntington Hospital; the driver of the other vehicle was transported to Verdugo Hills Hospital.
Glendale Police Dept. is investigating the incident.



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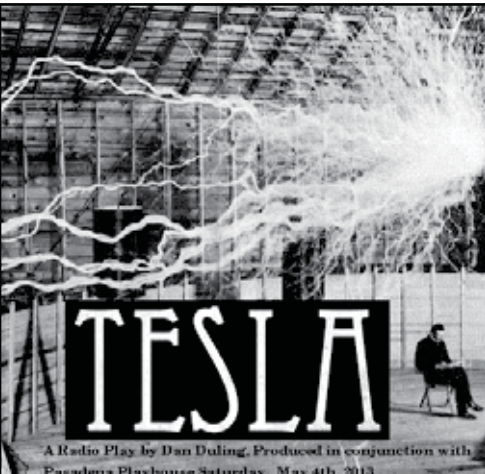
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Neighbors Now on Watch

By Jason KUROSU

On Feb. 5 at about 7:15 p.m., two burglars broke into a La Crescenta home and nearly made off with a fair amount of loot.

The homeowner, “Joe,” had arrived home a few minutes earlier than usual and confronted the two burglars. The two men fled with less than they had hoped for, but not before breaking his jaw in an altercation.

On Monday night, Joe spoke about the experience at the La Crescenta Library.

“It’s a very surreal experience having someone in your house. You don’t want this to happen to you. It was terrifying.”

According to Joe, a watch, some cash and his wife’s purse were taken. Joe also found a large stack of electronics that the burglars never managed to escape with.

Afterwards, Joe and his wife purchased an alarm system and another dog. They also met with some of the neighbors on their block in an informal neighborhood watch meeting. Monday night was the second meeting, though no neighborhood watch has been officially formed as of yet.

Jorge Valdivia, Community Relations deputy from the L.A. County Sheriff’s Dept., spoke at the meeting, giving advice on how to form a neighborhood watch and how to keep one’s home safe.

“You’ll hear me say it a hundred times. This is one of the safest parts of the county where you could live. That being said, this is also a great opportunity for burglars who are from outside this area to come here and burglarize us,” Valdivia said.

Valdivia added that even though violent crimes are nearly nonexistent in the foothills area, burglaries and thefts are occurring. Valdivia offered tips for deterring would be thieves, including buying an alarm system and a dog.

“If they see this house has two dogs and an alarm and this one has nothing, which house do you think they’re going to rob?”

For those who might not want to buy an alarm system or a dog, it was suggested that signs in the front from an alarm company or a Beware of Dog sign might be enough to make burglars think twice.

However, Valdivia also provided some tips that wouldn’t necessitate spending money.

“You may hear of the very common, very simple ruse that burglars use to get into homes,” he said. “They knock on a door. Anybody answers? No.

“I’ve heard people ask, should I answer? Should I not answer? Please answer so they’ll know that you are home. I guarantee you they don’t want any face to face confrontations. They don’t want to be identified. Most of them will drive away, walk away or run away.”

Though he ended up getting his

jaw broken, Joe echoed Valdivia’s words in regards to the burglary at his house.

“They didn’t want to fight. They didn’t say anything. They just wanted to run away.”

Though Valdivia said he probably would not be able to stop himself from confronting the burglars were he in Joe’s position, he advised, “Tell them ‘Take what you want and get out.’ It’s what they want.”

Valdivia fielded an array of questions. Many people wondered if it would be too rash to contact the police with mere suspicions raised from a door left ajar, a suspicious car, etc.

“We respond to every call,” said Valdivia.

Valdivia also provided reading materials for the attendees, including a Home and Personal Safety Handbook and a map which residents could use to gather information from their neighbors to better formulate an effective neighborhood watch.

But what he most wanted to provide was the idea that communicating with neighbors is vital for home safety.

Describing a scenario in which an unfamiliar car might be parked in front of a neighbor’s home, Valdivia said, “If you’re going to be out of town, let them know what cars might be expected in front of your house.”

Valdivia also mentioned that the Sheriff’s Dept. has vacation slips at the station. Homeowners can write down when they will be out of town and the sheriffs will patrol the area while the residents are gone.

“I don’t want everybody to live in fear,” he said. “I just want you to be proactive in case someone wants to break into your home.”

Anyone who is interested in forming a neighborhood watch or has general questions about home safety may contact Deputy Valdivia at (818) 236-4021.

Running for your Life

By Tyler BIDDLE

The Verdugo Mountains 10K is back again this Sunday and the two-time champion Lilianna Hernandez is bringing a new group of runners with her this year.

The Griffith Park Bobcats, a local running club for kids, will make their first appearance at the 10K this year and Hernandez has been preparing them for the challenge.

The running club is the product of Hernandez and her longtime mentor and friend Gretchen Corrales, who tragically past away last November. Their first race was held in March and raised over \$200 for the Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

The Bobcats use running to improve the lives of local kids. Hernandez explained that even if running itself isn’t their passion, it can benefit them in other areas.

“Running helps kids to do a lot of things,” she said. The endurance training helps many of her kids compete in other sports, like soccer and basketball. “I would love to see all the kids in Glendale be exposed to this.”

Even some of the parents go on runs with their sons and daughters in the park.

Hernandez met Corrales for the first time at a track meet at Glendale College when Hernandez was 20 years old. Corrales recognized her talent and recruited her to compete at Cal State L.A.

“She became a life mentor,” said Hernandez. “She would always be willing to help me out.” Corrales was her coach for two years while she was at Cal State L.A. After she graduated, their friendship only got stronger and they began working together to coach elementary school kids in the community to run.

The club flourished for years before they started making real efforts to make it official. In the months leading up to her untimely death, Corrales worked to create T-shirts, logos, and a name for their running club. She

had originally suggested the name Bobcats.

“Some of the parents wanted ‘The Griffith Park Rats,’” Hernandez said with a laugh. Bobcats is the name she stuck with, however, in memory of her friend.

“I see myself like her,” Hernandez said. “I want to make an impact on kids the way she impacted me.”

Hernandez herself plans to continue competing. On top of going for first place again at the 10K this

Sunday, she plans to take the upcoming summer to train hard for the Boston Marathon next year.

Anyone wanting to get their kids involved can look up the Griffith Park Bobcats on Facebook where times and locations for hiking and running are planned. Anyone can show up and participate. The Verdugo Mountains 10k will be this Sunday morning at 8 a.m. in Brand Park. Registration is online at www.runtheverdugos.com.

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TOP LEFT: Chuck Boone, kneeling, and Dustin Emmons Paint the Town Purple on Saturday.
TOP RIGHT: Dylan Sylvester and Temoc Ramirez work on a window. ABOVE: Prom Plus Club kids and Glendale Firefighters from Station 29 stopped by to support Foothills Relay for Life on Saturday night.

and flyers promoting the May 11-May 12 Relay For Life event. “We want everyone to get involved,” said Lori Carrico, Foothills Relay for Life chair. For more information, visit www.foothillsrelayforlife.com. The event is held at Clark Magnet High School, 4747 New York Ave. from 9 a.m. on May 11 to 9 a.m. May 12.

GCC *from Cover*

Event planners would need to be required to provide one security guard per 75 people estimated to attend as well as obtain a \$1 million insurance policy. The ordinance as it stands now would allow the serving of beer, wine and champagne on city property. City council hesitated at expanding the ordinance to include distilled spirits. However, there will be room for the council to modify the ordinance in the future to include the serving of distilled spirits if a demand is seen from the public to do so. “There could possibly be a big demand for it,” said Mayor Dave Weaver. One person who wasn’t pleased about the ordinance was Margaret Hammond, who was the sole person from the public to comment. “I don’t feel that it’s necessary for city facilities to be opened for the serving [of alcohol],” she said. “There’s more than enough places in Glendale that serve beer and so forth.” But Councilmember Laura Friedman countered that allowing alcohol would be a good way to find new revenue and that the city should consider permitting sales of distilled spirits. “When I got married,” she said, “it was in a city park. They make a lot of money in the city for wedding rentals. How many of you only served beer and wine at your weddings? Most people would like to have served something else. If we could serve alcohol in a place like Deukmejian, we would have a bang-up wedding business. Word gets out on how beautiful that is. At a time when we need revenue, this is a good way to get it.” In other business, Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan took to the dais on Tuesday to apologize directly to the public for racist comments he had made on YouTube. The comments, which date from five years ago, were discovered and made public early last March while Sinanyan’s campaign for city council was in full stride. The ensuing controversy cost him the support of various public officials, most notably that of Rep. Adam Schiff who rescinded his endorsement of the candidate. The comments continued to hound him after he won the election, with speakers on the council dais criticizing the comments and his refusal to acknowledge them. “If I have not gone far enough,” he said, “let me be clear: to anyone who may have been offended by my past comments, I am truly sorry.” “It truly does not matter to me if you’re Armenian or Latino or Anglo or Korean,” he added. “It doesn’t matter if you’re gay or straight and it doesn’t matter if you’re Christian, Jewish, Muslim or Hindu. As my life experiences have shown, the only thing that matters to me is that I want to serve Glendale. That is who I am.” “I am looking forward to working with you and moving forward in that spirit,” said Friedman in response to Sinanyan. “I do hope that your supporters stop saying that this was somehow a conspiracy by me against you as happened last week outside these chambers. I sincerely believe we can work together and I’ve seen a lot of good things from you since you’ve been here.”

EMERGENCY *from Cover*



The common themes among the agencies throughout the exercises were cooperation, communication, and the maximization of response time efficiency. “It’s about fostering relationships between the agencies,” said Assistant Fire Chief Dean McGuire. “We get together and can better work as one big team. It makes everything run smoother.” Because a number of agencies could potentially be the first to respond to an emergency situation, communication beforehand helps avoid confusion and time delay. L.A. Fire Dept. Battalion Chief Ron Larriva stressed the importance of similar training sessions and their potentially life-saving effects. “Working together now improves our ability to cooperate in the future. There is an important synergy that must exist between the agencies,” stressed Larriva. “We are like a new football team; communication is important.” After an incident, there is a “golden hour” that is critical for response time in a search and rescue operation. Because L.A. fire and sheriff’s departments use different equipment and do not necessarily share terminology, Larriva emphasized that communication between agencies before an incident is critical. “It says L.A. County on our badge,” he said. “We have to come together outside of emergency incidents so that we can best serve the area.”

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» MIKE LAWLER

A Wild American Graffiti on Foothill Boulevard

I’ve written a lot about 1975’s short-lived Foothill Cruise Night. It was an amazing social anomaly for our normally quiet and conservative valley. In one last memory from Craig Baker, we get a glimpse of how out of control things got, and why Cruise Night just couldn’t last.

“In the beginning, the cruise was supposed to go back and forth from Jack in the Box in La Cañada to In-N-Out Burger just past Lowell. But fairly quickly, the shopping center parking lots at the top of the hill there became a focal point of activity and a place to gather.

“Although every week had its crazy moments, the zenith of that brief period was, of course, the cruise on Monday, June 9. Hundreds and hundreds of people gathered near In-N-Out and cars were taking turns peeling out of the Lucky’s shopping center parking lot onto the eastbound lanes of Foothill. Someone had poured a lot of motor oil in the street so the spinning tires would generate huge clouds of smoke and the cars were sometimes on the edge of control. Sometimes a driver would pull onto the patch of oil and stop, people would grab the door handles and hold the car back while the tires were spinning, burning the oil. Eventually, one of these cars did lose control, veered into the westbound lanes and collided with another car. The westbound driver sprang out

of his car mad as hell and the real mayhem began as the crowd then flooded the street, completely closing Foothill Boulevard. A police helicopter circling above turned its spotlight on the crowd and hundreds of middle fingers were immediately raised at it in response. It felt like a cross between a rock concert and a scene out of the book of Revelation. You knew it was going to end soon with what might involve running.

“We’d seen the LAPD setting up a command post at Mountain View Elementary School (in Tujunga) earlier in the evening, so we knew they had done a lot of pre-planning. Officers in riot gear staged there had been assembling on Foothill just west of the crowd and began to move toward and into it. Police used bullhorns indicating that the gathering had been declared an unlawful assembly and ordered the crowd to disperse, indicating which streets we were to use to leave the area. It certainly seemed like it was a good time for me to leave, but I could not safely reach my truck through the approaching riot police.

Everything was completely chaotic. I got very lucky and was able to jump into a friend’s moving car just in time and we left – headed for Jack in the Box, of course.

“A mobile booking station for processing those arrested by LAPD had been set up at the command post at the school and busses normally

used to transport jail inmates were parked there as well. Booking photos of the more than 100 arrested that night were taken against an outside wall of a school building and fingerprinting was done there as well.

“My mom and a friend of hers (both 50-ish school nurses) made a point of getting a window booth facing east at Love’s Restaurant (at the west end of the Lucky’s shopping center) so that they could safely enjoy the ‘show,’ only to be moved to seats away from the windows so a couple of LAPD officers could occupy the booth for its vantage point.

On her way home, she got pulled over on Foothill (she drove kind of a racy-looking Plymouth Barracuda). When the officer told her that it wasn’t a good time to be out and asked her where she was going, she recalled saying ‘still perturbed about being moved – I’m cruising, of course!’

“Anyway, it was fun times. The police had little choice but to aggressively put a lid on it. Things could not have continued the way they were going. So, we went back to cruising on Van Nuys Boulevard on Wednesday nights.”

And thus the Crescenta Valley lost a place in car culture history.

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MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY
» JIM CHASE

Mastering PC Speech

Back in September of 2005 during a briefing with reporters, Army Lt. General Russel Honore had reached his limit answering foolish questions about Hurricane Katrina evacuations.

“Don’t get stuck on stupid,” he admonished the mouth-breathing media monkeys chattering at him.

Well, I’m sorry to report that more of our fellow Americans are not only stuck in full blown stupid mode these days, they’re drowning in dumb and flailing in foolishness.

Exhibit A: The increasing influence of the politically correct language police. Because of this linguistic lunacy, someone cannot be bald. He is follicly challenged. A person is not deaf but hearing-impaired. That bunch of young thugs is not a gang, it’s a youth group. There are no terrorists on Planet PC, only insurgents – or better yet, freedom fighters. One is not handicapped (unless one is golfing), but differently abled. And here’s good news: We no longer have drug addicts in America. We do have a whole mess of chemically dependent individuals, however.

Someone doesn’t have a large nose, they are nasally gifted. That out-of-work cousin isn’t lazy, he’s motivationally challenged. You don’t detour around the ghetto or barrio, you avoid the ethnically homogenous areas. Refugees no longer wash up on our shores, but asylum seekers do. Students don’t live in dorms, they co-habitate in residence halls. Oh, and many of those students are no longer freshmen, they are first year students.

We no longer have janitors, but sanitation engineers. The title of stewardess was grounded long ago in favor of flight attendant. Your mail isn’t delivered by the postman, but rather by a letter carrier (for as long as the USPS still exists, at least). Those openings in the street are not manholes, they are maintenance access points.

Sigh. I’m likely stepping onto a linguistic landmine by pointing this out, but someone who lives in the U.S. without the benefit of citizenship, green card or visa is abso-posi-lutely *not* an illegal alien. Woe unto any knuckle-dragging cretin who even thinks of using such a vulgarity. Until recently, the correct handle for such a person was undocumented alien. Now even alien is verboten and the acceptable label (at least until something even more benevolent and condescending comes along) is undocumented worker. Huh. Here’s a thought – why not call that individual an undocumented benefits recipient? Sounds truly positive, doesn’t it?

Millions of Americans today are not unemployed, they are involuntarily leisured. That blob of fur on the highway isn’t road kill, it’s a vehicularly compressed life form. It ain’t plagiarism, it’s previously owned prose. Okay, I may have made up those last two. But we’re certainly approaching the day when saying anything to anyone is to risk offending some group or another.

If you still think common sense will eventually win out, consider the news report just last week about homebuilders

in Washington D.C. who have stopped using the description of “master suite” and/or “master bedroom” due to implications of racism and/or sexism.

Wait ... *what?* Apparently, enlightened thinking has it that because the word “master” was once used to describe slave-owners or dominant males in a relationship, the word should be forever banished to the land of never-ever-spoken-again.

What’s next? An angry movement for the elimination of those blatantly racist terms “master cylinder,” “master copy,” “master plan,” “master of ceremonies,” “master key,” “masterpiece,” “master chef” and “master work”?

The hilarious flip side to this foolishness is the word these buffoonish builders are using instead of “master.” That word is “owner.” As in, “owner’s suite.” I’m not kidding. Forgive me if this sounds progressive, but ... isn’t “owner” even more imbued with negative connotations?

Maybe they’ll eventually have to resort to calling the space in question the “Really Big Sleeping Room,” or “VIP Suite.” Or how about the “Place Where the Mortgage Holder Sleeps”?

It all makes me want to go hide in my master – oops – closet and not come out.

I’ll see you ’round town.

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With a Grateful Heart

“In every community there is work to be done, in every nation there are wounds to heal, in every heart there is the power to do it.”

Last Saturday, April 27 at CVHS, it was a beautiful day on the high school track. CV CAN (Crescenta Valley Committed to Athletic Needs) sponsored the fourth Special Olympics track meet, which brought a gathering of over 800 people. We had over 250 athletes competing at this year’s meet, 250 wonderful individuals who inspired us race after race with their dedication and determination in spite of their disabilities. We had over 450 community volunteers who came out to prepare meals, organize events, monitor parking, and “buddy up” with an athlete to escort, encourage and share the day’s event. We had our local law enforcement and fire departments send officers and firefighters over to spend the day interacting with and pinning medals on our athletes.

All of these wonderful people in the community of the Crescenta Valley worked together to make a difference. The “heart” of our valley showed through from the moment the first athlete stepped onto the field until the

last one departed.

Thank you sharing your hearts with us that day.

*Grace Chase
V.P. CV CAN
Chairman Special Olympics Event*

Reviewing the Results

Now that the Glendale election is over and all of the ballots have been counted, it is interesting to note some poll numbers buried in the election data posted on the City Clerk’s website.

Laura Friedman split the wins in precincts north of Glendale College with Ara Najarian. As usual, in the far north there was not exactly a large turn out at the polls. Council member Friedman only received enough votes at the polls to fill the auditorium at CV High School.

Friedman, who won her seat in 2009 with more than 9,200 votes city-wide, was reelected with little more than 8,000 votes. This represents a drop in her totals city-wide of about 1,200 votes. This is particularly pathetic when you consider that there are some 19,000 registered voters in the Glendale precincts north of the college.

To me, these numbers indicate more than a diminished interest in Glendale politics north of the college. Friedman’s and Najarian’s positions on certain issues of interest in the north may have had something to do with Friedman’s and Najarian’s numbers.

I believe Friedman’s drop in support was related to her votes on issues of specific interest to Crescenta Valley residents which demonstrated a lack of understanding of the area, namely the Chamlian School construction issue, the perceived flip-flop stance on the road diet issue, the plastic bag ban issue, the gun show ban issue, the hookah exception to the smoking ban issue and a lack of activism opposing the 710 Freeway issue (she was not out in front on this issue, but Najarian was). Although the political landscape is changing, the north is still pretty conservative ground. Her numerous trips out of the country, which seem to have less to do with Glendale than future elected office, may also have irked some traditional voters.

To be sure, her positions are supported by many in the north, but clearly not by the number of voters in 2013 compared to 2009. Najarian may have picked up two precincts

north of the college and came in second in others because of his leadership position opposing the 710 Freeway extension in particular. Although it seems true that Najarian was not on the preferred side of some issues according to north Glendale voters, no one can argue with Najarian’s support city-wide which remained stable from 2009, while Friedman’s dropped by some 13% city-wide since according to data on the Clerk’s website.

The north of the city has, by its voter turnout, renewed its reputation as “Happy Valley,” the part of the city which is politically fast asleep, where council members and candidates need only show up for photo ops and chamber mixers and ribbon cuttings. For those who live or have families here, more interest in the election and the candidates would go a long way.

*Elaine Wilson
Burbank*

Correction

The Crescenta Valley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition column on April 18 was written by Lisa Vartanian, Ph.D., MFT, assistant professor of psychology/addiction studies at East Los Angeles College.

We apologize for the error.

YOUTH

SALUTING OUR SCOUTS

YOUTH Notes

Boys & Girls Club Hosting Summer Camp

The Boys & Girls Club is having its summer camp at Crescenta Valley Park. The day camp will be filled with fun activities, arts and crafts, sports and weekly fieldtrips.

Camp starts June 3 and runs through Aug. 9; closed Independence Day. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Register by calling (818) 842-9333 or contacting a Boys & Girls Club staff person at Crescenta Valley Park Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration cost is \$50. Weekly cost is \$100 or \$25 daily. Additional cost for fieldtrips. Fee includes a morning and afternoon snack. Sack lunches are brought from home. Club T-shirts must be worn by camp members. Cost is \$5 per T-shirt.

'Aladdin' Coming to Stonehurst

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks/Stonehurst Recreation Center presents "Aladdin" on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19.

Performance times are noon and 8 p.m. on May 18 and 3 p.m. on May 19.

Tickets are on sale May 1 starting at 10 a.m. For information, call (818) 767-0314.

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Several areas of improvement around Crescenta Valley are due to Boy Scout Eagle projects. From the murals at local schools to blazing trails, Boy Scouts have found ways to help improve the community they live in. Crescenta Valley Town Council and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich honored Eagle Scouts at the recent Arbor Day celebration. Here are three of the local Eagle Scout projects that were being completed on Saturday.

Stories and photos by Mary O'KEEFE

Welcome to La Crescenta



Planning for a Boy Scout Eagle Scout project is not an easy job. First the boy must have already reached the rank of Life Scout. He has to demonstrate not only that he knows the Scout Oath and Law, but also that he lives it. He must have a list of community members that would give him a recommendation and earn a total of 21 merit badges.

The Eagle project is approached as a business proposal and a panel of business executives is nothing when compared to what a Scout faces when approaching the Boy Scout board of review.

Many may think that at the end of the project, the boy receives the Eagle rank and that is the end of his involvement. But for many, including Nico Pappas, there is an added incentive to keep involved.

Pappas, a ninth grader and member of Boy Scout troop 317, liked landscaping. For his Eagle Scout project, he combined nature with community. He created a native garden at the site of the Welcome to Crescenta Valley sign just north of the Pennsylvania Avenue off-ramp exit. As reported in an earlier article with the CVW, Pappas surfaced the area with bark, adding native plants and a drip system. He completed

the project months ago, but was back at the location on Saturday.

"I told CVWD [Crescenta Valley Water District] I would [maintain] it for at least a year," Pappas said.

Life Scout Pappas, now an Eagle Scout, continued to check the area weekly. He and fellow Eagle Scouts were honored at the CV Town Council's Arbor Day celebration. At that time, the Scout was given a tree to plant as part of his project.

So on Saturday, once again Pappas, family and friends were out weeding and planting.

Anyone who has attempted to plant a tree, or just dig a little hole, has quickly come to realize why La Crescenta is often referred to as "rock-Crescenta." Pappas and dad Stephen would turn some soil, then remove rocks, and turn soil, remove rock. Finally, they had dug deep enough to plant the Arbor Day tree.

"This is what you give back to your community," Pappas said.

Pappas added he owes a lot to Scouting. Through Life and Eagle Scout projects, and just general Scouting, he has been given opportunities he would not normally been given.

"I would never have gone camping and never worked on a big project like this," he said.

St. Luke's of the Mountains

Construction was the focus on Saturday at St. Luke's of the Mountains church. Zachary Blue, a Clark Magnet High School ninth grader from Boy Scout troop 288, was busy managing his volunteers in their improvements to the church's courtyard.

"This is my Eagle project," Blue said. "There used to be benches here."

Blue pointed to an area at the southeast end of the church's

courtyard that is now an empty area. Prior to their arrival that morning, old wooden benches lined the area.

"The benches were there for 20 to 25 years, they were old and [rotting] with termites," he said.

Blue's Eagle project was to replace the old benches. He and his volunteer workers were tasked with the job of removing the benches and actually building new ones, not simply replacing them with store bought items.

"We have some Scouts working on a frame over there," Blue said as he pointed to a group of Scouts and friends busily framing wooden benches.

The project took a lot of organization and planning, not just because the benches needed to be strong enough for use but also to weather the test of time and complement the



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overall look of the stone church. St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church was built over 85 years ago. The stone building is well known in the Crescenta Valley. S. Seymour Thomas, a well-known artist at the time whose portrait of President Woodrow Wilson is still displayed at the White House, sat across Foothill Boulevard and created a portrait of what he thought the church should look like. That painting was used as a template for the church. Blue had to take into consideration the look of the old church.

"The planning took about three or four months," Blue said. "I had to get clearance from St. Luke's to do the work and had to get some help from advisors." Blue decided to do something to help St. Luke's because the church has been "very good" about letting the troop host their pancake breakfast fundraiser at the location, said dad Randy Blue. "It was a way to pay [the church] back," Randy said. Once all the planning was completed, it was time to get to work. "That was the hardest part – actually getting the work done,"

he said. Blue had gathered several fellow Scouts, young and older, to help him with the project. Blue's dad and mom, Claire, were on hand to give their support. When asked what they felt their son had learned from the project Claire said, "We were discussing that last night ... I think it was leadership that it teaches." Leading his peers and mentoring younger Scouts through the project, she added. And like most parents answer when asked if they're proud of what their son had accomplished, dad Randy replied, "You bet."

Rosemont Preserve



The Rosemont Preserve is 7.75 acres located at the top of Rosemont Avenue. In June 2012, with community and L.A. Supervisor Michael Anotonovich's support, the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy was able to purchase and preserve this section of land as a sanctuary for native plants and animals. The land had been left to the elements and trails were non-existent, however the preserve had planned use of the space as an outdoor educational classroom for local schools. Volunteers have

been working to clear the grounds of non-native plants to make the area education and docent friendly. "I had been here helping [volunteers] clear the area," said Ross Chase, Boy Scout and ninth grader from Flintridge Preparatory School. "He was working in Rubio Canyon and met Paul [Rabinov]" said Ross' dad Ron. Rabinov is a board member of the conservancy and a strong advocate for the Rosemont Preserve.

While Ross was volunteering at the preserve, he heard that it needed trails created. He approached conservancy members and took on the job as his Eagle Scout project. Ross had gone hiking with his troop and his family before and had done some small trail building, but this project was much bigger than anything he had tackled before. "Some parts were easy, other parts were like a jungle," Ross said. Ross, his friends and fellow

La Cañada Station Student Wins National Music Competition

Amy Choi of La Cañada won top honors at the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Junior Woodwind Competition. Choi, 13, is an eighth-grader at Rosemont Middle School in La Crescenta. A student of Christina Yoo, she has been playing flute for four years. She has been involved in the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Solo Festival, the California Band Directors Association All State Band and the Southwestern Youth Music Festival competitions. Choi is the principal flute in the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra. The MTNA Junior Performance Competition took place in March during the 2013 MTNA National Conference in Anaheim. As a national competition winner, Choi received \$1,000, provided by the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND. The three-tiered MTNA competitions begin at the state level. First-place winners of each state's competition advance to a division competition. Division



winners compete in the national finals. Music Teachers National Association is a nonprofit organization of independent and collegiate music teachers committed to furthering the art of music through teaching, performance, composition and scholarly research. Founded in 1876, Music Teachers National Association is the oldest music teachers association in the United States.

Scouts worked for two weekends and created about one-third mile of trail. "We first marked the trail and then removed the brush," Ross said. "It was rough cutting through the trail." The boys flattened the surface, making it easier to walk, and made certain the water would flow off the trail during rainstorms. The planning portion of his project he did alone, but for the trail-blazing portion he recruited several friends and family members. Just on the trail alone


they worked 40 to 50 hours. Altogether, the physical work and planning took a total of 250 hours. "I love it," Ross said of the newly blazed trail. The actual trail blazing may be done, but Ross said he will continue to work with the preserve. "I will be back working with the preserve every other Saturday," he said. Ross is a member of Boy Scout troop 355 as part of the San Marino San Gabriel Valley Boy Scout Council.

Strong Showing For CCY Dragons National Swim Team

Recently, 10 members of the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA National Swim Team headed to North Carolina for the YMCA Nationals meet. There were nearly 200 teams represented by 1,500 swimmers from around the country competing at the highest level of competition for those under the age of 18. The local Y team finished 47th out of 122 Y teams nationally. The CCY swimmers who attended this meet were Justin Chiu, 17, Samuel Jo, 14, Josh Lo, 16, Douglas Nogueira, 15, Kyle Otazu, 17, Emily Balog, 17, Yvette Kim, 13, Eliza Koh, 15, Summer Otazu, 14, and Tiffany Wong, 17. Harrison Thai and Iva Icheva qualified for the meet but did not attend. Representing CCY, Chiu made it to the A finals in the 100 breast (56.44) finishing in eighth place and in the 200 breast (2:03.02) finishing in seventh place. Chiu also finished in 25th place in

the 200 IM (1:55.50) as the first alternate. Jo made the C final by dropping one second in the 200 back (1:52.53) and Otazu made the B final in the 200 fly with a time of 1:52.66, dropping two seconds from his best time. Otazu finished in 16th place. Kim, the youngest member of the team at only 13, qualified and swam in three preliminary events at this meet: the 50 free, 100 free, and 100 fly – an impressive showing. Nogueira dropped time in four time trial events that included: one second in the 100 breast (1:00.50), one second in the 100 fly (55.01), two seconds in the 100 back (54.36), ending with five seconds in the 200 IM (2:00.80). Lo had a good swim in the 200 breast prelim (2:08.38) and a drop in the 100 fly time trial. Otazu dropped three seconds in her 50 free prelim (25.20) then had a drop in her 200 free time

trial as well as a three second drop in the 200 IM time trial (2:17.88). Koh had an impressive four-second drop in the 200 free time trial (1:58.79). Balog dropped one second in her 200 breast prelim (2:24.60) and two seconds in the 200 IM time trial (2:10.52). The finals finishers also had drops in other events: Jo dropped in the 100 fly time trial. Otazu had a drop in the 100 fly prelim (52.04) and had a three second drop in the 200 IM prelim (1:55.77). Chiu dropped one second in the 100 fly prelim (51.39). The swimming is fast, but what made the week memorable was the camaraderie and spirit of the meet. The opening night saw all the swimmers parading around the pool in their retro super hero costumes led by the color guard chosen from CCY: Balog, Otazu, Wong and Nogueira.




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SPORTS



Down the Final Stretch

CV baseball fights to stay at the top of the Pacific League with three games left in regular season. Softball deals with the loss of catcher Morena.

By Brandon HENSLEY

Boy is it getting tight. The Crescenta Valley Falcons’ baseball team entered Wednesday’s game with Burroughs in a four-way tie for first place in the Pacific League. The Falcons came out of it a 4-2 winner, and are now in a three-way tie with Burbank and Arcadia (all 9-2 records).

This was possible because of the Falcons’ 4-1 victory over Burbank Tuesday night at Stengel Field. CV also beat Hoover last Friday at Stengel 11-1, and entered the game at Burroughs 16-7 overall and winners of 11 out of its past 13 games.

With the win over Burbank, CV has swept the season series. The Falcons won earlier this season 3-0 behind starting pitcher Brian Gadsby, and he started on Tuesday as well, throwing a complete game.

CV junior Austin Brines collected three RBIs, including a two-run double in the fourth.

Beginning Friday at home to Pasadena, CV has three games left. Next week, they wrap up the regular season Tuesday at Glendale and May 10 at home to Arcadia. The Pasadena game is Fan Appreciation Night.

The CV softball team won’t be able to fight for first place in league, not after another big loss to Burbank this week, but it can still claim second and hope for a high seed when the playoffs start in a couple of weeks.

The Lady Falcons were swept by the Burbank Bulldogs on the season when they lost 10-2 at McCambridge Park Tuesday. Bulldogs pitcher Caitlyn Brooks was once again stellar (she entered the game with a 0.53 earned run average and 248 strikeouts), and her team improved to 10-0 in league entering a game against Pasadena on Wednesday.

Things didn’t go well from the start for the Falcons. They committed two errors to the first two batters they faced, which led to two runs.

Later, shortstop Hailey Cookson had a sharp ground ball hit her cleat and jump up and smack her on the left side of her face. She stayed in after being tended to, and ended up hitting a triple in her next at-bat, but moments like those were few and far between.

It was a better go of it Wednesday afternoon at home. After five straight road games, CV was able to play on its own turf and took care of Burroughs 10-7. Cookson had a small mark on her cheek from the previous day.

“My head hurts worse than my face,” she said.

Burroughs kept it interesting all day, and in a tight spot in the fifth inning up just 4-3, Falcons



Photo by Jason BALLARD
Jonny Psaltis takes a swing Wednesday afternoon in CV’s 4-2 victory. Pitcher Ted Boeke threw a complete game.

first baseman Chloe Fairbrother hit a change-up from pitcher Brice Edrington into centerfield with two outs and the bases loaded, making it 5-3. CV added three more runs in the frame.

With the win, the Falcons and Burroughs are both 8-3 in league, with the Falcons having swept the season series.

But for the past couple of weeks, they’ve been without senior starting catcher Jessica Morena, who is dealing with an inflamed appendix. Her last game was April 18, and has since been treated at St. Joseph’s in Burbank. She

has not been back to classes and will most likely finish up her high school career at home.

Morena, who was batting .260 with six RBIs and two doubles, has made it to the last two games for support, but was walking gingerly with the help of her parents.

Coach Mark Samford has been playing designated hitter Tiffany Briscoe at catcher, and whenever Fairbrother pitches in relief, Briscoe plays first base and Grace Poole catches.

“[Jessica’s] definitely a leader on the team. She’s our starting catcher, a senior,” said Fairbrother.

“It’s pretty hard on the team but we have Grace and Tiffany helping us out a lot.”

Fairbrother has spoken with Morena since.

“I told her to come back soon, we really miss her,” she said. “Anybody missing from the team is hard on us; we stay together as one.”

“I just try and let her know we’re here and thinking of her,” said Samford. “She’s part of this team. I think the hardest thing in sports especially for kids, is to manage an injury or illness ... every time I see her she’s as cheerful as a person can be in her condition.”

Rosemont Flag Football Coverage

Spartans Sneak Past Wilson

By Alex DUPLESSIS

The Rosemont Middle School flag football team (3-1) came into Wilson last Thursday looking to avenge its only loss of the season – and they did so in dramatic fashion, winning 10-6.

The Spartans got out to a fast start, recording a safety on Wilson’s opening play from scrimmage. They appeared poised to strike again after they drove quickly down the field on the ensuing drive, but the drive stalled inside the ten. That proved to be the story of the first three quarters, as neither team was able to get the ball into the endzone.

Trailing 2-0 early in the fourth quarter, Wilson finally found a soft spot in the Spartan’s stout defense and took the lead on a 25-yard touchdown pass. But their lead was short lived as Rosemont’s option-powered offense, led by quarterback Tyler Hill, marched down the field on the following drive to regain the lead on a beautiful touchdown pass to receiver Monte Kesheshian. Following the successful

two-point conversion attempt, Rosemont increased its lead to 10-6.

Wilson had one last chance to make something happen, but an interception by Tyler Hill sealed the victory for the Spartans.

“Defensively ... we only made one mistake -- giving up that one fade to (number) 25,” said Head Coach James Mustain. “Otherwise we played lights out.”

Heading into this week’s game against Roosevelt, Mustain says his team will work to “execute more consistently on offense” and continue “playing championship defense.”

The Spartans face Roosevelt Middle School today at Rosemont at 3:30 p.m.

KEY PLAYERS:

12 QB/ S Tyler Hill, 25 RB Austin Lee, 84 WR Monte Kesheshian, 43 C/ MLB Brandon Beardt, 49 OLB Robin Kim, 43 OLB Eric Song, S 18 Andrew Traber

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Rosemont’s Tyler Hill catches a down field kick, with Joeseeph Suh and Wilson’s Idean Samirami. Flag Football game CV Rosemont Middle School versus Glendale Wilson Middle School.

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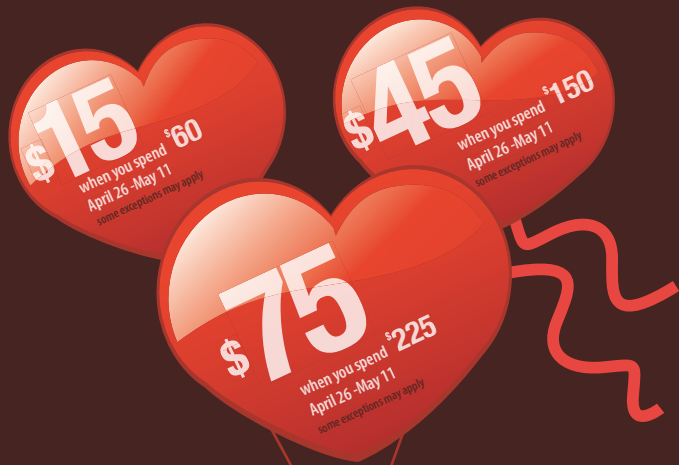
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“Showcasing” the Best 2013 Pasadena Showcase House of Design

By Natalie MAIER

Stunning adornments, vibrant colors and spectacular collaborations radiate throughout this year’s Pasadena Showcase House of Design. Located in Arcadia, the estate reflects “an excellent example of the architect’s intention to create a quintessential California style residence,” stated Benefit Chair Katherine Watkins.

Built in 1941, the estate’s architect Roland E. Coate Sr. (1890-1958) was known for his generous patios and central hallways. He designed other homes in the Pasadena area as well as in West Los Angeles for clients such as Frank Capra and Barbara Stanwyck. Although the home does not present the usual full second-story balcony of most Monterey Colonials, the house does have rustic brick walls, a low-slung shingled roof, shutters, wrought iron, and simple casement windows – all of which recall the buildings of early California.

Upon entering the 21-room house, guests are greeted with a sense of subtle grandeur. Each room, decorated by a different interior designer, has its own personality and pizzazz. This year, nine new designers bring their ideas and enthusiasm to Showcase, joining several returning designers.



Photos by Natalie MAIER

The backyard and garden, with the pool area and guest house designed by Outdoor Elegance, complete the picture perfect setting.

One standout is the living room, designed by Maya Williams from Woodland Hills. The peacock green drapes framed the room, with softer greens and blues in the center to provide a fresh and classic feel. The baby grand piano in the corner and the one-of-

a-kind chandelier, made by Lovymer in 1951 with crystals and brass and worth \$38,000, gave the room an upscale, sophisticated ambiance.

Williams was inspired by the vintage wallpaper from 1959, which was already in the room, and helped her choose

her color scheme.

“The overall look and feel of the room was vintage glamour,” Williams said. “I really wanted to stay true to the architecture of the home and the wallpaper in the room and do something that was really classic.”

Another highlight was the family room, directly adjacent from the living room. Designed by Designs of the Interior (DOTI) with the talents of Karen Shoener, Genaro Lagdameo and Carla Padour

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from Westlake Village, its neutral colors gave this room a relaxed and casual vibe.

According to the Pasadena Showcase House of Design website, the site was originally a vacant 4.5 acre parcel owned by the Title Insurance & Trust Company, which owned the entire tract. Builder Philip S. Pomeroy of Pasadena constructed the residence in 1941 at a cost of \$70,000. It was described as a two-story, 15-room dwelling with “brick veneer exterior; shingle roof; four-car garage [with] overhead doors; six baths; showers; gas furnace heating; steel casement windows; two fireplaces; marble work; ornamental iron; playhouse; barbecue; swimming pool; badminton court; tile, oak and linoleum floors; gas water heater; laundry rooms; [and] landscaping.” In 1959, when the property was sold, it was subdivided down to its current size of 1.79 acres. In 2000, the home had the distinction of being the 36th Pasadena Showcase House of Design.

In addition to touring the home, ticketholders also have the opportunity to enjoy the Shops at Showcase. The Shops



TOP: Designs of the Interior from Westlake designed the family room.

RIGHT: The living room was designed by Maya Williams of Woodland Hills.

are comprised of merchants from all over the country that have been carefully selected to provide guests with a great variety of merchandise and price points. The Shops often include charming linens from Provence, unique designer jewelry, a selection of delectable products for the gourmet, innovative home décor items, clothing that ranges from edgy to classic, lovely gift items, bath and spa delights, enchanting objects d'art and house wares ranging from practical to luxurious.

Many of the purchases qualify for a 25% tax-deductible donation as a charitable contribution. Guests can revisit the Shops at Showcase without a ticket any time that Showcase is open to the public.

For those whose appetites extend beyond design, the Restaurant at Showcase provides a spot to enjoy a gourmet meal, a dessert or a refreshing drink and the chance to relax.

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA) selects a renowned caterer each year to create a superb menu featuring delicious items appropriate for any time of day. This year, the Restaurant at Showcase, Estate Catering at the Huntington, is Sixty Six West. It offers an eclectic mix of typical California style and fare. Dining is available

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Showcase is closed to the public on Mondays.

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Weekday Matinee tickets are \$35 online, phone or by mail, \$40 at the Showcase House (service charges not included). Weekday matinee hours are Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Guests can revisit the

Restaurant at Showcase without a ticket any time that Showcase is open to the public.

PSHA is a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1948. Each year, the 90 members dedicate their time to produce the Pasadena Showcase House of Design, considered one of the oldest and most successful home tours

in the nation. All proceeds are given back into the community in the form of gifts and grants for music and arts programs such as: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Glendale Youth Orchestra, La Cañada Music Parents Association, Dunsmore Elementary School K-3 Music Education, Verdugo Young

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Get to Know ... Dylan Robie

This past football season, Crescenta Vallley High School senior Dylan Robie could be found on the gridiron as a backup linebacker for Falcons. During basketball season, his presence as a key member of the “Hooligans,” a student cheering section comprised mainly of CV athletes, undoubtedly helped the basketball team go all the way to the CIF Division 1A semifinals.

There’s a good chance that last sentence is not true, but what does hold up is Dylan’s reputation for being a loud, energetic personality on and off the field. To find out his thoughts on the pressure of being funny and what he thinks about CV English teacher Eric Messal, read more below.

Favorite sport besides football:
Baseball.

Favorite team:
Dodgers, hands down.

Favorite recent movie:
Drive.

What car do you drive?
What car do I drive, or what car do I enjoy driving? I have an F150, but I don’t drive it. It doesn’t have gas.

You’re trying to be more economical?
Yeah. I drive a Corolla.

What’s it like to be in the Hooligans?
It sounds cheesy but, it’s kind like a brotherhood. It’s chill to know everyone is going to be there, and they’re going to be as into it as you are.

Who is the craziest person in the Hooligans?
(Football player) Chad Eggertson is more of the leader; I’m more of the mascot.

What team do you like to beat the most in football?
Easily Arcadia.

You left the football program last year but came back for your senior year. Why’d you come back?
I knew if I didn’t play I’d be angry with myself. Just to be a part of the team was a good feeling.

Favorite memory from football:
Beating Hoover this past season. (CV won on a last-second blocked field goal attempt by Kevin Hello).

Do you admire anyone?
Not anyone specific, but I admire anyone who is football smart, like people who know the inner workings of the game.

Favorite subject?
U.S. History, last year.

You’re a funny guy. Is that how you want people to view you?

I think if you’re funny, it’s important to know when to be funny and when not to be.

What’s it like to be you?
I’m my biggest judge, you know, my biggest critic. I’m sure other people are like, “Oh, Dylan’s funny!” But I think I can do better than that. Sometimes I feel like I try too hard to be funny.

When people say you have a lot of potential, does that bother you?
Yeah, it drives me up a wall. I don’t know how to act on it.

Are you thinking about any major in college?
Philosophy.

Why philosophy?
You know Eric Messal? The way he talks and thinks, it’s super philosophical, and I like that. It makes me think a lot, and I just like it.

What will you always remember from your time at CV?
Cole Currie’s game-winner (in basketball, to beat Arcadia in 2011). The crowd was insanely loud. I lost my mind.

By Brandon HENSLEY &
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CSA Mustang 10U Baseball Game of the Week

Rountree vs. Mrs. Field's Pasadena

Montrose Park was the scene Saturday morning for the last regular season meeting between manager John Pehar's Rountree Glass and Tony Ponce's Mrs. Field's Pasadena teams.

Rountree jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first supported by base hits from David Case, Maddox England and Jayden Menchaca and a triple by Jaxon Ziegenfus to right field. With two outs in the inning, Mrs. Field's brought in relief pitcher Francisco Robles who quickly shut down the Rountree attack.

Case was the Rountree starting pitcher and gave up a single to Robles followed by a walk to Yugin Goodwin. Both runners were stranded as Case struck out two batters to hold Mrs. Field's scoreless in the first.

Rountree added another run in the second inning thanks to Case's smash triple to left followed by a steal of home on a passed ball. Robles held Rountree in check for the remainder of the inning, striking out two in the process.

Mrs. Field's went on to mount an offensive counter-attack in the bottom of the second. Carlos Cabrera started off the inning by crushing a double to left. This was followed by Troy Dahlberg's double to right center, which ultimately turned into a home run due to Rountree throwing errors. With the score at 6-2, Lucas Ponce extended the Mrs. Field's rally with a single to right.

With no one out, the momentum seemed to be shifting to Mrs. Field's favor. However, with the next batter, Rountree snapped back by turning a "strike 'em out, throw 'em out" double play. Case hurled strike



David Case slides in to home plate just ahead of the tag by Francisco Robles.

three followed by catcher England's throw down to shortstop Brendon Pehar who tagged out the runner attempting a steal of second. Case struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Rountree added six runs in the top of the third, aided by stolen bases by Nolan Morrissey and Russell Morrell and base hits from England and Pehar. The Mrs. Field's third inning started with walks collected by Jacob Zabala, Matthias Mihld, Daniel DeSantis, and Daniel Bayless. This was followed by a two RBI single by Will Hardy, who went on to steal second. After a walk to Robles, the bases were loaded with one out and the score 12-4. Rountree relief pitcher Ziegenfus went on to strike out the next batter and catcher Case connected with third baseman England to catch the Mrs. Field's runner leading from third for the final out.

Rountree added six more runs in the top of the fourth with a home run

to right by Ziegenfus, stolen bases by Arash Fotoohi and Menchaca, and base hits from Morrell and Morrissey. Rountree relief pitcher Pehar recorded two strikeouts on his way to closing out the game in bottom of the fourth. The final score was an 18-4 with a Rountree win.

Both teams now look ahead to the Mustang playoffs that begin May 7 and conclude with the championship game on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Montrose Park. All are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Scott ENGLAND

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GYA Celebrates Anniversary

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

The Glendale Youth Alliance celebrated its 20th anniversary with a luncheon and award ceremony at Mandaloun Restaurant in downtown Glendale on April 17. In front of a number of government representatives and prominent members of the community, the organization recognized outstanding individuals and corporations while celebrating its growth and achievements.

Dedicated to providing employment opportunities for at-risk youth in Glendale, the GYA was founded on the principle that available jobs are the most powerful tool in fighting gang membership and securing a brighter future for the next generation of Glendale residents.

Since its creation in 1993, the GYA has worked with businesses, community leaders and the City of Glendale to provide jobs and employment preparedness for deserving 14-to-24 year olds in the city. Over 7,000 youth

throughout the region have received job training or employment due to the program.

The GYA has also created a fund for graduating seniors who are in pursuit of higher education, awarding 91 scholarships since 2002.

At the awards ceremony, the GYA recognized a number of individuals and businesses that have helped further its goals. Payless Shoe Source and Glendale Federal Credit Union were awarded the Community Partnership Award and Corporate Partnership Award, respectively, for their continued support of Glendale's at-risk youth. Additionally, Junior Achievement of Southern California received the Employer of the Year Award for its JA Finance Park program, allowing middle and high school students a month-long opportunity to experience the world of finance and further career exploration.

Along with the businesses honored, a number of individuals received recognition. The Friend of Youth Award was presented to both Arno Avakian and Sgt. John Gilkerson

for their influence on Glendale's youth. City Clerk Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian received the Legacy Award for his ongoing dedication to the young people in the city.

Among the attendees were Art Resendez, treasurer of the Wilshire State Bank and executive board member of the GYA.

"The place was filled to capacity and there was a genuine buzz about what the community could do to keep GYA going and doing more of the good work it has for over 20 years," said Resendez.

Also announced at the event was the 2012-13 annual report for the organization, in which all of the GYA's programs met or exceeded their yearly goals. Programs include the Glendale's Resource for Employment and Training that partners employers with high achieving GYA youths, and the Summer Youth Employment Program that provides basic employment

training and life skills to 14-to-16 year olds looking for first-time job experience through brush clearing that simultaneously reduces the fire risk on the hillsides.

Speaking on behalf of the youth was Jeff Thomas, a local resident with first hand experience of the importance of youth intervention.

"GYA gives [the youth] an opportunity to have a hands-on work experience within the city so that they know what to expect once they venture off on their own as young, responsible adults," said Thomas. "GYA has a dedicated staff that helps young adults and today's youth create a foundation of how the workforce works in physical form."

Those interested in the GYA's services or to find out more about the organization can find information online at www.glendaleyouthalliance.org.

VHH Benefits from Bingo Luncheon



LEFT TO RIGHT: From left are Jean Woody, Betty Hurn, John Blaha, Chris Rothrock, Dr. Karen McIlvena, Ruth McNevin and Teri Rice.

The Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) Foundation successfully celebrated its annual bingo luncheon event in March organized by the Women's Council, which raised nearly \$3,200 for VHH. Attendees enjoyed festive decorations and friend-raising as well as fundraising. There

were 20 lucky bingo winners over the course of the afternoon and a surprise bagpipe performance by Dr. Karen McIlvena, an anesthesiologist at VHH.

*Submitted by VHH Foundation/
Women's Council*



TOP: Rob Mikitarian, Jeanett Cordon, Art Resendez, Rosemary Montana, Sgt. John Gilkerson, Karine Grigoryan, Patricia Carlos

ABOVE: Patricia Carlos, Art Resendez, Rosemary Montana, Ardy Kassakhian, Karine Grigoryan, Jeanett Cordon, Rob Mikitarian



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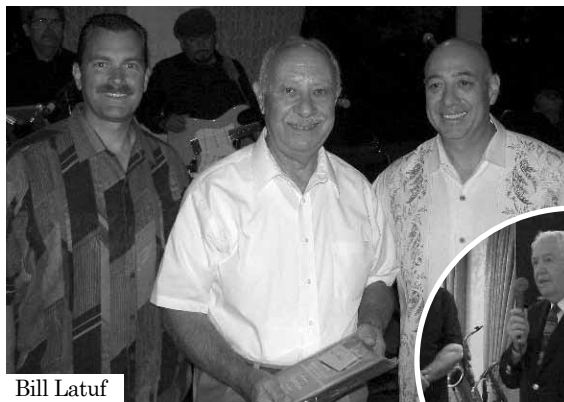
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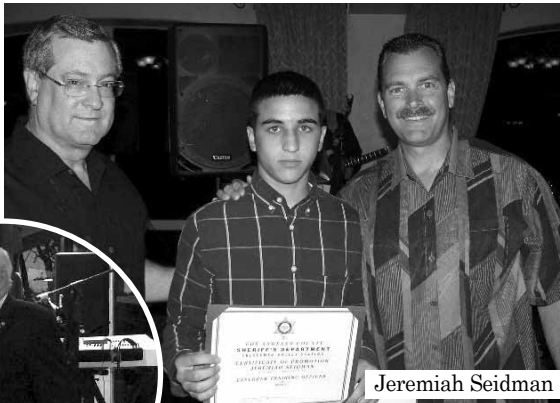
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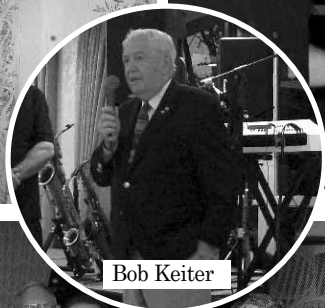
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Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station volunteers and reserves were honored for their service at the 51st annual recognition dinner held on April 16 at the Brookside Country Club. CV Station Capt. Dave Silversparre emceed the event, welcoming a room filled to capacity with those eager to pay homage to the volunteers, many who give hundreds of hours annually to the sheriff's department. Among those on hand to present congratulations and certificates were Leonard Ghazarian, president of the CV Chamber of Commerce; Pat Anderson,

president and CEO of the La Cañada Chamber of Commerce; Cheryl Davis, president of the CV Town Council; representatives from the offices of State Senator Carol Liu, State Assemblyman Mike Gatto and Los Angeles board of supervisors Michael Antonovich and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

Volunteer of the year was Robert Keiter, Explorer of the year was Jeremiah Seidman, uniformed reserve of the year was Mark Vafiades and Montrose Search and Rescue volunteer of the year was Doug Cramoline.

Specific awards were given by

the MSR team to Fred Koegler who received the Gold Figure "8" Award, Mike Leum who received the Golden Piton Award and Dannie Hensley who received the Silver Figure "8" Award.

A sense of satisfaction is a driving factor for many of these volunteers, which are often asked why they do what they do.

Responded Leum, "Outside of my family, performing search and rescue missions are the most rewarding activity I have ever done."

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Photos provided by CV Sheriff's Station

Art in the Garden Benefits Elliott Institute

By Misty DUPLESSIS

On Sunday, a kickoff fundraiser benefitting the Elliott Institute was held at one of Descanso Gardens' most important garden, the Harvest Garden.

Artist and avid Elliott Institute supporter Mary McGinnis organized the school's first art gallery, appropriately called "Art in the Garden," inviting nearly one dozen artists to display their work.

An impressive 60 pieces of art including photography sessions were sold exceeding McGinnis' goal and raising just over \$20,000.

The Harvest Garden is an outdoor classroom where students with developmental needs can learn how to care for living things as well as learn why it is important to make good eating choices. On this day it acted as a perfect backdrop for the gallery.

McGinnis had wanted to help the Elliott Institute and got the idea to put on the art show after taking art lessons from fellow artist and Art in the Garden exhibitor Eva Margueritte.

"I wanted to do something for the Elliott Institute, it made such a difference for not just our son, but our whole family," said McGinnis adding that the Harvest Garden had never been used for this kind of event.



Photo by Mary MC GINNIS

Participating in the Elliott Institute art event were artists (from left standing) Ashley Parker, Eva Margueritte, Carolyn Prater, Kay Fox, Brenda Whitehill Schlenker, Kay Rouse, Cherie Saxton, Tamara Wood, Marlene Hajdu. Seated from left are Dr. Alicia Elliott, director and founder of the Elliott Institute, Mary McGinnis, event co-chair, artist Carol Fuller.

Elliott Institute, located in La Crescenta, is a state-certified, non-public pre-kindergarten through high school that offers various services to children and young adults on the autism spectrum.

The school's creator and director Dr. Alicia Elliott has over three decades of experience in dealing with the disorder, 21 of those years in which she has put her expertise to work helping students at the exceptional school.

"We provide a very structured, very hands-on approach to education," said Elliott staff member Agi Patton adding

that the school has a variety of therapeutic sessions with the students including gardening at Descanso Gardens.

Though Sunday's event was not open to the public because of the special and well-protected garden in which it was held, it is estimated that approximately 350 people had the opportunity to be a part of this art show.

"We always talk about creating something from nothing and that's what [Mary McGinnis] did today," said event volunteer Candice Doi Powers. "I am just so happy for her."

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Passing Along Critical Information

Recently, Kim Kimsey, a loan officer with Surety/Assurance Mortgage, chose a unique way to be of benefit to her clients. For Kimsey, her clients are the agents in her Dilbeck offices. A number of those agents shared that they needed help with how to do certain tasks. Kimsey approached Jennie Manders, a top producing agent and part of the No. 2 team at Dilbeck in 2012, if she would teach a class on how to make an effective listing presentation. Manders said yes and conducted a class titled, "The Secret: How to Get the Most of Your Listings."

One of the topics covered was what clients really want to hear about and how an agent can find out. Manders observed that many times agents are so concerned with what they are going to talk about that they don't find out what is important to the client. In her class, she addressed how to discover what is important to the seller, in addition to how to present

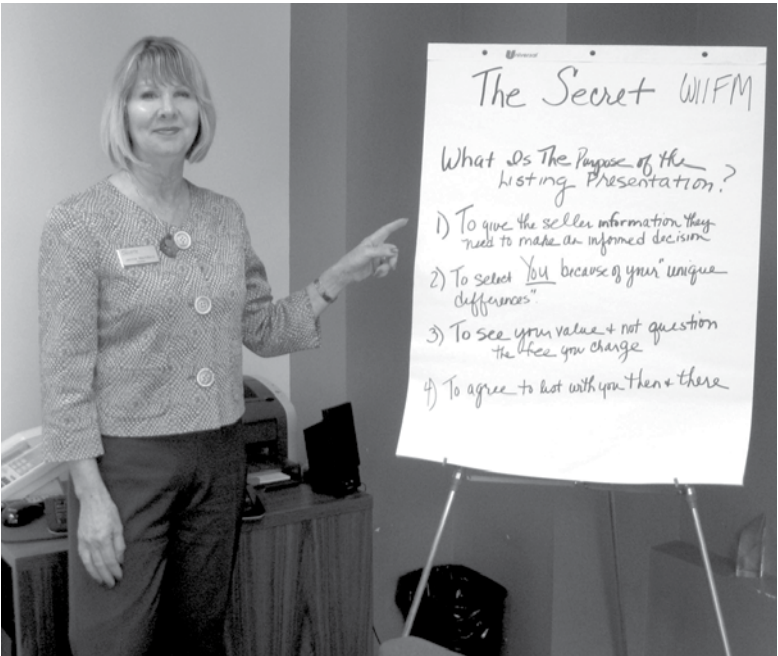


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information so it is received most effectively, and how to set themselves apart as an agent.

Manders received praise by the attendees of the class, with attendees particularly grateful on how organized and well delivered the presentation was

and how generous she was with the information garnered from years of experience.

For more information, contact Jennie Manders at Dilbeck Real Estate Real Living at (818) 790-6774.

Cruise with Kiwanis to Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong River

The final Kiwanis Travelogue of the season has Asian flair.

Saturday, May 11 is the last Kiwanis Travelogue of the fall 2012/spring 2013 season and is highlighted by an exciting exploration of two diverse countries, Vietnam and Cambodia. Presented by filmmakers Clint and Sue Denn, this promises to be a spectacular trip along the Mekong River for an exploration of a land that had been the source of so much pain in the 1960s for both Americans and the people of Vietnam.

Vietnam and Cambodia are two intriguing Asian locations and this Kiwanis travelogue will start out in Hanoi,

renowned for its graceful colonial architecture and frenetic streets to the mystical "Bay of the Descending Dragon," Ha Long Bay as the travelogue boards La Marguerite for the exciting AMA/Waterways cruise of the historic Mekong River.

Clint has enjoyed a varied career in photography, travel, writing, acting and teaching. He journeyed to every continent where exciting adventures and discoveries have molded his deep appreciation of the world's people, animals, and natural wonders. Together with his wife Sue, Clint shares his experiences with audiences across the nation.

Individual performances are \$8 a person; students \$2. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. with pre-show entertainment at 7:10 p.m.

For further information or to order tickets, visit www.lacanadakiwanis.org, or call (818) 790-9901. Payment in advance can be made by sending a check to Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012. Tickets are available at the door. Major credit cards are accepted.

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Having Fun with Bond

By Charly SHELTON

There is something special about seeing a movie on the big screen. It brings back memories of going to the movies with your parents and friends, seeing the now classic films in their heyday when they were new. Nobody expected “Pirates of the Caribbean” to be such a success. In fact, they expected it to be a failure and a black spot on the record for all involved. But it took off and spawned some iffy sequels and the rest is history. But if you saw it on the big screen, you will remember that for the rest of your life. I was in Westwood at the Bruin Theater and it was only my second movie I ever reviewed. That sticks with you. And the same goes with James Bond films.

My dad and I have been attending the Alex Film Society’s Bond anniversary screening series. Tuesday was the last of five Bond films screened – “Live and Let Die.” My dad told me about seeing it on the big screen for the first time in January of 1973 for his brother’s birthday. Gloria Hendry, who starred as Rosie Carver, was in attendance and shared stories about being on set with Roger Moore, being the first black Bond girl and what it was like to work with alligators at the farm. Her stories, much like David Hedison’s from previous screenings, really made you feel what it was like to be on set, hanging out with Bond.

This is something I will remember because seeing a movie on the big screen is an event, more than seeing it on a TV, no matter the size. A DVD player is no replacement for a projector.

The Alex has many other screenings that will affect audiences in the same way to help them relive memories for those who have seen it and to make new memories for first timers. Check the website at www.alextheatre.org to see a full schedule of screenings.

The historic Alex Theatre is located at 216 N. Brand Blvd. in Glendale.



PSO Ends Season with Tchaikovsky, Borodin and Boyer

By Ted AYALA

The Pasadena Symphony Orchestra’s concert on Saturday afternoon marked not only the end of its 2012-13 season, it was also the final chapter in a brief, and sometimes turbulent, period in the orchestra’s history that was triggered in May 2010 by the unexpected dismissal of Jorge Mester. Mester had been the orchestra’s long-serving music director. During the subsequent three seasons, the orchestra played host to quite a few guest conductors. Two of those guest conductors – David Lockington and Nicholas McGegan – were appointed music director and principal guest conductor respectively. Lockington will fully assume his duties in the 2014-15 season.

It’s an occasion to celebrate then, and local composer Peter Boyer’s “Symphony No. 1” was the music that rang in the festivities.

A three-movement work lasting just under 30 minutes, it called to mind Erich Wolfgang Korngold’s “Symphony in F-sharp,” a parallel that was especially apparent in the finale of the Boyer symphony, which had a whiff of the Brucknerian opulence of the Korngold’s slow movement.

The symphony also bore the fingerprints of a few other composers: Roy Harris, Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein, to whose memory the symphony was dedicated.

It is likeable music, even if it lacks contrast. A bit of darkness and shading would

have done wonders to offset the music’s earnest brilliance. The same could be said of Boyer’s “Festivities,” which opened the program.

The other major work was Tchaikovsky’s deathless “Violin Concerto” which, as it turned out, also suffered from similar issues.

Violinist Chee-Yun and conductor José Luis Gomez seemed to conceive their interpretation of the concerto from the middle movement out. Instead of capturing the lusty vigor of the outer movements – this was music that, after all, was said by one stodgy German music critic to be reeking of vodka – they miniaturized the piece, turning it into a charming, but somewhat bland salon piece. It was as if the sometimes rowdy muzhiks that kick up a dance in the outer movements were forced to go clean-shaven and deck themselves in their Sunday best. It was slow, very legato, very beautiful – but it all sounded like an extension of the central “Canzonetta.”

Chee-Yun’s technique was on better display in the more modest dimensions of her encore piece, Fritz Kreisler’s “Recitative and Scherzino.”

Alexander Borodin’s “In the Steppes of Central Asia” opened the program’s second half. It, too, was afflicted by the case of the slows, though perhaps it was the sense of rhythm that was off.

The orchestra acquitted itself wonderfully, nevertheless, with some especially lovely playing heard from flutist Louise diTullio and clarinetist Phillip O’Connor.

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» VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Much to Fight in ‘BioShock Infinite’

By Michael WORKMAN

“Bring us the girl, wipe away the debt.” Gamers will be hearing this line in their sleep for a long time now that Irrational Games “BioShock Infinite” has been released. Players take on the role of Booker DeWitt, an ex-Pinkerton agent that must find a mysterious girl to wipe away his sizable debt. This mission brings players to the city of Columbia, a floating metropolis that is rooted in the turn of the century and American exceptionalism.

Columbia is a beautiful city and touts to be the new Garden of Eden, but Booker quickly finds that it has a very dark and sinister core under the pretty façade. There is blatant racism and xenophobia all packaged in propaganda from Columbia’s “prophet” Father Comstock. There is even a cult in the city that paints the notorious assassin John Wilkes Booth as a martyr and saint for killing President Abraham Lincoln. This religious group that worships the Founding Fathers of America quickly start calling Booker the “false shepherd” and fighting becomes unavoidable.

“BioShock Infinite” is a first-person shooter but also makes use of super powers called “vigors” that can do a wide range of actions from setting enemies on fire to summoning a flock of murderous crows. But what sets “BioShock Infinite” apart from the other titles in the series is Elizabeth, the girl Booker must save, who actually has the power to rip open holes in the very fabric of space and time. These are put to use for the player by having Elizabeth summon cover for Booker to hide behind or warp in a machine gun turret to help with enemies. Elizabeth is by no

means a burden on the player since enemies ignore her and she will toss Booker ammo and health when he is running out of either.

One of the most interesting gems of “BioShock Infinite” is the player’s interaction with Elizabeth. Hidden from the world for most of her life, she is fascinated with Booker and brings quite a lot of emotion to the story, which is very uncommon for a first-person shooter title. The programmers who designed Elizabeth made her eyes very animated in order to invoke more feelings from the players, which makes for a more compelling story. There are some significant plot twists that will really confuse players since the game deals with messing with space and time, but “BioShock Infinite” pulls it off wonderfully.

One downfall to the story, however, is that while Elizabeth sees the injustice and hypocrisy of the city and wants to help the people being oppressed, Booker has an attitude that boils down to, “It’s terrible, but that’s just the way things are.” I felt the developers should have made it an option to fight racism and worker exploitation more because the game forces the player to see the horrendous effects but never resolves it except in small instances.

“BioShock Infinite” is definitely the best game that has come from developers at Irrational Games. It has plenty of hard hitting action and a very engaging story line to boot, which makes this first-person shooter an absolute treat to play.

Players will have a hard time finding a game that can match “BioShock”’s level of amazing visuals and stellar gameplay.

BioShock Infinite for the PS3 gets a 4/5 rating.

Violin and Voice

By Mary O’KEEFE

There are times when an audience is taken to another realm, when the world around them seems to stand still, and all sit in awe of the performance on stage. That moment happened on a recent Saturday when Daniel Chaney, Kirstin Fife and Connie Grisham took to the stage for a benefit concert at St. George’s Episcopal Church.

The concert was in honor of Deane Winant, a long time member of St. George’s Episcopal Church in La Cañada Flintridge, who recently passed away. Deane was a strong supporter of the church’s Red Shirt project. The project is a shared ministry coordinated with Rev. Robert Two Bulls, director of Indian Work for the Diocese of Minnesota, and Rev. Michael Cunningham, rector of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Lompoc, Calif. Two Bulls is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe in South Dakota. Volunteers raise money and travel to the Red Shirt Village on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota where they work with the Red Shirt community on several projects, including helping to fill the school library with books.

The concert was titled “Violin and Voice,” a simple title for not so simple music.

Fife is a violinist who has performed with the Long Beach and New West symphonies. She has also recorded on numerous movie sound tracks and with recording artists. She has also recorded two CDs, Czechmate and Pieces of My Heart. She was a favorite artist of the Winant family, and said she was happy Deane was able to hear her second CD before he passed away.

Grisham has been the director of music/organist at St. George’s for over 20 years. She served the L.A. chapter of the American Guild of Organists in several capacities over the years.

Chaney is in his eighth season with the L.A. Master Chorale. He has appeared as featured tenor soloist with several orchestras including L.A. Chamber and the L.A. Philharmonic. He recently returned from a successful European tour with L.A. Master Chorale and L.A. Phil.

To have these three artists together on stage created a night that most would not forget. Chaney’s voice possesses a range that is impressive, but perhaps more importantly it embraces such strong emotion with every song performed, with every note sung.

“This song is special,” he said of the song “Bring Him Home” from Les Misérables.

Chaney told the audience of his nephew’s wish to be a tenor, like his uncle. He sent Chaney a song to critique – that song was “Bring Him Home.”

He critiqued it and sent it back. His nephew had enlisted in the military and a few days later, the 9/11 attacks occurred.

“And then he was deployed to Iraq,” Chaney said. “This song took on a whole new meaning ... Our family was luckier than some others; my nephew came home safe but this song still has that meaning of coming home.”

With that emotional introduction, Chaney began to sing. The audience was collectively captured in his artistry and the meaning behind every word. At the end of the concert, the three received a standing ovation.

This concert was free; the only request was a donation to Red Shirt. At the end of the night, the trio had raised over \$3,000 in honor of Deane and in support of Red Shirt.

For those who would like to experience a little bit of the concert, go to www.cvweekly.com and click on the video. And for those who would still like to donate to Red Shirt, send a check made payable to St. George’s with Red Shirt in the memo and mail to St. George’s Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada 91011.

Photo by Mary O’KEEFE

Seated is organist Connie Grisham, violinist Kirstin Fife and vocalist Daniel Chaney. The trio performed a benefit concert in memory of Deane Winant with donations directed to the Red Shirt project.



Children’s Choir Turns to Britten Centenary for Spring Concert

By Ted AYALA

Youth, specifically the seemingly carefree days of childhood, have long been a source of inspiration for artists across the centuries. There would scarcely be room in this entire paper to list all the composers who have sought to evoke the freshness and wonder of childhood in their music. Of these, Robert Schumann, Maurice Ravel and Sergei Prokofiev are among the most notable. Yet works like “Kinderszenen,” “L’Enfant et les sortilèges,” or “Peter and the Wolf” retain about them sensibilities that feel very adult, of childhood glimpsed through the eyes of an adult. The English composer Benjamin Britten, though, is perhaps one of the very few artists whose works not only have been able to evoke childhood but also manage to inhabit it.

It is a quality that is one of the most attractive in the composer’s work, one that was used to memorable effect in the recent Wes Anderson film, “Moonrise Kingdom.”

One of the most haunting pieces used in that film’s soundtrack was the gently wistful “Cuckoo!” from Britten’s early Friday Afternoons, op. 7. That piece, along with others by Britten and a handful of pieces by other composers, will be performed this month by the Los Angeles Children’s Choir. Their concerts, part of the Britten 100/ LA concerts that will continue into spring 2014, will take place on two consecutive Sundays, May 5 and May 12, at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

“There is no doubt that Britten had a real affinity for young singers,” said Anne Tomlinson, the choir’s artistic director. “He was somehow able to embrace a child’s way of looking at life and bringing it to life.”

Also on the program will be selections from A Ceremony of Carols, the Missa Brevis, and a number of the composer’s folksong arrangements.

“One of the strongest aspects of his work,” said Tomlinson, “an aspect that really pulls the kids in, is how his music challenges


them. When they first encounter his music, some of them are just bent over in wonder over it. Everything in his music resonates so powerfully with kids.”

Though Britten was honored in his lifetime as his nation’s greatest and most respected composer, the private individual in many ways refused to grow up.

“It’s because I’m still 13,” he would remark to friends who asked him how he could compose so effectively for children’s voices.

“That’s something children do respond to immediately,” Tomlinson said of the composer’s music. “He doesn’t talk down to them. Britten would see children not as simple beings, but as young people. Children understand that. It’s like they see him as one of their own.”

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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April 29, 2013 - May 5, 2013

A combination of gritty reality and steely determination characterizes the week ahead. You may wonder whether it's worth getting out of bed as Mars opposes Saturn on Tuesday, leading to a frustrating day. Mercury moves into Taurus and the Sun trines Pluto on Wednesday. Friday brings a chance to dream and relax your mind as Mercury connects with Neptune. Mercury opposes Saturn and Mars trines Pluto on Sunday. Think of this time as training to make you stronger and less willing to admit defeat.

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Despite your recent soaring successes, you may feel frustrated by a lack of progress on Monday. Perhaps financial issues aren't moving quickly enough for you and are causing angst. You'll soon develop a practical plan that enables you to move ahead. You might be busy working on a new contract or lucrative deal that could be perfect for you, but once again, patience may be needed when formulating the details. You'll eventually get to a place where it all comes together.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You seem to be in your element, although you might feel blocked by someone's refusal to cooperate or see your viewpoint. Monday could be difficult in this respect, but it isn't worth forcing the issue. Focus on what you can achieve, which may mean organizing your finances in order to study or travel. Use your current resources as a springboard to greater things. You may encounter more resistance from someone later in the week. Sidestep it and concentrate on the positive. It will melt away.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You might need to get a health issue checked earlier in the week, especially if you feel tired and generally lacking in energy. You need to pace yourself in general and not try to take on more than you can easily accomplish. Desires may be strong and should be linked to important goals as a way to channel potent energies. Notice where your passions and heartfelt needs lie, as this may give a clue to the next step on your path.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your social life looks promising and very upbeat, which is great for dating, networking, and having a good time. Don't be so caught up in yourself and your moods that you refuse an invitation, especially early in the week. Be willing get over your problem and get out of your own way. Something special may happen as a result. If you're in a committed relationship, there is plenty of potential to enjoy life. Singles could get involved in intense situations with promising romantic outcomes.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Home and career matters may need equal amounts of attention, which could take your focus off your primary goals. You may feel deeply frustrated on Monday as attempts to get ahead could be offset by additional responsibilities at home. It helps to go with the flow and do as much you can without worrying about it. There are possibilities for getting ahead at work and showing just how capable you really are. Attention to detail may earn you praise or even a future promotion.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You could be suspicious of someone's motives when the person may be trying to help you. Reconsider your opinions on Monday. You could be sabotaging your own success by stubbornly blocking out someone's suggestions. Meanwhile, your strength of mind may bring you additional bonuses in the form of fresh ideas and inspiration. You may be thinking of travel or study as a way to expand your horizons. You may make a decision to purposely move outside your comfort zone to see what you can accomplish.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your finances may have been stretched lately. You could feel particularly frustrated on Monday when a financial transaction doesn't work out as expected or if you have less cash than you thought. Try not to worry about it since this transit is temporary. You may also be thinking about investing in your home or property as a way to make your money work harder for you. Meanwhile, the desire to travel may also be on your mind. Why not go for it?

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A stubborn mood could cause problems when you don't see eye to eye with another. However, you may be shooting yourself in the foot by being disagreeable. Try to be positive and open-minded and the week can get off to a good start. However, partnerships are important, especially as your partner may have so many sensual delights to offer you. Get together for a gourmet meal with your latest love interest and enjoy feeling loved and cherished.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It seems like you've been enjoying yourself lately, as you may have a built-in resistance to your routines. You might feel unnecessarily tired for no real reason other than they're too much trouble. On the other hand, if you can focus, you may be able to close a lucrative deal, negotiate a pay raise, or find a way to increase your earnings and improve your lifestyle. Just a little effort could yield big results. As health issues are also in focus, don't ignore these either.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

There is a lot of activity in your romance zone, which you may be very happy about. If you're single, you'll enjoy flirting and chatting with positive, optimistic people. Those who love success as much as you do may be the ones you gravitate toward. Don't let friends criticize your choice of dates. Ignore them and listen to your heart. You may be eager for one particular association to work out, but don't try to manipulate things to your advantage. It's best to go with the flow.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Much as you'd like to relax at home, career issues may take up a lot of time and energy. Monday could be frustrating in this respect, but don't get uptight. Do the best you can and the situation may resolve itself. Meanwhile, adjust your schedule so you can recharge your batteries, eat well, and get more rest. Use this as a time of reflection in which you connect with your heart and rethink your priorities. You might get an impulse that could take you in a new direction.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

One thing you may learn this week is to not argue with the powers that be. Someone may have you tied up in red tape that wastes your time and energy. Do the best you can and focus on what is working in your life. These issues should soon resolve themselves. They're only temporary. Meanwhile, equally powerful energies may encourage you to connect with friends or business associates to collaborate on plans or projects. It could involve a financial incentive.

ZACK HILL

by John Deering and John Newcombe



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ARC BELL CHOIR TO PERFORM

The Leisure Club of La Cañada Flintridge will host a program of music performed by the ARC Bell Choir on Friday, May 3 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Lutheran Church in the Foothills.

ARC (Activities, Recreation & Care) is the largest national, community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The choir is well known throughout the L.A. and surrounding areas, performing at elementary and high schools, major corporations, nursing homes – even performing the “Star Spangled Banner” before an Angels baseball game and for 10 years at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion for live broadcast on Christmas Eve.

Admission and refreshments are free and so is the parking.

No reservations are necessary. Lutheran Church in the Foothills 1700 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge

‘DERBY DAY’ BENEFITS GAR

GAR Services, for nearly 60 years a fixture in Glendale, will hold its 22nd Annual Derby Day: Run for the Roses on Saturday, May 4 at Pickwick Gardens in Burbank. This year's theme is “Reach for the Stars” and the agency anticipates another successful event, raising much-needed funds for its mission. Honorary celebrity chair Alex Trebek of “Jeopardy” fame is scheduled to be in attendance. Also confirmed to attend is Glendale Mayor Dave Weaver.

Among the activities planned is presenting the 2013 Campbell Award of Excellence Award to Irshad UL Haque, a prominent Glendale businessman and member of the Glendale Foundation for the Retarded (GFR) board of directors. Haque is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale and a past resident of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce

Organized by GFR to benefit GAR Services, Derby Day is the agency's signature annual fundraiser and this year again will offer a variety of activities to suit the palette of every guest. Over the years, this event has become the “talk of the town” and the event to attend, see and be seen. The day will include a live and silent auction, a hat and derby contest, a buffet luncheon, an opportunity drawing for a pair of exquisite diamond earrings, and the main attraction – the Kentucky Derby televised live from Churchill Downs.

Attendance is expected to be close to 400 guests representing families and companies from Glendale and the surrounding communities, including Nestle, Disney, Melby & Anderson, Knapp Petersen & Clarke, among many others. Some of the exciting live auction items feature a week in Cancun, a week in a private vacation home in Cambria, a week in a 7-bedroom mansion in Southampton, a catered dinner for eight by Chef Paolo Sacca, formerly of La Cucina in La Cañada, with more being added to the list daily.

Spaces are still available. For more information and to reserve a table or tickets, contact Rita Hopkins at (818) 242-2434, ext. 312 or by email at rita@garservices.org.

ABMDR ANNUAL “WALK OF LIFE 2013” WALK-A-THON

The Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR) will be holding its Annual “Walk of Life 2013” walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 4. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.; opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will commence at 10 a.m. The 5K walk will begin and end at Glendale Memorial Hospital (Eulalia Street) where there will be food and music.

For information or to register, call (323) 663-3609 or go to www.abmdr.am.

TESLA AT PASADENA PLAYHOUSE

The Experimental Performance Laboratory at Caltech and The Pasadena Playhouse present “Tesla,” a radio play for the stage. Directed by acclaimed Los Angeles director Michael Arabian with live sound effects by the SFX artist Tony Palermo, “Tesla” will run for one day only on the Mainstage of The Pasadena Playhouse, Saturday, May 4 at 6 p.m.

Special guest stars include Phil Proctor (“Big Brother,” “Toy Story”) as Thomas Edison; French Stewart (“3rd Rock from the Sun,” Stoneface) as Tesla; Sandra Tsing Loh (Caltech alum, host of “The Loh Down on Science,” contributing editor at The Atlantic Monthly) as Katherine; Dr. Ashley Stroupe (JPL Mars rover Opportunity driver), playing multiple roles; Dr. Steven Collins (JPL Mars rover Curiosity engineer), playing multiple roles; and Brian Brophy (“Star Trek: The Next Generation,” director of Theater Arts at Caltech), playing multiple roles.

Tesla tells the story of Nikola Tesla's life as a brilliant but controversial inventor and futurist during the late-19th and early-20th century. The play is excitingly staged as a radio drama featuring live sound effects. Tesla's volatile relationship with Thomas Edison, his allegiance with George Westinghouse, and his confrontation with the power brokers of American business are recounted from the perspective of the possible implications of his work to national security.

Proceeds for the event directly support Theater Arts at Caltech. Tickets are \$20 in advance at The Pasadena Playhouse box office, or pay-what-you-can donation to Theater Arts at Caltech at the door. <http://www.pasadenaplayhouse.org/box-office>.

VERDUGO MOUNTAINS 10K TRAIL RUN AND HIKE

Take part in the Verdugo Mountains 10K trail run and hike on Sunday, May 5

starting at 8 a.m. at Brand Park. The 10K trail run and hike is produced by the Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. to benefit the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation and presented by Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center.

This year, participants can enjoy a free pancake breakfast sponsored by Massage Envy Spa-Glendale. In addition, the first 750 runners will receive a free Tech T-shirt courtesy of RaceReady.

Enjoy a morning of good food and an event expo with lots of fun for everyone. Register online at www.runtheverdugos.com.

Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale

LUNCH MEETING FOR GLENDALE BEAUTIFUL

Glendale Beautiful will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Joe Bridges Clubhouse in Glenoaks Park, 2531 East Glenoaks Blvd. Liza Boubari, a hypnotherapist, will be talking on relaxation and related topics.

Lunch (\$18 per person) is served at noon and is catered by Damons.

For reservations, call (818) 242-3689.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED

Mountview Retirement Home sponsors a monthly free Alzheimer's Support Group on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next group will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Mountview Retirement Home is located at 2640 Honolulu, Montrose and can be reached at (818) 248-6737. All are welcome.

DISCOVER TARNISHED TREASURES

The Tarnished Treasures luncheon and program will be presented by the Pasadena Women's Connection on Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Altadena Country Club. Tarnished Treasure is someone else's donated item that could be your treasure! Spend an afternoon of perusing the sale and silent auction tables for your next great find.

Carole Phillips, sales recruiter/business woman will describe in her inspirational talk, “A Door That No Man Can Close”.

Tickets are \$23. For reservations, call Darlene (818) 353-2212 or Carole (818) 790-1907.

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Glendale First Methodist Church Location for 'Empty Bowls'



The Third Annual Empty Bowl Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 benefitting Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley (FP-ESFV) in its efforts to provide safe shelter, meals and support to homeless families. The public is invited to stop by the First United Methodist Church of Glendale any time between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to choose a one-of-a-kind, handcrafted bowl, then fill it with soup donated by fine local restaurants. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for children under 12, which includes the bowl, soup, bread and dessert.

After dining, guests take their selected bowl home with them as a symbol of the hunger and uncertainty homeless families face daily. Last year, hundreds of area residents attended the memorable event.

Participating potters include teachers and students from

Burbank Creative Arts Center, Glendale College, Harry Berman Studio, Juls Pottery, North Hollywood High School, Peachtree Studio and Valley College. Porto's Bakery & Cafe headlines a list of fine local restaurants donating soup, bread and dessert.

The Empty Bowl event location has been donated by First United Methodist Church of Glendale. Event sponsors include ArcStone Financial, Inc., Philleen Meskin Real Estate/Re/Max Elite, Meskin Family Trust and GOLD STREET – Creative Media.

Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley (FP-ESFV) opened in July 2010 as one of over 183 networks across the country affiliated with Family Promise, a national non-profit organization committed to helping homeless families to achieve lasting independence. Family Promise helps mobilize communities to

provide safe shelter, meals, and support services for low-income families through programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness. Family Promise of the East San Fernando Valley serves the geographic area that includes North Hollywood, Burbank, Glendale, and Eagle Rock, California through the participation of an Interfaith Hospitality Network of local congregations and volunteers.

All money raised will further Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley's mission of assisting situationally homeless families. For tickets or more information, visit www.FamilyPromiseESFV.org, email tickets@FamilyPromiseESFV.org or call (747) 333-6081.

Glendale First Methodist Church is located at 134 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale.

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We assume that people who serve on nonprofit boards do so to be useful. This person sounds like he hasn't quite figured out yet how to be effectively useful, particularly if the main interaction he has with your organization is at board meetings. I'd say pull him in from the outer circle as quickly as possible, get him on event teams, affirm his gifts, develop trust, put him on an in-depth research team that uses his expertise, and employ every polite sentence you know that sounds like, "Thank you for your valuable input. We're moving on to the next item on our agenda now, but that doesn't mean the conversation can't continue as we decide what to do."

The upside is that you clearly have a new member who is passionate about your organization! Congratulations – may you accomplish great things.



*Pastor Paige Eaves
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Dear Frustrated Board Member,

Here is what I would do. Have a meeting with the new board member. Include the president and vice-president of the board and maybe one other officer or person beside yourself. Tell the new board member that you're glad that he has come on board, and you appreciate his new ideas and enthusiasm. However, the board has certain established procedures as to how it handles issues, and the new guy is not helping but impeding the process. So, if possible, gently nudge him to keep his comments to himself unless, of course, he is on one of the sub-groups assigned to look into an issue.

Again, tell him that you appreciate all he has brought to your board, but it is a board after all consisting of more than one person, and one person should not bully the rest of the people into listening to his ideas. Assure him that you want him to stay because

he has valuable insights – but you might suggest that others on the board may be considering stepping down because the established procedures with which they are comfortable are not being followed because of the selfishness of one self-centered member.

And I wish you good luck!



*The Rev. Skip Lindeman
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BUSINESS

» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Getting Back to Basics

“Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.” ~*Sun Tzu*

I hear from many business owners that they realize that marketing and advertising are two of the most important aspects, but how much to spend, where to advertise and the never-ending maze of all the new social media makes even the experienced business owners cringe.

How about taking it back to basics and use the slowly diminishing art of customer service to your advantage? Many businesses lose customers because the person that interacts with the customer doesn't see the immense value in their interactions with each and every customer. The cost of acquiring a new customer far outweighs the customer that is already trying to buy from you. This person at your business's front door should be treated like royalty. Each customer that walks in your door has the power to market your business and sometimes at a much greater success rate than all the paid advertising you could do. A happy customer will spread the word to their contacts; however an unhappy customer will tell many more people of their bad experience with your company. Each customer should be thought of as someone who has the power to spread good things or bad things about your business. Which one do you want them to say about

your business?

Here are five things you can do with your next customer that will go a long way in starting a no-cost marketing strategy for your word-of-mouth advertising. 1) *Be available.* Do not make it hard for the customer to reach you. If you are not open and available immediately to customers, your competition down the street very well may be. If a customer



» JULIA RABAGO

leaves you a phone message, make sure you return calls as soon as humanly possible. 2) *Make sure your customer understands your product, service or specialty.* You are in business for a reason. You love what you are doing or you would not be doing it, right? Tell the customer what you can do to help them or serve them. 3) *Understand your customer.* Talk to them. Ask them what it is exactly that they need or want and try to tailor your service to meet those needs. Get feedback from them immediately on how the

process is going. Make sure they are understood and listened to. 4) *Over deliver.* Do not make promises you cannot keep and do go a few steps further than you promised. Everyone likes to get a deal or a little something extra or an extra surprise. When you go above and beyond, the customer will feel like they want to tell more people about what you did. 5) *And the simplest but most overlooked thing you can do is say, “thank you!”* Show your gratitude. Make sure that telling your customers you appreciate them is built into the way you do business.

One way to find these customers is at our business mixers, with the next one being on May 8 at the Crescenta Valley Water District from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hope to see you there!

For additional information, give us a call at (818) 248-4957 or visit our website at www.lacrescenta.org.

Please contact our office for more details on any event. How to reach us: (818) 248-4957/ crescentachamber@aol.com / www.LaCrescenta.org / 3131 Foothill Blvd., Ste. D.

Julia Rabago is the executive director of Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce.

» MONTROSE VERDUGO-CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Free State-Funded Training for Small Business Owners in Montrose

If you are the owner of a California company with between one and nine full-time employees, you qualify to receive *free* training in four business skills classes at the Professional Development Center of Glendale Community College in Montrose. Right here in our own backyard is a full service center that has been providing state-funded and fee-based training in Southern California since 1985. Did you know that?

This is a great opportunity to take advantage of *free* or reduced fee training classes to improve your business and educate yourself. The four classes that will begin on May 6 are Microsoft Access 2010, Quickbooks Pro 2013, Microsoft Office 2010 Level II (Word, Excel & Outlook) and marketing strategies. Normally each one of these classes would cost \$1,440 per person, but are offered free to the small business owner. Class sizes are limited to only 20 seats and they fill up quickly. For more information, please contact the PDC at (818) 957-0024, info@pdcgcc.com or pdcfgcc.com. The PDC was founded by Glendale Community College in cooperation with the State Chancellor Office and the California Employment Training Panel (ETP). Training is funded through ETP disbursement of a percentage of the unemployment tax paid by California employers. The PDC also specializes in creating customized training programs for companies large and small, can help you qualify for state

funded training, will train your staff at your workplace or the PDC and offer intensive one day seminars on various topics. This is a great resource in the community. Take advantage of it.

Don't forget to participate in our 17th Annual Golf Classic and Scholarship fundraiser at Verdugo Hills Golf Course is on May 23 from noon to 4 p.m. If you are not able to participate in the event itself, you can still become a sponsor. This event raises funds for scholarships that we give graduating seniors in the local area. What I consistently hear from parents is that any amount of money helps them make sure their kids have what they need for college. There are various sponsorship packages available. We welcome donations from businesses for our auction and raffle. It's a great way to market your business and help a local cause. If you can participate, you will enjoy great food from our local restaurants in Montrose. Cucina Rustica, Giuseppe's Pizzeria, Sake Sushi, Oceanview Bar and Grill and All in 7 Stop Pizza will provide the food and is included free with your entry! Refreshments are provided throughout the course as well! Registration is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, putting challenge is at 11 a.m., lunch is from 11 a.m. to noon, shotgun starts at noon. For more information about making a donation, please contact the chamber office at (818) 249-7171 or mail a donation of any amount to the Montrose-Verdugo

City Chamber of Commerce, 3516 N. Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA 91208.

Upcoming Events

“Montrose: Images Of America” is on sale *now*. A pictorial history book of Montrose by local historian Robert Newcombe is available for purchase. Buy your copy from the Montrose Chamber today!

Montrose Shopping Park caricature map is on sale *now*. Get this one of a kind map of the shopping district in Montrose. It is unique and a must have. Available at the Chamber office!

Taste of Montrose is on Sunday, *May 5* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along Honolulu Avenue.

Art Walk on Saturday, *May 18* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue.

Golf Classic and Scholarship Fundraiser on Thursday, *May 23* from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Verdugo Hills Golf Course.

Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, *May 27* at 8 a.m. at the Vietnam War Memorial, at the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose.

Centennial June business mixer on Wednesday, *June 5* from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wine Cave, 2427 Honolulu Ave., Montrose.

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» MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK NEWS



» MARY DAWSON

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Joselito's



The staff at Joselito's is ready to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

This Sunday, May 5, is going to be a really *fun* day in the good ole' Montrose Shopping Park! In addition to the Sunday Harvest Market, the annual Wags & Whiskers and Kids & Kritters events and Taste of Montrose, it's also Cinco de Mayo celebrating Mexican heritage. Is there a better time to eat at Joselito's (2345 Honolulu Ave.), which has been dishing up delicious Mexican specialties since 1977?

In honor of the event, owner Corey Grijalva plans to serve one of their customers' favorite specials called Mexican Flag Enchiladas. You get three enchiladas: one red filled with beef, one white filled with cheese, and one green filled with chicken, plus rice and beans. You can also enjoy Sunday champagne brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for only \$11.25.

This would be an ideal day to try out “Josie's” patio. I did recently and enjoyed kicking back, under the patio umbrellas, and watching the sights. People and dog watching should be especially good this weekend with

all of the events going on.

Joselito's is famous for its margaritas and have many to choose from. If you order the Cinco special, try an icy strawberry or Midori melon marg to match. The complimentary house made chips and salsa are also famous around these parts with just the right amount of heat and a kick from Mexican oregano. Consider trying the chicken tortilla soup with fresh cilantro as a good starter.

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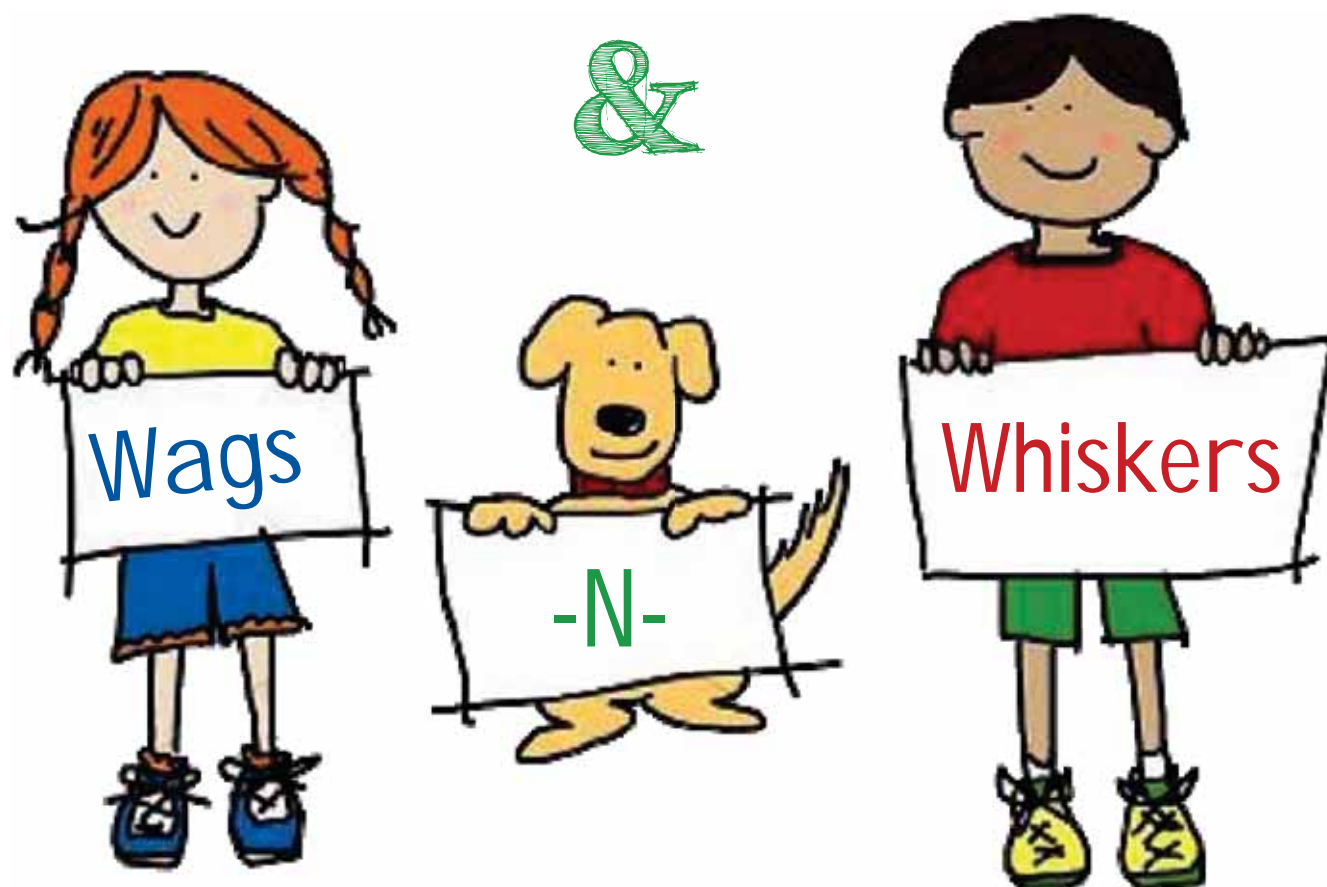
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