

Pay Cut Approved for Utility Employees

By Ted AYALA

Unable to reach an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18 (IBEW), the Glendale City Council approved a 1.75% pay cut for the city's utility workers. Contracted workers are also required to pay more for their health insurance, up to 75% of the increased cost of premiums put into effect last June. Strikes, staged sick days, walk-outs and other like actions are banned.

In the contract negotiations between the IBEW and the city, about a dozen proposals from both sides were presented. Their failure to reach an agreement eventually triggered the city's action on Tuesday.

The imposition of the contract met with strong disapproval from utility workers, with over 200 of them crowding into the council chamber to speak against the contract.

The impasse between the IBEW and the city has endured since last March when Glendale made a "last, final, and best offer." The city has since chosen to disengage from dialogue with IBEW.

"We find ourselves at a crossroads," said City Manager Scott Ochoa of the impasse.

Director of Human Resources Matt Doyle said the unilateral action was being taken "with great reluctance," though he reinforced the necessity for the city to proceed in order to shore up its utilities' economic health and to bring Glendale's IBEW members to parity with their peers in other cities.

"Understanding the real market costs of a municipal utility is essential," he said. "Simply because IBEW represents all of the [surrounding area] utilities does not mean they are all the same. We need to factor that in when considering pay, benefits, and market forces.

"The economy is still very fragile," Doyle added. "Wage and benefit increases would send the wrong message to our residents."

Martin Marrufo, who was speaking on behalf of the IBEW, criticized the imposition of the contract very strongly, also adding that his union has found matters of "grave concern" with Glendale Water & Power (GWP).

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Fire Lights Up Morning

Neighbors hose down property as resident is led out of home.

By Mary O'KEEFE and Charly SHELTON

Los Angeles County Fire Dept. responded to a residential fire early Saturday morning on El Moreno Street just east of Briggs Avenue.

Witnesses said they heard explosions as the fire engulfed a vehicle and a horse trailer that were parked at the location. Many residents, nearby and several streets away, drove across El Moreno, curious about the high flames.

After 911 was called, neighbor Sandra Dasaad grabbed a hose from her home to wet down the leaves of trees with branches that were near the flames.

"There were explosions," said Dasaad.

Early on, it was difficult to tell exactly where the fire originated. There was a ball of flame and sounds of an explosion. The home is surrounded by tall trees with branches that lean down toward the ground.

Two residents who are used to emergency response saw the smoke and came to help. From the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept., Reserve Chief Mike Leum and Sgt. Ray Harley were on their morning run when they saw the smoke.

"I saw a friend and asked her if 911 had been called," said Leum, who is also a member of the Montrose Search and

Rescue team. "She said they had."

Harley and Leum ran down the street and began asking neighbors if the resident was still in the home.

"We asked neighbors if there was [anyone] in the house," Leum said.

Neighbors told Leum and Harley the elderly male resident was still in the home. The fire was in the front of the home in the driveway and near the detached garage. Leum and Harley knew they needed to get the man out of the house in case the fire spread.

"I went around back and Mike went to the front of the house," Harley said.

"I went around the side of the garage and accessed the front door of the house," said Leum. "I went through the front door and yelled for the gentleman." Leum located him and escorted him from the house.

L.A. County Fire Dept. arrived and quickly knocked the fire down.

"The call came in at 6:15 a.m.," said Capt. Joe Grayson of L.A. County Fire Dept. Station 63 on Ramsdell Avenue. "It appeared to be an electrical fire. [The resident] was charging the battery of a car parked in a makeshift carport."

The fire had spread to a horse trailer that was parked nearby. The home's detached garage was singed, but the fire did not spread to its interior.

The damage to the vehicle and horse trailer was estimated at \$10,000.

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Photo by Mark SHELTON

An early morning fire drew the attention of joggers – and LASD personnel – Mike Leum and Ray Harley.

New Captain Returns to Roots



Bill Song is the new captain at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The new captain at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station is settling into his new leadership position as his first week on the job draws to a close.

CVW announced last week that Bill Song as of May 5 was the new captain of the station replacing Dave Silversparre who served as CV's captain for the last five years.

Like Silversparre, Song was raised in Crescenta Valley.

"I grew up here ... went to Rosemont Middle School and CV [Crescenta Valley] High School," Song said.

He has spent most of his adult life in the east area of Los Angeles County, but added it was nice to come back to where he

grew up.

"[La Crescenta] has changed for the better," he said. There are more businesses and the community has grown since he was in high school, he added.

Song officially started his new job on Sunday at midnight; Monday was his first full day.

"At this moment, I am just getting to know the station personnel," he said.

He is working on making certain the transition is smooth and that the deputies' morale is high. He is still navigating all aspects of the CV Station and the area including familiarizing himself with the community's support and getting to know the office of Supervisor Michael Antonovich.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

The Power of Partnerships

For as long as I can remember, I've understood the power generated by well-positioned partnerships. Whether as a kid growing up and trying to play one parent against the other (that never fared well, by the way) to musical partnerships – Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bernie Taupin and Elton John – I got the idea of “two is better than one.” In my own life, I've had the same “partner” – Steve – for over 32 years (we celebrated our wedding anniversary on April 25). The key here is good partnerships where each recognizes their responsibility to achieve common goals while helping to support each other.

In business, those partnerships take on another dynamic, are extended even further. At the Crescenta Valley Weekly, Mary O'Keefe, Charly Shelton and Lisa Yeghiayan have been with me since I came up with the crazy idea of launching a newspaper. My designers, sales staff, writers, photographers ... all work to produce an excellent product week after week. Our readers and advertisers figure prominently into this partnership. Without their commitment, dedication and financial support, the Crescenta Valley Weekly would have died early on.

The community is instrumental in the success of many types of part-

nerships. I mentioned business. Not just the Crescenta Valley Weekly, but also the owners of retail stores, repair shops, service providers – all rely on the community to recognize their worth and patronize their business.

And we cannot ignore the non-profits, those organizations that exist for no other purpose than to meet a need within their community. Prom Plus provides a \$25,000 party for CVHS seniors and their dates after prom over at the Y. Non-prom attendees can go, too. One the organization's fundraisers, the Taste of Montrose, was on Sunday. It was held in conjunction with Kids 'n' Kritters and Wags 'n' Whiskers along Honolulu Avenue. The weather kept some people home, but we appreciate those who did venture out to enjoy the vast offerings of ToM.

The opportunity to support our non-profits can sometimes be a hit or miss. How many times have you planned to attend a function or send a check and then got sidetracked? Well, this weekend you have 24 hours that have been set aside for the American Cancer Society.

The annual Foothills Relay for Life benefitting the American Cancer Society is from 9

a.m. on Saturday until 9 a.m. on Sunday. Held at Clark Magnet High School at 4747 New York Ave. in La Crescenta, the day starts strong with a survivors' walk by those who have beaten this dreaded life stealer. Then caregivers join in and finally everyone takes to the track to begin 24 hours of walking. Now, this is a relay which means that one person doesn't stay on the track the whole time. It's a team effort ... a partnership. Relay for Life hosts teams of people that are sponsored by friends, family and others to have their members on the track for 24 hours. You can still offer financial help by visiting www.foothillsrelayforlife.com or calling Chris at (818) 247-8778, x223.

You can also come over to Clark Magnet High School – with your walking shoes on – and plan to take a lap or two. You'll be surprised by how many people you know that are on the track.

I'll be there and I hope to see you, too.

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Weather in the foothills



Air conditioning one day and a fire in the fireplace the next. Last week ended with wild fires burning out of control. With strong Santa Ana winds blowing, temperatures reached close to 100 accompanied by low humidity. Add the moisture starved vegetation as fuel and the fire scenario was highly predictable, if not expected. Firefighters not already on the line were ready and anxiously waiting for a call. As the Springs Fire grew, my husband packed up his gear. The amount of equipment, including water and snacks is amazing. He was called...

The weather was being closely monitored by the National Weather Service and the various firefighters' agencies. Any change was crucial as to the methodologies used to contain the

fire. Extreme caution is used as the unpredictability of wind-driven fires has past been proven. How many times have we witnessed fires in the Malibu area?

When the fire broke out, the winds were coming out of the northeast – offshore. The flames moved quickly, threatening homes. More fire crews were needed. As Doug reported at the command post early Saturday morning, the fire was “laying down” (typical early morning fire behavior) with very few flare ups. A lot of watching and waiting because conditions can change within minutes. As the day progressed, temperatures began to drop. The winds had

“I've seen fire and I've seen rain,
I've seen sunny days I thought would never end ...”
~ James Taylor

changed direction.

Now coming off the ocean, they were cool and moisture-laden. Fog moved inland, increasing the humidity. The coastal climatic condition of an onshore flow had once again returned. As it did, one by one the fire apparatuses and crews left the area. All in a day's work.

Weather is capable of both creating and extinguishing a fire – one of Mother Nature's most powerful forces. Speaking of mothers ...

Her influence may be as powerful as the weather's. And she is our first weather reporter...*

“Don't forget your jacket, it is cold outside. And a scarf and mittens, too, it's windy ... might be a storm later. Oh, get your umbrella, I see rain clouds. Have a good day at school, honey! I love you.”

“Bye, Mom, love you too...”

We had “real” rain on Monday and Tuesday. April flowers bring May showers? I'm happy to report the Crescenta Valley received a very grand total of 1.22 inches. So far the season's total stands at a little over 12 inches, about half of our normal rainfall and with the season ending June 30. Another dry year.

The cut-off low pressure lingers well into this week, teasing us with a slight chance of showers. Come this weekend, clear skies and warmer temperatures will once again prevail. Ninety-plus degrees is forecast for Monday. Blink once and by mid-week there is a possibility of rain. Yes!

*“Take your umbrella dear, it looks like rain.”

Thank you, Mom, and enjoy “your special day!”

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Kickstarting a New Record



Kent Fuller’s Streamliner is near completion, but needs some help from the community.

New funding source to move forward the quest for the land speed record.

By Tyler BIDDLE

Kent Fuller, legendary American hot rodder, has been building his final car for over a decade and now it’s only months away from completion. Fuller’s Bonneville Streamliner project began 13 years ago with the help of his family and his life-long friend Don Tubbs. It just needs one final boost to get to the finish line and the car’s creators have turned to crowd funding to get the job done. An online Kickstarter created for the project by Fuller’s granddaughter has set the Streamliner up to be the first ever crowd-funded racecar.

Fuller has built over 300 cars since 1956 and he intends his last one to be the absolute fastest in its class. Over the years he has built a reputation for setting trends, not only within the realm of speed

and design, but also for safety. As racing technology advances and speeds get faster, so does the concern over potential dangers. Designs of his, such as the 3-point roll cage, helped protect drivers and save lives in an industry that kept getting faster and faster.

The Kickstarter will help the team bring the car, which is very nearly complete, up to specs for Speed Week, a race event in the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah this August. They will be competing to break the land speed record in the Streamliner XF engine class, which is currently 280.023 mph.

“This particular car is hand rolled steel, 25 feet long, designed specifically to set land speed records at Bonneville,” said Steve Fuller, Kent’s son and project owner. “Just about the only thing you can compare it to is a rocket.”

The project has three generations of the Fuller family working on it.

Don Tubbs, a retired design engineer living in Sparr Heights, serves as the technical director for the project. He is also an instrumental member of the

Early Rodders, a group of car enthusiasts that meets early in the morning every Saturday to talk, eat bagels and show off their unique cars. The group meets from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the United Artists Theater on Verdugo where they regularly get about 150 cars to show up. Its members have done significant volunteer work in the past with their Christmas toy drive, the Montrose Christmas Parade, the Montrose Hot Rod Show, and recently the Hometown Country Fair where they had over 100 cars present. Anyone with any type of motor vehicle is welcome to meet up with the Early Rodders every Saturday.

The deadline for their Kickstarter is Wednesday, May 22. The team has been pledged more than \$12,000 so far from over 140 different backers and their goal is \$32,900. Anyone can become a part of history and help the Fullers set a world record by pledging to fund the project. Visit www.kentfullerstreamliner.com/ share to pitch in before time runs out.

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The Rosemont Preserve is having a restoration day on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help restore the natural habitat. The focus will be on identifying and removing invasive plant species to allow room for the native flora to become reestablished, as well as some light trail maintenance.

Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Those who have a shovel, spade, loppers or clippers should bring them along. Other tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park.

This event is free to the public, all ages, no reservations required.

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

SPECIAL CERT CLASS

Following a major disaster, fire and police agencies may not be able to meet the demand for emergency medical attention during the initial hours and days of a crisis. Residents and neighbors may need to rely upon one another to help with immediate life-saving needs until emergency help can arrive.

L.A. County Fire Dept., with So Cal Edison and California Fire Safe Council, is hosting a special community emergency response team – CERT – class on three consecutive Saturdays: May 11, May 18, and May 25. All three classes must be completed for participants to receive a certificate.

Lunch will be provided free of charge (menu will not be known until day of class). Classes held at LACoFD Fire Camp 2, 4810 N. Oak Grove Drive, La Cañada Flintridge from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CERT information line: (661) 287-3690.
Registration must be made online at www.fire.lacounty.gov/CERT.

GCC HOSTS AUTHOR, CONCERT

The L.A. Writers Reading Series presents James Ellroy – Los Angeles Noir author of “Black Dahlia,” “L.A. Confidential” and other notable works – at Glendale Community College auditorium today, May 9 from 12:20 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Also, the Glendale Community College Spring Choral Concert will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Groups performing are the College Choir, Chamber Singers and Opera Vignettes. The program will include performances from “Madama Butterfly,” “Sweeney Todd,” “The Magic Flute” and choral pieces from Russia, Cuba, France and more. There will be more than 70 vocalists and several soloists. Dr. Jayne Campbell is musical director.

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CVHS Hosts First Senior Graduation

For the first time in Crescenta Valley High School's 53-year history, the graduating class will receive its diplomas on its own campus.

Stengel Field was the traditional site of CV High graduations until last year, when the field was considered unsafe for the sizable crowd a graduation would draw.

Jess Duran, director of Community Services and Parks, said that water intrusion has kept the city from allowing too large a capacity at Stengel

Field.

"It's a very old structure," said Duran. "Until we've tested and analyzed everything, we don't want more than 500 to 1,000 people sitting in the bleachers."

The graduating class of 2012 held its ceremony at Glendale Community College, but the venue had to be changed yet again as 2013's graduation is too close to GCC's finals week.

CV Principal Michele Doll said she was excited at the prospect of a CV graduation on the actual school grounds. A lack of

adequate seating has prevented graduations from taking place at CV in the past. Doll said bleachers will be brought in to accommodate the additional audience.

Though it will be the first ever graduation at Crescenta Valley High, Doll said she hopes it will not be the last.

"Our hope is that we can continue doing this to the point where it becomes tradition," she said.

Graduation is set for June 4.

Dr. Kelly King Named New GUSD Assistant Superintendent

The Glendale Unified School District announced that Dr. Kelly King has been appointed assistant superintendent of Educational Services. She will officially begin her new position on July 1. Her appointment was approved by the board of education on May 7.

King has been with the GUSD for 23 years, working most recently in the position as director of Categorical Programs. She is currently responsible for the district's Early Education and Extended Learning Programs, Special Projects (categorical programs), Welcome Center

(language assessment center for English learners), BTSA, elementary magnet and dual immersion programs, transitional kindergarten, program improvement efforts, intercultural education, professional development. King is also known and highly respected for her ability to write multi-million dollar grants that are funded.

She began her teaching career at Balboa Elementary School, was a teacher specialist at Glenoaks Elementary and Dunsmore Elementary schools, an assistant principal at Columbus Elementary School, and served

as an elementary principal at Columbus and Edison. Both schools under her leadership met annual growth goals.

"Dr. King is an exceptional instructional leader, an accomplished educator who has been successful at every level, most notably at Edison. Her outstanding work history, her dedication to the profession, and generosity to local charities are commendable. She is well deserving of this position, and we are excited to have her as part of our team," said Dr. Richard M. Sheehan, superintendent of Glendale Unified School District.

Board President Nayiri Nahabedian stated, "I remember Dr. King at Edison when I first became a member of the board of education. I remember the energy that she had and how the teachers around her were very much inspired and energized by her spirit. I was proud to announce her appointment at [Tuesday's] board meeting. I am grateful for the work she has done and continues to do in preparing our students for their future."

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Alex Gets Ready for Expansion

By Natalie MAIER

On April 23, an informal meeting regarding the future of the Alex Theatre took place in the Community Room at the ISIC Luxury Apartments in Glendale. Elissa Glickman, CEO of Glendale Arts which manages the Alex Theatre, spoke about the new expansion project for the Alex, which will provide a 6,400 square foot expansion of the Theatre's backstage facilities. Additional dressing rooms, storage and shop space and the installation of a new freight elevator will be also be installed. The eight-month construction project which will break ground on July 1 and will continue through March 2014. The Alex will be closed for performances from July to November 2013. "We have to make sure that the amenities that the Alex Theatre offers are on par with what other venues in the area have to offer," Glickman said. "So we needed to increase our dressing room space

and, more importantly, change our loading capacity capabilities in order to remain competitive." Nina Crowe, the Business Development and Sales manager of Glendale Arts, said that, in the past, some performances had large casts and the Alex wasn't able to provide enough dressing rooms. Tents had to be set up in the back parking lot in order to accommodate the large number of people. It was often cold and wet for the cast members in the tents during the winter season, Crowe added. "[The expansion project] will help us attract a different type of program, something with a larger cast or bigger set," Crowe said. "So I think ultimately it will be better because we will be able to better serve the community by bringing different types of shows that can't be there now." Glickman and Crowe agreed that the Glendale community has shown a lot of support for Glendale Arts and the Alex Theatre. "[The community is] always

willing to give us ideas and suggestions," Glickman said. She added that the community has especially shown support through this year's I Heart Glendale Arts fundraiser. Community members are encouraged to donate online at <http://www.glendalearts.org/iheart> or through Glendale Art's Facebook page. The goal is to raise \$40,000 by the end of May. According to Glickman, they are about halfway to their goal. After the expansion project is finished, Glickman hopes to increase programming at the Theatre. The Alex is booked between 180 and 200 days a year, and she hopes to bring that number up to 250. "We'd really like to attract new artists which can then attract a new audience as well as our current audience," she said. The "new audience" would be a younger demographic of ages between 25-45.

'Live Talks' Launches Series at Alex

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

In association with Live Talks Los Angeles, Glendale's historic Alex Theatre will host music icon Burt Bacharach as part of its upcoming speaker series. The event, to be held on Tuesday, will feature an intimate setting with Bacharach and writer Mitch Albom as they discuss the artist's life and experiences over a career that stretches nearly six

decades. "An Evening With Burt Bacharach" will mark the first event of a three-night series presented by Live Talks Los Angeles at the Alex. The theatre will also host legendary former coach of the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers Phil Jackson on June 12. The first part of the series will conclude with an see LIVE TALKS on following page

Lacing Up for Relay

By Jason KUROSU

Clark Magnet High School will again host the annual Foothills Relay for Life on Saturday and Sunday, filling its lower field and track with a myriad of participants. Relay for Life, started by Dr. Gordon Klatt in 1985, is one of the largest fundraisers for cancer research and prevention in the nation, now active in 21 countries with over four million people participating each year. This is the 13th year that the foothills has held a Relay for Life event.

This year, 17 teams, each made up of five or more members, will walk, run and jog their way around Clark's field. The teams have been raising donations in anticipation of the event, which is expected to breach the \$1 million barrier.

According to American Cancer Society staff partner Kathy Gonzalez, it will take \$45,000 to total over \$1 million raised throughout the 13 years of the Foothills Relay for Life.

"They've been working really hard," Gonzalez said of the participating teams, who have nearly raised the \$45,000 already. According to Gonzalez, the donations will fulfill the American Cancer Society's "mission of fighting cancer through research."

Along with research, the money will fund programs such as Hope Lodges, which offer cancer patients and family members lodging while they are receiving treatment only available far from home, and the Road to Recovery program, which provides transportation to and from the hospital for patients who may not be able to drive themselves.

Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with the survivor lap, the traditional opening event of the Relay for Life, when cancer survivors take to the field for the initial lap before the other participants join in.

The event will last until the following day, Sunday at 9 a.m.

The 24-hour event is traditionally observed because "cancer never sleeps." Other portions of the relay include the luminaria ceremony, in which those lost to cancer are remembered, and the fight back ceremony, when participants pledge

to spread awareness. Anyone still interested in registering a team for the event can go to www.relayforlife.org or register at Clark Magnet High School this weekend.





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Cool Weather, but Warm Reception for Honolulu Events



By Brandon HENSLEY

Lots of music, food and gusts of cold wind were on hand in the Montrose Shopping Park on Sunday. You could say the event almost blew everyone away.

The seventh annual Taste of Montrose was held in the 2200-2400 blocks on Honolulu Avenue. The event is a fundraiser for Crescenta Valley High School's Prom Plus organization. Prom Plus holds an after-prom party at the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA every year, offering a fun, supervised evening for CV students and their dates.

On Sunday, patrons paid \$20 for a wristband that allowed them to sample food from 23 different eateries, some located in the shopping park, and some that came onto the avenue and set up a booth in the food court.

Aside from the food, it was also the annual Wags 'n' Whiskers and Kids 'n' Kritters events, which supports the Glendale Humane Society. Kids enjoyed the petting zoo and were treated to an animal show, which featured a six-banded armadillo.

Panera Bread from La Cañada was there, under an orange and white tent, giving away assorted desserts like cookies and scones. Panera manager Layla Tabata sometimes had to keep the food from blowing off the table because of the wind, and even though she looked cold, she enjoyed the day nonetheless.

"It's good. It's a chance to see everyone and it's really exciting to be out here," she said.

This was Panera's third time at Taste of Montrose, but Tabata was hesitant to say whether being a presence there every year helped business.

"It's hard to tell," she said, while noting the important thing for her was being there for Prom Plus. "We do a lot of community work, so anything we can volunteer for, we do," she said.

9021Pho, which sells itself as Vietnamese-centric with a French and California twist, had a booth at Taste of Montrose. Chef Kimmy Tang and her staff will also be working the Prom Plus party.

Prom Plus student president Dylan Sylvester could be seen running around making sure his volunteers were at the right places, selling wristbands and thanking patrons at certain booths.

"The amount of effort the community puts in to have restaurants at Taste of Montrose ... it's really good for the restaurants and community," Sylvester said.

He also helped organize the Montrose Christmas Parade last year. He said he received more volunteer help at the parade, which makes Taste of Montrose challenging.

"You try to work things out because maybe you don't need people at a particular spot, and others have to go eat, and you're trying to take breaks," he said. "It's just hard making it fit together but it works out in the end."

"It is a lovely event," said patron

Maggie O'Rourke. "It really shows the heart and soul of the community, that so much time and effort and energy and care go into putting this on every year to make sure the students have a wonderful prom."

Montrose Shopping Park events coordinator Linda McMenamin said this was the first time Wags 'n' Whiskers had rain in the nine years it has been held.

"The weather didn't seem to detract from people coming out to have a good time," she said. [Glendale Humane Society] had a great turnout for the dog walk and raised over \$11,000 for the shelter."

As for the Taste of Montrose, McMenamin said, "To have the local restaurants and eateries working together with Prom Plus to support safe after prom activities is just a great way to show how much community matters in Montrose, while getting to eat some pretty amazing food."



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Obituary Rose Van Orden



March 1, 1928 – May 2, 2013

Rosaria "Rose" Agatha (Neuburger) Van Orden passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2 in Glendale at the age of 85.

Rose was born in Minnesota on March 1, 1928 to Agatha and Adolph Neuburger. In 1948, Rose married Jerold "Van" Van Orden in Minnesota. The couple had three children and moved to La Crescenta in 1956.

Rose lost her loving husband Van in May 1980.

She spent many years volunteering her time in the service of others at Verdugo Hills Hospital and worked as a bookkeeper at the Self-Aid Workshop (now known as Glendale Association for the Retarded). She was a dog lover, an award-winning ballroom dancer, and had a very active social life.

Rose is survived by her children Jerry, Gene and Mark Van Orden.

The Van Orden family extends their gratitude for the tireless and outstanding care by all who attended to her at Montrose Healthcare Center from July 2009 until her passing.

A graveside service will be held Friday, May 10 at 12:30 p.m. at San Fernando Mission Cemetery, 11160 Stranwood Ave., Mission Hills with Father George Brincat officiating. A reception will follow.

CRIME BLOTTER

May 5

4800 block of Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta, a 51-year-old La Crescenta man was arrested for violating a court order restraining order and elder abuse. Deputies were told by the resident that her son, who has a history of alcohol abuse, had become angry when he overheard her speaking to a neighbor about a possible vandalism. It appeared the son had allegedly thrown rocks at a neighbor's home and property. While on the phone, the son became enraged and threw an item at the woman, cutting her arm. After an investigation, it was discovered the mother had a restraining order in his name.

The incident occurred at 1:18 p.m.

May 4

4400 block of Sharon Avenue in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

3100 block of Los Olivos Lane in La Crescenta, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

4300 block of Briggs Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

May 3

2600 block of Mayfield Avenue in La Crescenta, a 46-year-old La Crescenta man allegedly disabled his wife's vehicle by cutting the spark plug wires as well as committing other vandalism. The husband and wife had been separated for about a year.

The wife had parked her vehicle in front of her mother's home and left the area. She reported she received a phone call from her estranged husband who admitted to the vandalism. The vandalism occurred between 4 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

5500 block of Pineglen Road in La Crescenta, a man returned home to find his front door unlocked. He entered his home and discovered the sliding patio glass door had been smashed. Several rooms in his home had been ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen at the time.

The burglary occurred between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

May 1

960 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, a man entered Cañada Jewelry and Gifts and asked to see several pieces of jewelry. He asked to purchase a gold bracelet worth over \$2,500 and gave the employee a credit card and identification from Sarasota, Fla. The employee contacted the bank and verified the transaction had been cleared. The man took the bracelets and exited the store. The next day, the business owner was notified the credit card was fraudulent. The incident occurred at 6:06 p.m.

April 28

2400 block of Prospect Avenue in La Crescenta, an owner returned home and found the rear enclosed patio window at his residence had been smashed sometime between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

GPD Conducts STAKE Operation

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Thursday, the Glendale police conducted a Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) operation in an attempt to find local businesses that sell cigarettes to children under 18 years old.

Individuals, or businesses, that knowingly sells or furnishes anyone under the age of 18 with any tobacco, cigarette or cigarette papers is subject to fines up to

\$1,000 as well as criminal action.

The business owners and employees are expected to treat the purchase of cigarettes similar to that of alcohol.

"If they look under age, they are to ask for [identification]," said Lt. Tim Feeley.

Several volunteers from the Glendale Police Explorer Program and the Vice/Narcotics Unit assisted in the STAKE operation. They visited 39 different businesses

and six of them were in violation, including one in the far north area of Glendale.

Although they did not find a lot of violations, it is important for business owners to know GPD is watching and will continue to conduct this type of operation.

"It is sending a message that [GPD] care about our kids," Feeley said.

A business must get a permit to operate and to sell cigarettes. If a business has a violation of selling cigarettes to minors, that can be taken into consideration and the permit revoked.

But it goes beyond the fines and the permitting to the safety of children.

"Sometimes [business owners] don't realize they are endangering our kids," he said.

Some business owners counter that concern with, "If minors don't buy it here they will buy it somewhere."

Feeley understands that reasoning, but wants the business owners to know that through these types of operations, "somewhere" will not be in Glendale.

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FIRE from Cover

Grayson said they found empty propane tanks at the location. He added the explosive sounds that were heard by neighbors could have been the tires of the vehicle heating and exploding.

The fire was knocked down by 6:30 a.m. Firefighters cleared the area making certain there were no potential smoldering fires.

“There was a lot of debris around the vehicle

PAY CUT from Cover

“GWP has an aging infrastructure and no clear plan on how to replace it,” he said. “[It] is also beginning to hemorrhage staff primarily because of morale [problems]; it is atrocious on safety issues. None of these things can be addressed without a trained, safety-equipped staff and a professional workforce.”

Former GWP utility worker Martin Sagehorn said that he left the utility for work elsewhere because of what he considered mistreatment by the city. He also warned that imposing the current contract would cause other workers to flee.

“You guys come out and do our job for a week,” he said as supporters loudly cheered. “I don’t think you guys understand at all. It’s disgusting.”

“It’s unfortunate that we weren’t able to come to an agreement,” said Councilmember Ara Najarian. “We have other bargaining groups we deal with that have acted in good faith. It would be patently unfair to all of them should we treat any group differently. It’s just

CAPTAIN from Cover

The CV Station covers a wide area, from Lake View Terrace to La Cañada. The areas border other law enforcement agencies including Los Angeles, Glendale and Pasadena police. CV Station works with the California Highway Patrol as well. Song plans on introducing himself to the officials in those law enforcement agencies.

He said he is aware of the station’s strong community support and wants to build on that support.

“I think with the [station’s] personnel out [in the community] patrolling and with our detectives, if we collaborate with the

[and horse trailer],” Grayson said.

Glad that the fire was contained to the driveway, the neighbors began returning to their homes. As for Harley and Leum – they finished their run.

Station 63 was assisted by Stations 19 and 82; Glendale Fire Station 28 was called to respond but released.

unfortunate that the economic situation is the way it is, that we cannot afford to extend any more generous benefits, pay, and cost-sharing than we already have.”

“I am not anti-union,” added Councilmember Laura Friedman. “I come from a union family. It’s my hope that we can have a dialogue and that we can have something economically sustainable for the city. Because if we can’t do that, we can’t have any employees.”

Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan abstained from voting, citing inexperience with the negotiations, though he did express support for his colleagues’ unanimous imposition of the contract.

“I definitely agree that it’s fundamentally unfair to talk about raises during a time when other employees and labor groups have made some kind of sacrifice,” he said. “It’s also unfair to our residents. Any increases would have to be paid out by them. I don’t see how it’s feasible.”

community we can make it even better than it already is,” Song said.

Before taking the captain’s chair at CV, Song worked as the aide to Assist. Sheriff Cecil Rhambo.

“[Rhambo] was in charge of Homeland Security, court services and now county-wide services and custody division,” he said.

Song worked closely with commanders from different areas ensuring that everyone was working together.

Capt. Silversparre has started his new job at the Communications and Fleet Management Bureau.

A Mountain Lion’s Tale

By Mary O’KEEFE

“We normally go to fires, medical emergencies and respond to natural disasters. And we [sometimes] respond to animal rescues. But yes, the mountain lion was unusual,” said Capt. Steve Parish, Glendale Fire Dept. Station 24.

Parish referred to his station’s response to last month to a mountain lion sighting and capture in the 3300 blocks of Thelma Street and Fairmount Avenue.

The mountain lion was seen walking down New York Avenue until it finally took a rest under a shady tree in the backyard of a home on Thelma Street. The Dept. of Fish and Game responded and shot one tranquilizer into the animal.

The mountain lion, drugged but still moving, jumped over fences and stumbled through some yards before crawling under the wooden patio of a home on Fairmount Avenue.

“It is interesting how we got the call,” Parish said. “It was primarily a Fish and Game call, and Glendale police.”

GPD’s Lt. Bruce Fox had responded and officers were blocking streets, making certain Marty Wall from Fish and Game could tranquilize the mountain lion safely.

Glendale Fire was called in to assist.

“When we first saw the animal, it was under a [patio] deck,” Parish said.

Although tranquilized, the mountain lion was still moving and somewhat awake. Wall tranquilized the animal again and then it was GFD’s turn.

They were tasked with crawling under the

deck and pulling the mountain lion out onto a tarp where they could transport it to the waiting Fish and Game vehicle.

Firefighters are used to dealing with unusual situations, and a confined space shared with a mountain lion was unusual, though not overly unique.

“We deal with [a lot of different] situations. It doesn’t faze us much,” Parish said.

Glendale firefighters have been called on several animal rescues including assisting with a dog rescue in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and several horse rescues.

“We [assisted] with a horse rescue in Griffith Park. One of the guys on my crew was a cowboy,” he said.

He knew how to handle a horse and the rescue was a success.

“We have a wide variety of experience on our crews,” Parish added.

Though mountain lion wrangling is a little out of the range of expertise, the crewmembers assessed the situation and brought the animal to the Fish and Game truck.

Parish added that the homeowner was very helpful. He told Parish and his crew that if they needed to cut the patio they could, he just wanted the animal protected. During the hunt and tranquilizing, a large crowd of community members gathered to watch.

“The citizens were truly interested in the mountain lion’s safety,” Parish said.

Luckily the mountain lion was safely transported back into the Angeles National Forest.

For GFD it may have been an unusual call out, but still just another day on the job.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

The '71 Quake – Through The Eyes of Children

Recently a former teacher at St. James Catholic School gave the Historical Society a stack of essays written by her third grade class immediately after the Sylmar Quake in February of 1971. Those writings are priceless! Here are some samples.

One boy reported an example of animal premonition: “I was sleeping and before the earthquake my dog jumped on my back and woke me up.”

This girl managed to blame her sister for the quake: “I was in my bed. And my sister said that she wanted something to happen so she could not go to school and do her Spanish. Then the earthquake started.”

All was chaos and noise in this family’s house: “Well, I was sleeping, and my grandmother was sitting up in her bed. She thought it was the wind so she got up and closed the window, and then the earthquake came and knocked her down. My mother ran up the stairs and grabbed her and grabbed us too and ran back downstairs. My dad was yelling his head off. Marguerite was crying out, ‘What are you doing to us, St. Andrew!’” I walked into the kitchen and screamed because there was glass all over the place.”

Here’s one that has a typical little boy’s take on the aftermath: “In our bathroom there was cough syrup all over the floor. It looked like blood.”

This family seemed to

take a medical emergency in stride: “And the kitchen was very dirty, and my picture fell down, and my mom broke her leg. And then my dad went to shave.”

Some young writers pointed out the ironies in the damage: “My mother’s unbreakable dishes broke, and her breakable dishes didn’t break.” “My father’s bar had a lot of bottles. The stuff that they drink broke, and the stuff that they don’t drink did not break.”

Spilled alcohol seems to have been a theme in the damage: “Mom came in the kitchen. She was angry. We had syrup and gin on the floor.”

This narrative gave a glimpse into the community’s reaction to the quake at a local supermarket: “We got to go to Lucky’s while my dad went to work. Lucky’s ceiling fell down, and everything came off the shelves and some broke. My mom got stuck when the ceiling fell down. Four other people were stuck in it too. A lot of people tried to get in Lucky’s. There was a sign up, ‘Sorry closed – Will be open Wednesday 10 o’clock’. But some people were mad because Lucky’s was not open.”

Other writers observed nature’s reactions: “Another earthquake came and we looked up into the mountains and we could see a landslide.” “The mountains were all dusty from the earthquake, and the trees whistled like anything.”

The winner for run-on sentences and creative spelling is this one: “I cood here 9 lamps brake and all of our glace and my cloisit was a mess and I felt a pice of glass and my desk fell down and my candel fell on my head and that hirt so that I screamed and my pool table fell down in my cloisit and my mom’s good vace fell down and my good games fell down and I had to clean it up and I didn’t like it at all and...” It went on for an entire page before the first period was reached.

This girl’s family barely averted a major disaster: “Our TV almost fell down and blew up.”

Some passages gave some indications of how adults were affected: “My mom was very scared. She made us put on long pants, and all day long she lay down. We said the Rosary.”

This young boy managed to put a positive spin on the quake’s damage: “I thought it was our washing machine, until I felt the shaking. After I got dressed, I went upstairs and listened to the radio. When the man said ‘no school’, I flipped!”

It doesn’t sound like any of the kids were permanently traumatized: “I was just so frightened that I could cry, but I didn’t.”

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MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY » JIM CHASE

Good Bye and Get Lost

On the drive back from San Diego last Sunday night after an exhausting day of moving our son from one college dorm to another for summer school, I heard a woman being interviewed on the radio about how she deals with the growing problem of unwanted telemarketing calls. She discussed her investigative skills in digging up details about the company making the call, like their CEO’s name, address and even personal telephone number. Once she has this information, she then posts it on her own blog and invites readers to call the CEO, preferably during the dinner hour. Oh, my. And well done, ma’am!

This woman also has the tenacity to send invoices to the offending companies for the amount of time they usurp from her day at a rate of \$500 an hour. (I’m assuming she is an attorney by profession.) Surprisingly, during her radio interview, she claimed to have been paid many thousands of dollars over the course of the last five or so years.

While I can’t imagine having the cojones to do either of the above, I applaud her efforts to fight against this contemporary plague of menacing marketers. Last year I wrote about daily the calls I had been getting on our home phone from various people representing this or that home improvement contractor. Every call begins with an almost identical pitch: “Is this

James Chase? James, I talked with you back in January about projects that you might be considering around your house. You asked me to call you back after several months and you might be ready to talk.”

If I don’t simply hang up on the offending caller as soon as I hear my given name, I ask the person why they think I would ever do business with someone who lies to me with his very first call? Buh-bye.

A year later, these fine folks are still calling at least a half dozen times a week. And they’re not alone. Our home phone (with its supposedly unlisted number for which I pay AT&T extra every month) has been receiving an increasing number of unsolicited calls every day. And yes, I’m on the national “No Call” list. Big whoop. That worthless legislation has more loopholes in it than Bill and Hillary’s wedding vows. Case in point: I’m answering endless calls from “marketing partners” who have obviously been given my private contact information by either So Cal Edison or the Gas Company and who try to sell me some sort of energy efficient, green-this-or-that program to help lower my utility bills each month. The delicious irony here is that I already know of a surefire way to lower my utilities – cancel my home phone. That alone would cut more than \$50 off my monthly overhead.

The latest almost daily annoyance is from an irritating

robo-recording whose first words are, “Do not hang up!” I have no idea what the pitch is going to be for because, of course, I immediately hang up.

But the telemarketer who wins the mirror ball prize for demonstrating the ultimate in chutzpa is the firm who called me just yesterday. I answered our landline like I always do and – after a few second pause – heard the following recording, “This is an important offer from XYZ Company. All of our representatives are busy helping other customers right now, but please stay on the line and someone will be with you shortly.”

I kid you not. I almost didn’t hang up so I could learn what company had taken the art of interruption and irritation to unprecedented new lows. I say almost because after listening to music-on-hold and a second and third message reminding me to hold on for an important message, my attitude flipped from curious to furious and I banged the handset down.

Next time they call, however, I’m going to stay on hold and invoice them for my time.

I’ll see you ’round town.

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CVDAPC NEWS » SUZY JACOBS

Thanks to all who participated in the April 27 Prescription Drug Take Back! Along with the DEA, the Glendale Police Dept., the Sheriff’s Dept. volunteers, the Elks and community members staffed the tables. Special thanks to everyone who brought in over 300 pounds of unwanted medicines to us and away from those who might deliberately or accidentally misuse them.

As you read in a previous column written by Lisa Vartanian, PhD, some teens take random pills at parties for fun. According to the National Institute of Health, an estimated 20% of the population took medicines for nonmedical use resulting in an “epidemic of nonmedical prescription opioid use.” OxyContin and Vicodin are opioids; Oxy has been called legal heroin. Addiction is not the only concern with drugs, those prescribed and illegal. Drug-related unintentional overdose is the second leading cause of unintentional death in the U.S. after motor vehicles.

Speaking of motor vehicle accidents, Cinco de Mayo was Sunday and prom – another drinking occasion – is approaching. Parents,

here’s your chance to talk to your kids about not driving buzzed or driving with someone who has been drinking. According to 2011 CA Healthy Kids Survey, 35% of Rosemont seventh graders were driven by someone who had been drinking. Just three Fridays ago, three eighth grade girls and I came upon an LAPD DUI check-point. The officers teased them.

“This one’s trouble!” “Are you girls staying safe?” “Let me see your license.” They loved the attention; afterwards we talked about why you don’t turn away (as illustrated by broadcaster Al Michaels), and why you don’t drink and drive.

You and your children (and their friends) share your liquor and medicine cabinets. Until they are of legal age, use of both is under your control. Discuss drugged and drunk driving with your children and their friends. Include their parents in the conversation. Please keep your family, and mine, safe.

P.S. Read about prescription drug abuse in the NFL at http://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/redskins/pain-and-pain-management-in-nfl-spawn-a-culture-of-prescription-drug-use-and-abuse/2013/04/13/3b36f4de-a1e9-11e2-bd52-614156372695_story.html.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is Councilman Really Wanted?

I believe that Zareh Sinanyan should face a recall election. His amorphous statements about whether or not he wrote those bigoted and all-around crude comments, and his accusation of a smear campaign orchestrated by councilperson Laura Friedman, misled the voters of Glendale (especially those who knew how easy it is to impersonate someone online). Many of the people who voted for him may have done so believing that he did not write those comments, a belief that would be shattered mere weeks after the election when he admitted to writing them. Considering how he only won by 356 votes, his election may have been won by his dishonesty. Now that the truth is out, I think that the people of Glendale deserve the opportunity to decide if they really want Mr. Sinanyan on the City Council.

*Morgan Nrykkyyn
Glendale*

Prompt Recall Urged

It was with great revulsion that I read the article about Glendale City Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan’s detestable religious, racist, and sexist slurs and his subsequent attempts to deny his comments to avoid blame. Unfortunately, the article failed to report where the comments appeared(!) but, regardless, his actions are deplorable. Especially in a week when the Armenian community raises our consciousness to the atrocities of the Genocide during World War I and subsequently, I find it shocking that Mr. Sinanyan can still have any supporters. I look forward to his prompt recall.

Thankfully, the [April 25] paper also included an article about the fitting recognition of Cheryl Davis’ untiring work for our community. I have witnessed Cheryl in action on a number of occasions and, personally, I find her to be a role model in terms of her courtesy, sincerity, decorum, fair-mindedness, and leadership.

I am reminded of Deepak Chopra’s words, “Enlightened leadership...is the domain of awareness where we experience values like truth, goodness, beauty, love and compassion...”

Thank you, Cheryl, for your enlightened leadership.

*Madeleine Tormey McBride
La Crescenta*

Agrees with Chase

Jim [Chase], you nailed it! I bet in the long run you are going to catch the devil for that column (“Let’s Ban Pressure Cookers,” My Thoughts Exactly, April 25).

Your column made me think about all of the deadly weapons I have. Let’s see. There is the gun of course, the pressure cooker, two cars, two hammers, some Pentel .5mm pencils and large plastic trash bags just for starters. I would not dare put in print what the last two can do. Let us just say that the U.S. Army taught millions of us how to be creative.

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The point that few will point out is that honest people would not think of committing mayhem. If we just had one thing and only one thing in this world, there would be no problems. What we really need are honest, law abiding criminals. If criminals obeyed the laws this would be a easy place to live. The mad man at Sandy Hook broke about 41 laws in carrying out his rampage. Our elected representatives seem to think that the 42nd law will stop such behavior for all time. Silly folks. The first 10 laws given to Moses should have prevented all of this.

Keep it up. I really look forward to each week's column.

Tom Suter
La Crescenta

Having served in the military for our country for many years, I have seen many covert strategies used to deceive the enemy. The gun control measures that some of our legislatures are currently trying to put into place reeks of a strategically planned operation to disarm the American public and I am praying to God that they do not fall for it.

The amount of anti-gun propaganda is part of the strategy and it turns my stomach. They are attempting to gain a broad agreement through any means they can to convince us that we need to “get rid of the guns.”

The 2nd Amendment was put into place for future self-preservation, mainly to protect the people from oppressive government that was out of control and acting against the peoples' best interest.

Statistics compiled from FBI, Centers for Disease Control and the federal government show that yearly

in the U.S., tobacco is the leading cause of death. Medical errors are second with 195,000 per year. The ninth and 10th [reasons] listed are homicides with non-fire-arm related coming in ninth (16,799) and 10th, firearm related ones coming in last at (11,493.)

I suspect ulterior motives in the push for gun-control. Even Senator Rand Paul says the gun legislation being proposed by Senator Feinstein will be the end of our 2nd Amendment. When people can no longer protect themselves, they become in essence, “sitting ducks.”

Lastly, I think it would be prudent of us to recall what happened after gun control was implemented in Germany in 1938: from 1939 to 1945, 13 million Jews and others who were no longer able to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated. We as Americans should not be so foolish as to think this couldn't happen here.

Speak out, Americans!

Alex Conwin
La Crescenta

Recently Sheriff Baca has been the target of the Left Angeles Times to the extent that it is obvious they have an agenda. What doesn't get reported are the ground-breaking programs which the Sheriff has initiated and continues to develop. He has established over 30 advisory councils which consist of different ethnic and religious groups that advise him on issues which pertain to their particular community. Through this sharing of information, the Sheriff is able to relay new laws and policing techniques which might directly impact various diverse groups. In return, these groups provide feedback on how the Sheriff's

Department can better serve their community.

Sheriff Baca also implemented a jail education program which teaches inmates life skills in the hopes of reducing recidivism. This program, Education Based Incarceration, has become a nation-wide model for progressive leaders of law enforcement.

These are only a couple examples of the dozens of programs Sheriff Baca has championed which no other law enforcement official has been willing to tackle.

Oh yeah, let's not forget that crime is at historic low levels! Personally I am looking forward to Lee Baca's leadership for as long as he wants the job.

Mike Leum, Assistant Director
Reserve Chief, Search and Rescue
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I wonder if others in the local community are beginning to feel a bit apprehensive about how development at the end of Deeppass Road, above Whiting Woods, is progressing. It is beginning to look like it will fail to adhere to Section 30.11.040 of the Glendale Municipal Code.

The code states that “property on steep slopes shall take into account the visual impact on surrounding properties” and “development shall be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood in terms of size, scale, mass/bulk, roofline orientation and setbacks.”

Even in its current state, with the relatively natural color of wood framing visible, the structures can be seen throughout the surrounding community. For the many in the

community whose appreciation of the Verdugo Mountains extends to venturing into them for a pleasant hike, the structures now completely dominate the hillside.

No other property in the surrounding neighborhood comes remotely close to having the enormous visual impact this property is beginning to exhibit. It appears that, when complete, this development will utterly dominate and define the view above Whiting Woods and the Verdugo Mountains as seen from the valley community below.

I realize that construction is ongoing but perhaps it's time to revisit what plans are in place for minimizing the visual impact to the surrounding community, as per Section 30.11.040 of the Glendale Municipal Code, once development is completed. I am aware of previous plans for development some years ago and the compromises that were made, however, the current municipal code should still stand in letter and in spirit.

Thanks for taking the time to read about my concern and, perhaps, a concern shared by others in the community.

Michael Davies
La Crescenta

I wanted to comment on a recent article that was submitted by Suzy Jacobs, written by Lisa Vartanian, Ph.D., MFT, assistant professor psychology/addiction studies at East Los Angeles College. Suzy is the executive director of the Crescenta Valley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition (CVDAPC) and the article covered the dangers of prescription medications and how they are being abused, especially by teens.

I have been involved in drug education for many years as a volunteer and can vouch for the effectiveness of educating young people on the dangers of drugs. There is no way that a parent can protect their children 100% of the time against these dangers, but giving kids a solid, realistic understanding of what the drugs can actually do to them can be a life saving endeavor.

One of the solutions proposed was to remove the temptation for teens by having members of the community utilize the periodic National Prescription Drug Take Back events whereby unused or old prescriptions can be disposed of via the different outlets set up around town.

I worked as a volunteer at one of these events last year and was amazed at how many people appreciated the service. We had boxes filled with unwanted drugs. We also conducted surveys relating to drug problems in the community and handed out drug education booklets.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioid pain relievers, (the category that includes Oxycodone and Hydrocodone) caused 14,800 overdose deaths in the year 2008 alone.

I surveyed a few fireman one day while at the local Coffee Bean and asked them what drugs were the most common ones they dealt with on emergency calls. With no hesitation, they said overdoses of Vicodan and OxyContin.

I cannot advocate highly enough the importance of educating young people on the dangers of these drugs and am glad there are groups out there like CVDAPC to help.

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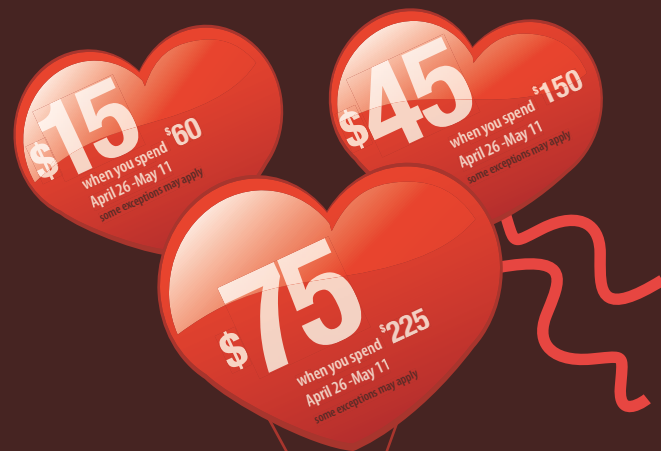
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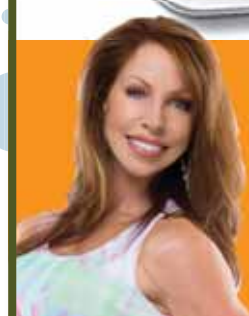
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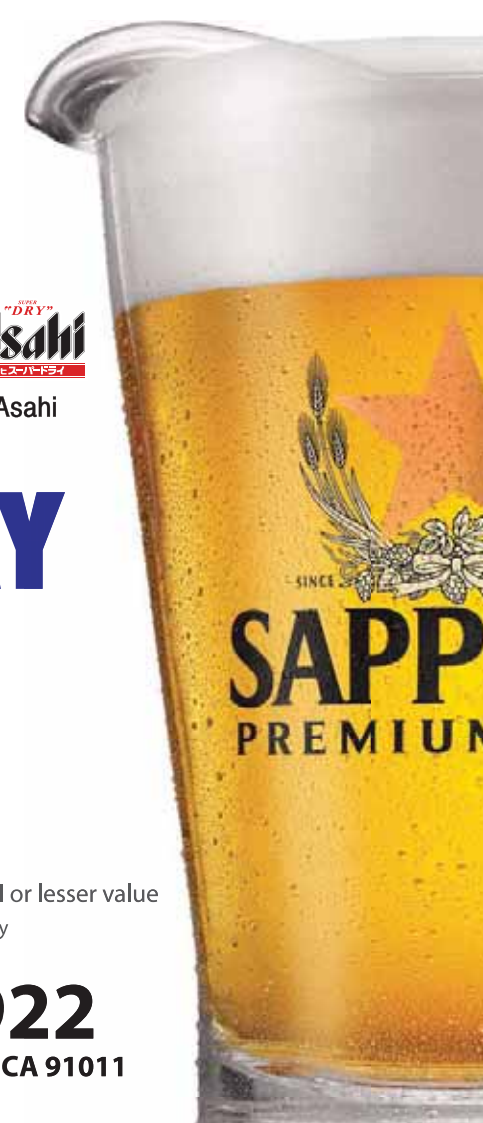
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Martos-Repath Named to ‘Dean’s List’

By Aimee YEGHIAYAN

“From the L.A. Regional, team 589, Isabel Martos-Repath!”

Those are words CVHS junior Isabel Martos-Repath never thought she would hear spoken at the annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) championships in St. Louis on April 26-27. From hundreds of students, Martos-Repath was selected as one of 10 winners of

the Dean’s List Award, given to students who exemplify FIRST ideals and principles and show a commitment to the program.

For Martos-Repath, the journey began weeks earlier when she was chosen as one of two finalists at the Los Angeles Regional competition on March 22-23 where a stadium of robotics students, mentors, families and volunteers let out a roar of applause for her. She beat out students from all over the world competing for the award.

Her commitment to her team and to her community shone through in the essay written about her, telling the judges that she would be the perfect one to receive this prestigious award.

FIRST is a program designed to interest students in all aspects of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). FRC, the high school level Martos-Repath competes in, gives students six weeks to create, design, and build a robot to complete a task. This year, the robot had to shoot Frisbees and climb a pyramid.

In FLL – FIRST Lego League – as a Girl Scout broadened Martos-Repath’s love of engineering. She carried that love into high school, joining the Falcons her freshman year and diving right into working on an arm for the robot, a necessary part of that year’s game. The next year, Martos-Repath was the only girl who was part of the welding team, in addition to being part of the pneumatics and business groups.

After the build season of her sophomore year, Martos-Repath started a team with eight Girl Scouts. She hoped to attract girls to engineering and doubled her FLL efforts in the fall by leading two all girl teams in addition to mentoring other teams.

This year, as robot captain, Martos-Repath helped create one of the designs for the robot, working with pneumatics to get the job done. She also traveled after the build season to Madera, Calif. with a few members and mentors of the team, including her mother Lyn Repath-Martos, to volunteer as part of the field reset at a different robotics competition.

In addition to her involvement

with robotics, she also is a member of the CV track team as a pole vaulter, and continues to be involved with her Girl Scout troop and working on her Gold Award.

Martos-Repath was joined in St. Louis by one of her best friends, Heather Abrams, as well as judge Mark Abrams and Lyn.

Along with the recognition of being a recipient of the Dean’s List Award, named for Dean Kamen, creator of FIRST and the Segway, Martos-Repath received a unique trophy; a written recommendation from FIRST leadership to the college(s) or employer(s) of her choice; a credit towards the CVHS Falcon’s 2014 registration fee; a commemorative plaque for the CVHS Hall of Fame; an invitation for her and a chaperone to attend an expenses paid FIRST Dean’s List Award Summit at FIRST headquarters in Manchester, New Hampshire; and the opportunity to work with all members of the FIRST Dean’s List and FIRST leaders to advance the mission of FIRST.

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Students at Rosemont Middle School had the chance recently to learn what life was like during the days of the Civil War. Each year, the middle school field is transformed into a Civil War historical site. The annual event gives eighth grade students the chance to roam among stations set up to teach what life was like in the United States in the early

to mid-1800s.

Students were taught that the Civil War cost the nation millions of lives and dollars and literally tore the country apart.

The tradition of recreating scenes from the Civil War was started by history teachers Lynn McGinnis and Christine Collins-Cross as a way to bring history to life for their students.

This year’s stations included a marching lesson, music from the era performed by the Rosemont Music Dept., the retelling of a soldier’s story that included the firing of a musket, and a reenactment of that fateful day on April 14, 1865 when John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln.

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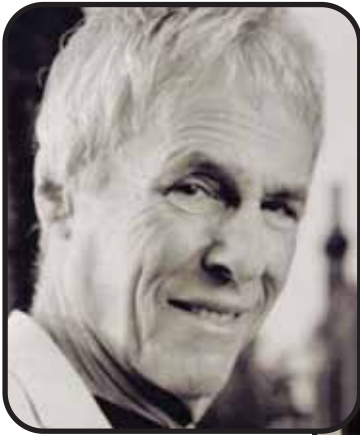


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SPORTS

Falcons to Recognize Seniors, Face Rival Arcadia

By Brandon HENSLEY

Today on the softball field of Crescenta Valley High School, one thing will happen for sure: the Lady Falcons will recognize their seniors at home plate in the last regular season home game they'll ever play.

One other thing might also happen: they could secure second place in the Pacific League, thereby increasing the chances of hosting a playoff game next week.

To do that, though, CV will need to beat the Arcadia Apaches, and that won't be easy. Arcadia shut down the Falcons last month in a 4-0 win at the Apaches' field.

Burbank has already locked up a league title, but CV and Burroughs are tied with identical 10-3 records.

"I don't think we have to play spectacular to win. If they simply complete the fundamentals, they'll be fine," said CV Coach Mark Samford about today's game, which is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. "They have some good hitters who are going to put the ball in play, and we have to take care of our [defense]."

Samford feels that way because his team is playing up to its capabilities as the season comes to a close. The Falcons, who are 14-9-1 overall, were handled by Burbank this year – the combined score of the games was 19-3 – but showed resilience after those losses.

They swept the season series from the Burroughs Indians last week and have since taken care of business against Pasadena (a 16-0 win last Friday) and Glendale (12-0 win on Wednesday).

"I think we're just kind of maturing into softball players, not just athletes," said Samford.

CV scored 11 runs in the second inning on Wednesday, and then in the third Tiffany Briscoe blasted a home run to dead centerfield for the last run of the game, which was called after five innings due to the mercy rule.

It was a much easier victory than the last time they played the Nitros, a 7-4 victory in windy conditions at GHS.

Samford said starting pitcher

Olivia Thayer was excellent in this outing, and that she kept herself ahead of hitters in the count, something he'd been preaching to her all year.

He also had kind words for the patience of his hitters, which has not always been the case.

"Our hitters are embracing being patient at the plate," he said. "I think it's making a huge difference. We're talking about, 'It's okay to take a strike, maybe two.'"

If CV loses today, that makes things more interesting. It would mean the Falcons and Apaches would have four losses in league, and if Burroughs somehow beats Burbank today, the Indians get second. If not, they'll have four losses as well, and that means the CIF will have some sorting out to do before announcing playoff seedings and matchups this weekend.

Even if the Falcons beat Arcadia, it won't automatically mean a home playoff game, just a higher seed for the Division III brackets.

"A home game is not a done deal, I don't think ... I don't know the mysteries the CIF holds," said Samford.



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ABOVE: CV's Jordan Green is tagged out at third during CV High School's varsity softball game against Glendale.

RIGHT: CV's Riane Garcia steals second.

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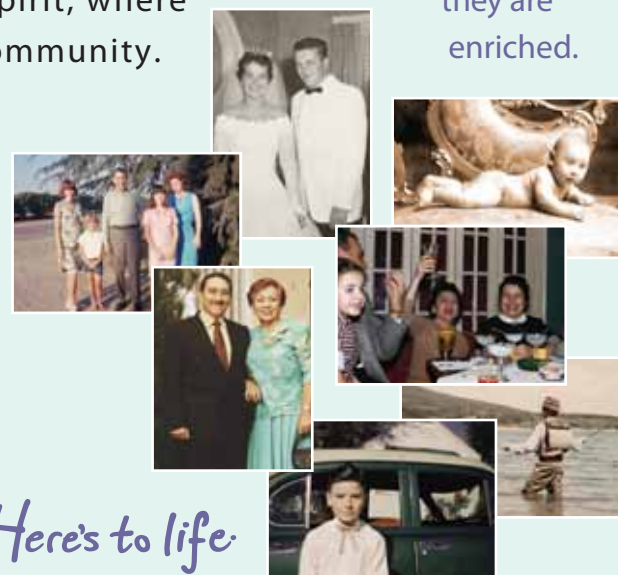
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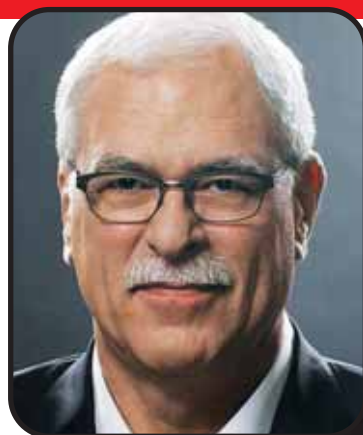
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Baseball Goes for Second Straight League Title

By Brandon HENSLEY

One more win and the Falcons’ boys baseball team has itself another Pacific League championship.

The Falcons were able to hold down Pasadena High School last Friday, and easily took care of Glendale Tuesday afternoon at GHS to put them in the position they has hoped for all season long: win and they’re league champs.

CV enters Friday’s game vs. Arcadia 11-2 in league (19-7 overall), tied with the Burbank Bulldogs, though CV swept Burbank this season. Burroughs and Arcadia are tied for third with 10-3 records. It’s been that close for most of the season.

After CV lost to Arcadia 3-2 on April 19, the team has rattled off six straight wins, including back-to-back victories over Burbank and Burroughs. It was pretty much the only option for CV if it wanted the championship.

“We didn’t feel the pressure,” said junior Bryan Wang. “We just

went out there and played. It was a really fun week.”

On Fan Appreciation Night last Friday, the Falcons trailed 1-0 after one inning against Pasadena, but things changed in the second when they scored five runs off of pitcher Patrick Saucedo, including two-run doubles by both Joe Torres and Michael Russo.

Pasadena got some runs back on shaky infield defense by CV, but the Falcons held on for a 7-3 win.

“All the teams are competing this year,” said Wang. “Even Pasadena has some good players. It’s been crazy in league.”

The Falcons beat Glendale 8-0 on Tuesday. CV put up two runs in the first inning, and three runs each in the third and fourth. The Falcons’ pitching staff, led by starter Wang, held the Nitros scoreless. Glendale committed five errors.

If not for the close loss to Arcadia, things might be a little better for CV heading into Friday. Wang said the team is focused on Arcadia this week, not the last time they played.

“I don’t think so. It just makes us want to work harder to want to beat them and win league,” he said.

Wang pitched his freshman year, but not last season. CV was

stacked with good arms in 2012 with Elliot Surrey, Kyle Murray, Troy Mulcahey and Cole Currie.

But three of those guys graduated, and Currie left the team earlier this season to focus on basketball. Now Wang is back on the mound, this time with Ted Boeke, Jonny Psaltis and Brian Gadsby.

CV’s pitching hasn’t given up more than three runs in its last nine games.

“That was the thing about losing all those starting pitchers,” Wang said. “We didn’t know what our rotation as going to be, and Jonny and Ted and especially Brian stepped up. They’ve been pitching amazing.”

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CV Runners Head for CIF Prelims

By Leonard COUTIN

The Pacific League track and field finals got underway in Arcadia Friday despite the closure of the Ventura (134) and Glendale (2) freeways due to the nearby fires. The Crescenta Valley High School Falcons have been working all year and when they took the field on Friday, the athletes were determined to have a good showing.

The girls’ 4x100 relay qualified in third position (49.84) behind Arcadia (48.80) and Pasadena (49.18).

In the high jump, the Falcon girls took the top three positions. Emmie Walker remained the league champion, jumping 5’03 with teammate Grace Keller placing second (4’11) and Emily Beglarian third (4’11).

Senior Noel Wong had her personal best jump and won the girls varsity long jump (16’8.50) with Arcadia’s Caira Benton taking second (16’02.00) and Burbank’s Elizabeth Gevorkian placing third (15’05.00).

Senior Hannah Ruby came through with a great win in the 1600 running 5:21.57 with teammate Megan Melnyk capturing second (5:22.82) and Burroughs’ Gracia Innocentia taking third (5:23.12).

In the 800m, sophomore Melnyk won (2:19.36) in an all out race against Arcadia Apaches Glindyll Mancia who placed second (2:21.23) followed by Falcon Ruby (2:23.95).

Falcon Kayleigh Carrillo ran her personal best in the 400m dash, taking the win (57.26) against Apaches Kyra White (58.57) and Kayla Martil of Burbank (58.94). Carrillo then took second place in the 200m (26.13) behind Kyra White of Arcadia and Pasadena Camara Blount (26.81).

Sarah Lapides, who has been the lead varsity girl Falcon hurdler, qualified for third in the 100H (16.67) behind winner Racheal Richardson of Pasadena (15.83) and Muir’s Jordyn Davis-Scott in second (16:65).



Photos by Leonard COUTIN

Grace Keller in the high jump.

Falcon sophomore Haley Witzeman placed a strong second in the 3200 (11:34.6) behind Indian Innocentia who won at (11:22.3) and Leana Setian of Glendale who took third (11:34.8).

CV upset Arcadia in the girls 4x400 relay, winning the event in record time of (3:57.10) with the team of team Melnyk, Walker, Carillo and Courtney Iannelo while Arcadia placed second (4:04.15) and Burbank took third (4:15.42).

Falcon senior David Shahmanyan qualified in the 110HH by placing second (15.90) behind Arcadia Victor Cheung (15:90) and ahead of Burbank senior Dennis Palacio (15:92).

Nick Beatty captured second in the 1600 with a personal best time of 4:21.27 behind Arcadia Philip Rocha (4:20.15) and ahead of Hoover’s Kenneth Trejo (4:23.44). Beatty returned later to win the 800m (1:58.12) in front of Burbank’s Arsen Mkrtchyan in second (1:58.69) and Falcon Matt Manalo in third (1:59.41).

CV’s Gabe Collison, who concentrated solely on the 3200m, won that contest running ahead

of the pack (9:30.51), with second being handed to Bernie Corea of Burbank (9:39.00) and third taken by Rocha (9:40.33).

The Falcon boys’ team of Shahmanyan, Beatty, Alex Damla and Matt Manalo won second in the 4x400 relay in a time of 3:26.64 behind winner Arcadia (3:24.04). Burbank took third (3:29.34).

Coach Evans said he was “very happy with overall results.”

“We competed very well. We have a number of athletes who are capable of moving on from prelims into finals. I believe we are running our best right now and will do well in prelims.”

The Falcon frosh-soph girls and boy teams also performed well. Rebecca Mencia, won both her races in the 1600 (5:36.91) and 3200m (11:48.05) and Kyle Dickerson won the 800m (2:08.49).

The CIF prelims for Division 1 will be held at Trabuco High School in Mission Viejo on Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. for field events. Note that Muir and Pasadena move to another division to compete.

» ROSEMONT FLAG FOOTBALL

Spartans Keep On Winning

By Alex DUPLESSIS

The Rosemont Spartans flag football team took to the field to face Roosevelt Middle School on May 2, looking to extend its hot streak on a day when the heat reached into the mid-90s – and they did just that with a 12-6 victory over the Rough Riders.

With the victory over Roosevelt (2-3), Rosemont has clinched the top spot in its league with a record of 4-1 on the season.

Roosevelt looked out of sorts from the game’s onset. The first two plays resulted in a fumbled snap (which is a loss of down in flag football), a sack and a holding penalty. Facing a third and long, Roosevelt QB Carlos Herrera tossed a desperation pass into coverage that was intercepted by Alex Stepanian.

The Spartans capitalized off the turnover just a few plays later with a long catch-and-run hook-up from quarterback Tyler Hill to receiver Monte Kesheshian. Rosemont held a 6-0 lead following a failed conversion attempt and that’s where the score remained heading into halftime as neither team was able to string together another scoring drive.

After a couple of three-and-outs by both squads to start the second half, Hill again looked downfield and connected with his favorite target, Kesheshian, for another long TD toss. With a 12-0 lead heading into the fourth quarter, Rosemont seemed to have the game all locked up, but that wouldn’t stop Herrera and company from trying to mount a comeback.

The Rough Riders kicked off the fourth quarter with a long TD drive highlighted by numerous long third-down conversions and an impressive display of elusiveness from quarterback Carlos Herrera. With the score, the Rough Riders found themselves only six points away from a tie game.

Following a Rosemont three-and-out on the ensuing drive, Herrera drove the Rough Riders all the way down inside Rosemont’s 20-yard line with mere seconds left in the game. But that’s as close as they’d get as Rosemont’s defense snuffed any hopes of a comeback with two consecutive sacks.

Last season, there was a postseason game that decided which middle school had the best team. This season, if Rosemont wins its final game Head Coach James Mustain doesn’t feel like there is need for a postseason decision maker.

“With a win this week, that would make us 5-1, another team 3-3, and two other teams 2-4,” said Mustain. “Based on that scenario... I would hope that we’d be done... but I’m not sure what the other coaches would want to do in that case.”

One thing is for sure: through five games the Spartans have definitely shown their mettle.

“They continue to learn and we don’t have to coach effort,” said Mustain. “[We’re] very proud of this group and the strides they have taken to be their best.”

Rosemont will play their last scheduled game against Toll Middle School today at 3:30 p.m. at Rosemont.



Photos by Jason BALLARD

ABOVE: Tyler Hill (12) makes a move against Roosevelt defenders.

BELOW: Austin Lee tries to break free.



» CSA GAME OF THE WEEK

Kiwanis vs LRM – The Bronco Battle for Third

Going into the last round of games before the playoffs begin, four of the six playoff seeds were set in CSA’s Bronco Division. Of the three Bronco level games contested on May 4 at Montrose Community Park, only one had impact on playoff seeding: Kiwanis vs LRM. Whichever team prevailed would claim the No.3 seed, with their opponent claiming the less advantageous No. 4 seed.

LRM’s starting pitcher Roy Choe started in typically fine form, fanning the Kiwanis’ lead off batter. Hitting in the No. 2 slot, Kagen Christoph reached first on a tightly contested fly to short right center. Successfully stealing against LRM’s ace catcher Chad Ruf’s strong arm, he scored the Kiwanis’ only run in the opening frame on Anthony Cabrera’s hard shot to left.

Seeking to recoup what he had so grudgingly given up, Choe led off LRM’s counter attack. On the second pitch from Kiwanis’ Eli Weber, Choe knocked a rocket blast to the left field fence. In light of “Da Bullet’s” well-known and impressive speed on the bases, Choe scored an easy home run despite a fine defensive effort by the Kiwanis outfield relay. An easy romp for Choe, few others on the field – on either team – would have been able to match his pace.

Struggling against LRM’s desperate offensive onslaught, the Kiwanis managed to barely prevent LRM from batting around, but controlled the damage by only allowing two additional runs.

Both teams settled in for a back and forth battle with each conceding only two runs apiece in the second frame, highlighted by the only double play of the game. After Nathaniel Burke’s triple, LRM’s Tyler Lobianco reached after getting plunked. Advancing to third on Choe’s triple, LRM had two runners in scoring position, and threatened to break the game open with power hitter Mason Van Kempen at the plate.

As all who face him fear, Van Kempen promptly punched the ball high in the air to center, only to have it plucked in flight by the sure glove of Nick Lopes, who quickly relayed it back to pitcher Weber. Weber quickly tossed the ball to third, catching Lobianco off guard, and off base, for the second out.

With the game favoring LRM by the slim margin of two runs, Kiwanis began their own onslaught. Weber quickly demonstrated that Choe wasn’t the only pitcher in the game with the power to score on his own hit, crushing Choe’s 2-1 pitch to deep center for his own home run. In the middle of each going three-for-three on the afternoon, Cabrera and Luke Weingarten scored, with Lopes driving in Will Johnstone for a fourth run of the inning.

At the top of the fourth, both teams brought in their closers:

LRM’s Nathaniel Burke and the Kiwanis’ David Sanchez. Each was more than effective, clearly demonstrating in different fashion why they have earned their titles. Each gave up only two runs apiece over their two innings on the mound. Burke’s nasty penchant for giving up only soft ground balls earned his infielders multiple easy plays, which they took advantage of for equally easy outs.

Sanchez, the Kiwanis’ fireball change of pace pitcher, highlighted his afternoon by quickly picking off LRM’s Max Haire at second with his toss to shortstop Luke Weingarten for the Kiwanis’ final defensive out of the afternoon.

Given the back and forth of the scoring and the fine defensive play of both teams, the game showed the grit of all players with Kiwanis squeezing out a one run victory and securing the more advantageous seed for the upcoming playoffs.

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Luke Weingarten slides into second ahead of the throw in the third inning. Mason Van Kempen and Roy Choe defending.

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CVVH veterinarian Keri Franco DVM with open house visitors fourth grader Solange and sister Sharleese Euredjian with (standing) veterinarian Thomas Black DVM.

By Natalie MAIER

The Crescenta Valley Veterinary Hospital (CVVH) in La Crescenta had its fourth annual client appreciation open house on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The hospital invited clients to visit and to learn about some of the equipment used for treating pets. It was a relaxed and informal setting for clients to meet and talk with the hospital's staff members and veterinarians. Raffle tickets were handed out and gift baskets, filled with dog treats and toys, were given away in the reception area as were goody-bags for the pets.

Nancy Black, director of CVVH, said that every year the number of people coming to the open house grows. This year about 70 people were in attendance.

"We want to give a little back to [our clients] since they are the reason we're here," said Black. "We want to acknowledge them for taking such good care of their pets."

One of the veterinarians, Thomas Black, DVM, who is Nancy's husband, said that the open house was a great way to build personal relationships with their clients and to give them a chance to see first-hand a what goes on at the hospital. He added that many of the clients are interested in the different machines and equipment used to treat their pets.

"[The open house] is a fun time for everyone," Thomas said.

Vet assistant Marc Wells agreed with Black, adding that for the clients seeing the different machines "takes away the mystery and makes

them feel more comfortable."

For 10 years, La Crescenta resident Pat Swain has been bringing her two dogs to CVVH. She said that she came to the open house because she finds it interesting and she also wanted to show her support for the hospital.

Monica Euredjian attended with her 2-year-old poodle Dantes and her two daughters. Euredjian was enthusiastic in her praise of how Thomas has treated Dantes. She added that the customer service at the hospital was "excellent" and that the staff members continually exceed expectations.

Euredjian's two daughters, ages 8 and 9, were particularly interested in the X-ray machine. Euredjian said that bringing them to the open house was a great learning experience for them.

Prepare For the Future Palooza 2013

A "Prepare for the Future Palooza" for the Crescenta Valley and Glendale communities will take place on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. It is hosted by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregations from La Crescenta, La Cañada, Glendale, Sunland and Tujunga.

The "Prepare For the Future Palooza" will have over 20 booths and will include extensive information, demonstrations and exhibits in four main areas: emergency preparation, financial resources, food and home storage, and food samples.

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The "Prepare for the Future Palooza" is free and open to everyone, including children of all ages. It will take place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4550 Raymond Avenue in La Crescenta. This is directly behind Ralph's grocery store near the corner of Rosemont and Foothill in La Crescenta.

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SCO Plans Fundraiser

By Ted AYALA

The Santa Cecilia Orchestra will cap off its 20th anniversary with a fundraiser at the Eagle Rock Center for the Arts on Saturday, May 11.

Sonia Marie de León de Vega, the orchestra's music director, will be joining members of the orchestra for an evening of wine and light appetizers. A chamber music recital performed by members of the orchestra's strings will follow; desserts and a silent auction close the night.

Maestra de León de Vega will also be discussing music and the orchestra's various programs, including its Discovering Music Program which has been praised across

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The Eagle Rock Center for the Arts is located at 2225 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles. Event begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$75 each and can be obtained by calling the orchestra directly at (323) 259-3011 or by going online to www.scorchestra.org.



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Hoard Named 'Outstanding'

By Natalie MAIER

Fifth grade Sunland Elementary school teacher Susie Hoard was awarded Outstanding Member of Gamma Lambda 2013 at the Area IX Festival at the Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills in March.
For the past three years, Hoard has been the second vice president of Gamma Lambda, a local chapter consisting of about 30 local teachers in the GUSD and LAUSD, of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society an international teacher's sorority. She has helped to put on presentations and demonstrations for the group.
In 2010, Hoard was invited to participate at the Colonial

Williamsburg Institute and has gone back since as a mentor. She has used her hands-on experience in Williamsburg, Va. to teach her students about colonial America.
Dunsmore Elementary school teacher, friend and fellow Gamma Lambda society member Debbie Kramer praised Hoard on her abilities as a teacher.
"[Hoard] is a very dedicated teacher," Kramer said. "She goes above and beyond. She makes the lessons come alive for her kids. She's always enthusiastic and positive. She always has a smile on her face."
Hoard, her husband Kevin, and son Corey live in Montrose.



Natural Bodybuilding Goes Global

Adrian Pietrariu of West Coast Boot Camp knows that the sport of bodybuilding is not always associated with health. The popular image is of an over-muscled ripped body that looks like a comic book characters is, unfortunately, a look that only comes from taking steroids, to speed and enhance muscle growth enhancing chemicals which do not occur naturally in food. Pietrariu doesn't lift weights and build his impressive body to be the biggest guy in the world, he does it to promote health.
A long-time personal trainer and local fixture in the "boot camp" craze, Adrian is passionate about promoting health. He personally teaches his 5:30 am West Coast Boot Camp classes five days a week, rain or shine. He uses his often boyish sense of humor to motivate the tired and grumpy who have dragged themselves into the cold to start their day with a considerable outdoor sweat.

"Hate me now, love me later," is one of his many catch-phrases. Though most of clients are seeking weight loss, he has also trained grade school footballers, military cadets, and even a preschool-aged boy with developmental disabilities. Adrian knows more than how to teach the proper form of exercises, his true skill is motivating people to do far more exercise, and the correct exercise, than they would ever do going to the gym alone.
Adrian not only teaches good nutrition, his own diet is extremely clean, lean and protein packed as he works to build his own body bigger and stronger, earning a string of Natural Bodybuilding titles using a lot of food and a lot of discipline. His next goal is undoubtedly his biggest: to win the International Bodybuilding Association's world championship in Greece this July. For more information about West Coast Boot Camp please call Adrian at 818 731-7733.

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‘Iron Man 3’ Hits the Mark – and Beyond



By Charly SHELTON

“Iron Man” is the reason we have Marvel movies today. The success of the first Iron Man movie in 2008 led to the creation of all the other movies that played into The Avengers and beyond. The lackluster X-Men movies were popular but not enough to get the ball rolling on a Marvel Cinematic Universe, as were the Fantastic Four movies. And we don’t talk about the first Hulk movie. Let’s just pretend that one didn’t happen.

Marvel movies were looking bleak until “Iron Man,” so I am grateful to Robert Downey Jr., Jon Favreau and the rest of the team that made it happen and those who have joined on to keep it going this long. I preface my review with this because we may be looking at the end of the “Iron Man” series.

That’s not a spoiler from the movie. It is left wide open for anything to happen, with the comment, “Tony Stark will return” appearing at the end of the credits. But RDJ’s contract is up after “The Avengers 2,” and we don’t know whether he is going to sign a new one or move on. If he does move on, we don’t know if Kevin Feige, head of the Marvel Studios, will do what he has teased fans years ago – “James Bond the role,” bringing in another actor to don the Iron mantle and become Tony Stark for the next few films, maintaining the character (and the franchise) without having to reboot the series. Either way, this is a critical junction. If “Iron Man 3” does well, which it already has and I’m sure will continue to do so, that may sway the vote on whether or not we get an Iron Man movie in Phase 3 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe line of films. Also, this is a great film to see, regardless of box office figures.

This story, the third in the saga of the Armored Avenger, is where it all hits the fan. Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is anything but careful. He has been playing it fast and loose for years and it’s all about to catch up to him. He will learn that there are consequences to everything, regardless whether or not he remembers what he did. I know that is vague but to avoid spoilers it must be. When you see the movie (and I do expect you, Dear Reader, to heed my advice and rush out to see it as soon as you are done reading this article), you will

know that this all makes sense. Iron Man is at the end of his rope. After the events in New York (in “The Avengers” movie), Tony is a mess. He doesn’t sleep, he can’t focus on anything – he just tinkers with his suits. He has gone from Mark I armor built in the caves of the Ten Rings to every variation you can think of with each suit created for a specific use. He is now working on Mark 42, a suit that tracks his body and can fly onto him from anywhere.

Enter The Mandarin (Sir Ben Kingsley). Vengeance from the east to be visited upon America in the west is his only goal. He is destruction. And he is bombing America with a high tech bomb that leaves no casing or identifiable parts. The top tech mind in the world versus the highest tech bombs ever. And Tony is running on no sleep.

Yes, this description is a touch vague but everything happens so fast in this movie that if I say anymore, it will be giving it away. It’s a great movie with some awesome twists and turns, some great action sequences and some even cooler tech. I wish half of this tech existed now. It’s incredible. I want every single toy.

The film is released in 3D and IMAX, which is really cool. The 3D is, not surprising, not really necessary. It rarely is anymore. If you are willing to pay the upcharge for 3D, just pay a few bucks more and go IMAX 3D. The huge screen will really do the film justice like no other. But if you aren’t interested in the bells and whistles and only want to see it in 2D, it is still going to be a great movie.

I took my girlfriend to see it and she actually enjoyed it. She hates comic books, super heroes and anything else fun. But she enjoyed this movie because not only is it cool to see Iron Man kick some Mandarin butt with Iron Patriot by his side, but it is a character-driven film that really lets you into Tony’s world. You get to know him as a person, not just as an Iron helmet. (I’m sorry, fellow nerds. I know it isn’t actually made of iron, rather a titanium alloy. Why it isn’t made of adamantium or Uru metal yet I don’t know. The iron helmet is meant as an allegory.)

I love this movie. I have seen it twice already and I’m going to see it at least three or four more times in theaters.

Rated PG-13, I give this movie 5 out of 5 stars.

LACC in Mixed Program of Britten, Folk and Popular Songs

By Ted AYALA

It may have been overcast and pouring outside Pasadena’s Presbyterian Church on Sunday night, but the verdant tones of the Los Angeles Children’s Chorus defied the stormy weather with a program that was fragrant with spring blossoms.

The music of Benjamin Britten figured prominently in a program that spanned Baroque music, Canadian folk music, bossa nova and even the Disney film scores of Richard and Robert Sherman.

Selections from the English composer’s Friday Afternoons and Missa Brevis were given interpretations that matched youthful vulnerability with mature poise and technique. The strange, quiet, solemn power of the “Benedictus” from the Missa Brevis was dispatched with enviable fluency and breadth of expression by the chorus’s chamber singers, comprised solely of young women in their late teens.

The young children, too, displayed their craft in an attractive light with an arrangement of

Tchaikovsky’s “Spring Song” and two brief excerpts from Friday Afternoons: “Cuckoo!” and “Begone, Dull Care.”

Surl Glick’s Hebraic-tinged setting of the Psalm 23 was given a potently expressive reading by the group’s Concert Choir, whose members are children in their early teens.

A handful of instrumentalists – Catherine del Russo (oboe), Maurice Grants (cello), Lisa Gass (bass), Bob Fernandez (percussion), and Bill Schmidt (organ) – joined the chorus, burnishing the refined music-making with their own stylish technique. The chorus’ piano accompanists, Mitsuko Morikawa and Twyla Meyer, played with great sensitivity and wit.

The start of the program began in arresting fashion with the Renaissance-era chorale “Betty Bertaux,” dispatched in antiphonal style, with the different members of the chorus coming together from different parts of the venue. Their voices, displaying great pliancy and precision, easily confirmed that the group is among the very best of its kind anywhere.

Pacific Serenades Closes Season with Haydn, Gernot Wolfgang, and Smetana

By Ted AYALA

In the early 20th century, with the film industry not yet out of its infancy, composers for the silver screen drew from concert music and opera to light their way as they charted new modes of expression. Things have come full circle since those days, as the latest Gernot Wolfgang chamber work proved. His String Theory for string quartet – a commission from Pacific Serenades, which performed the piece on Sunday at Pasadena’s Neighborhood Church – owes as much to composers from mid-20th century Hollywood as it does to some of that era’s classical music icons.

The work’s four compact movements was a bubbling cauldron of Honegger, Bartók, and the Bernard Herrmann of “Psycho” – all of it fused together by Wolfgang’s quirky voice.

Equally eclectic were the diverse titles and inspirations of each of String Theory’s movements. The Bartók of the Fifth and Sixth String Quartets was never far from the

snap pizzicato spangled opening movement, named after the Hungarian composer. The inner movements, dubbed “Cartwheels” and “Northern Lights,” teemed respectively with frenetic movement and eerie spectral sonorities.” Nashville,” which served as the piece’s rollicking finale, was according to the composer, rooted in his love of the eponymous television series. Yet there was a whiff of the Grand Ole Opry in the fiddle-like configurations that drove the music, albeit of a kind of country music reimagined, perhaps, by Ernst Krenek.

Bracketing the Wolfgang piece were quartets by Franz Josef Haydn and Bedrich Smetana, both enjoying readings of deep sensitivity and warmth.

Especially revealing was the Pacific Serenades quartet’s rendering of the Haydn quartet, the B minor one from his Opus 64 set. “Papa Haydn” sometimes tends to get lost in the shadow of Mozart, his career considered only as a kind of footnote to the younger composer’s.

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Now » This retail building was built here about a decade ago. Today Wells Fargo has one half of the space and Verizon the other. Wells Fargo Bank likes to put local historical photo murals on their interior walls. This particular one has a few images of early La Crescenta, and the Montrose branch features early Montrose photos.

The Best Environment in the World

Local author offers reflection on a time well spent.

By Tyler BIDDLE

“How did a California boy like me end up in this crazy, topsy-turvy, upside-down world of Indonesia?” writes Paul Burghdorf in his new memoir, “Good Morning, Mr. Paul.” The story is a look inside the most defining years in his life serving as a Peace Corps volunteer from 1963-65 in Indonesia.

The book details all the ups and downs of teaching at the University of Sriwidjaja and coaching Indonesian athletes to compete in the 1964 Olympics – all while living in a world very different from anything he had seen before.

Burghdorf served as a teacher for over 50 years in many different schools, but his classroom in Indonesia provided the most unique challenges – and stories. He described the time period of the book as “building up to a crescendo” with communist influence growing stronger during his stay and even threatening his life in many

instances. He said his story is a microcosm of “what the 60’s were all about, all this turmoil.”

It started with inspiration: “Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” Those immortal words challenged the nation during one of the most tumultuous time periods in American history. Freshly graduated from college, Burghdorf had a host of opportunities available to him. However, teaching at Pasadena Academy, working as the athletic director, and pursuing his master’s degree were all to be put on hold in favor of a much more exotic opportunity. Burghdorf took JFK’s challenge to heart and decided to leave the world of western safety and opportunity behind in favor of the road less traveled.

He would later be sent off to Indonesia, but not before shaking the hand of JFK himself in the White House Rose Garden, being thanked for what he was about to do for his country. The journey that followed provided all the adventure, inspiration, danger, comedy and near misses contained within, “Good Morning, Mr. Paul.”

What made this time in his

life so uniquely challenging, said Burghdorf, was largely the threat of communist takeover in Indonesia.

“I was unsure of my environment,” he recalled. The Communists branded western thought as divisive and dangerous. He remembered the day he was present at a huge bonfire for book burning. The crowd gathered in a circle around the flames chanting, “Down with America! Down with Western ideas!” It was one of the most terrifying ordeals of his life.

His students, however, proved to be solid allies during these rough patches. He recalls them warning him at times, “Mr. Paul, stay in. There is going to be a demonstration today.”

The memoir has been long overdue. Burghdorf has always had many fascinating stories to tell from his time working with Peace Corps but he never wrote them down. Over 40 years later, at the age of 73 and after a lifetime of students, friends, and family encouraging him to do so, he finally sat down in 2008 to make it happen. Burghdorf is no stranger to writing, though. He has been a published poet for decades, writing about war, family and life.

Over the years, Burghdorf has taught at Pasadena Academy, University of Serwidjaja in Indonesia, First Avenue Junior High, Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, St. Francis, Clark Magnet, Hoover and Glendale high schools. Most recently he returned to Indonesia in 2011 and 2013 to teach English at the Badung Alliance International School.

“The greatest environment in the world is a classroom,” he said. Now that he is done with his book, he is back yet again to look for more work as a teacher.

The book was launched recently at a gathering of peers, colleagues and friends at the English department of Glendale High School. Following the book’s launch, he spoke at an author’s night event at the Indonesian Consulate in West L.A.

“Good Morning, Mr. Paul” comes in at 150 pages and can be purchased at www.westbowpress.com, Amazon.com, Barnes and Nobel, and downloaded as an e-book. The pages glow with the incredible personality of the man who wrote them.



Burghdorf (at right) with President Kennedy.

Dining Delights

Souplantation

The newest Souplantation, located at 2921 Los Feliz Blvd. in the Costco Shopping Center in Atwater Village is now open! Souplantation offers a 45-foot salad bar full of fresh, seasonal vegetables and tossed salads, made-from-scratch soups and hand-crafted muffins, focaccia, breads and desserts.

Souplantation has a rotating menu of more than 100 original, made fresh daily recipes featuring signature salads, soups, bakery goods and hot pasta sauces, at an all-you-care-to-eat price. All food is prepared without the use of artificial flavors, colors, additives or artificial trans fats. A different food theme is featured each month and the most popular menu items are rotated every month. Menu items are showcased are prepared exhibition style every 20 minutes.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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May 6, 2013 - May 12, 2013

Think before you speak on Tuesday. Careless words could get you into trouble. Try not to sweat the small stuff on Wednesday. Remember that life doesn't always run smoothly. Plant a new seed when the New Moon Solar Eclipse occurs in Taurus on Thursday. It's a great time to rejuvenate your lifestyle. Romantic possibilities abound on Friday. Ask someone special for a date (or accept one). Good vibrations flow when the Moon conjuncts Jupiter on Sunday. Make yourself happy this weekend!

♈ ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
A colleague will play power games when the Moon in Aries squares Pluto on Monday. Maintain the upper hand by keeping your cool. A financial endeavor will show a profit on Tuesday. Save as well as spend the extra cash. A sibling will have good news on Thursday. This person will be in the mood to celebrate! You'll have to deal with the consequences of your actions on Saturday. Be prepared to apologize to a loved one.

♉ TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
Unfinished business may come your way on Monday. A former lover might want to rehash past issues. Your brain will overflow with new ideas on Tuesday. Write down your thoughts for future reference. You'll have a date with destiny when the Solar Eclipse takes place in Taurus on Thursday. Get ready to discover your true purpose in life. Enjoy yourself on Friday. Cast aside your worries and have a good time. A friend will do you a big favor on Sunday.

♊ GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
A new acquaintance could bounce into your life on Monday. This person will encourage you to pursue your dreams. The boss may pile projects on your desk on Wednesday. If you feel overwhelmed, ask a co-worker to take on some of the tasks. You'll sparkle with a special glow when Venus enters your sector of self on Thursday. It's a great time to update your image. Follow your sixth sense on Saturday. Your intuition will be on target this weekend.

♋ CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
Put on a happy face on Monday. Don't let another person's bad mood get you down. Your emotions may hit a fever pitch on Thursday. Postpone making a major decision until you feel calmer. Be discreet about your personal life on Saturday. A nosy neighbor might ask you questions that are nobody else's business. Say thank you to the Universe when your ruler Moon conjuncts Jupiter on Sunday. A cherished wish may come true.

♌ LEO *July 23 - August 22*
Shun the social scene on Monday. Spending time alone will restore your sense of well-being. Wanderlust may hit you on Tuesday. Pack a bag and explore an exotic destination. You might decide to look for a new job when the Solar Eclipse takes place in your career zone on Thursday. Consider all of your options before handing in your notice. A family member might need your help on Saturday. This person's needs will alter the plans you've made for the weekend.

♍ VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
Your mental power will activate when your ruler Mercury conjuncts Mars on Tuesday. Solving a complex problem will be a breeze! A lover will be in a very amorous mood on Wednesday. This person will be eager to share some intimate moments. The boss might ask you to work overtime on Friday. Be prepared to burn the midnight oil. You'll be tempted to test your limits on Saturday. Don't set the bar so high that you can't jump over it!

♎ LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
A financial deal might need to be renegotiated on Monday. Bring a calculator to the bargaining table. An energy shift will come your way when your ruler Venus enters Gemini on Thursday. You'll start to feel carefree and lighthearted. Your spiritual side will kick in on Friday. You might decide to join a new religious group. Frustration could be the name of your game on Saturday. A certain situation might not work out in your favor this weekend.

♏ SCORPIO *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*
Count your blessings on Monday. Banish any pessimistic thoughts from your mind. A colleague might ask you to be his or her business partner on Thursday. Consider all of the pros and cons before saying yes. A loved one might get on your nerves when the Moon is quincunx Saturn in Scorpio on Saturday. Strive to be tolerant when interacting with others. Create a new goal list on Sunday. Work toward the aspirations that suit the person you are now.

♐ SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
You'll be eager to take a risk on Monday. Don't walk on the high wire without a safety net! A financial endeavor will need your attention on Tuesday. Consider asking the advice of an economic expert. You'll have second thoughts regarding a certain matter on Thursday. Remember that it's OK to change your opinion. A wonderful new job opportunity could appear when the Sun conjuncts Mercury in your employment zone on Saturday. Pursue all new work prospects with enthusiasm.

♑ CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
Call on your compassionate side on Monday. A loved one will need a shoulder to lean on. Inspiration will be on tap when the Solar Eclipse occurs in your zone of creativity on Thursday. Pick up a paint brush and produce a work of art. Don't believe everything you hear on Saturday. An associate may deliberately whisper misinformation in your ear. Kiss a heavy burden goodbye on Sunday. A weight will finally be taken off your back this weekend.

♒ AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
You'll be easily distracted when the Moon conjuncts your ruler Uranus on Monday. Don't talk on the phone while you're driving. "Perception" will be your middle name on Tuesday. You'll easily discern the motives of others. You'll be eager to strut your stuff before the world on Thursday. Consider auditioning for a community theater production. A lover may question the depth of your commitment on Saturday. It might be wise to tell this person how you really feel.

♓ PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
You'll be envious of a friend's success on Monday. Don't compare yourself to others. You have special qualities all your own. You'll be determined on Wednesday. No obstacle will be allowed to stand in your way. Your agenda could change without warning when the Moon squares Neptune in Pisces on Saturday. Try to go with the flow in all circumstances. Unexpected good fortune will make you smile on Sunday. Say hello to Lady Luck this weekend!



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'TOSCA' SUBJECT OF TALK

On Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m., the Glendale Public Library will be hosting a talk on the opera "Tosca" by Puccini. The talk will be given by Los Angeles Opera Speakers' Bureau member Fred Hyatt. Admission is free. For further information, contact the Glendale Central Library at (818) 548-2027. Brand Library & Art Center is temporarily closed for renovation. Until the renovation is complete opera talks will be temporarily held at the Glendale Central Library 222 E. Harvard St., Glendale; call (818) 548-2027.

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA HISTORICAL HOME TOUR

Little Landers Historical Society announces the first Sunland-Tujunga community historical home tour in five years. On May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., five beautiful, historic and unique homes and Bolton Hall Museum will be open to ticketed home tour visitors. Two of the featured homes and Bolton Hall have achieved City of Los Angeles cultural heritage monument status. In addition to in-home visits to the featured locations, home tour visitors will receive a list of over one dozen other historic locations in our community that are available for drive-by viewing at any time. Home tour tickets will be available for purchase starting on April 13 for a \$20 per person pre-tour donation. Tickets will be placed on will-call for pick up at Bolton Hall on May 11 along with home location information and maps. Tickets purchased on the day of the tour will be \$25. Starting location is Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga. Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or www.littlelandershistoricalsociety.org or email littlelanders@verizon.net.

VHAA HOSTS GUEST ARTIST DEBORAH SWAN-MCDONALD

Deborah Swan-McDonald will be the demonstration artist at the Verdugo Hills Art Assn.'s May 10 meeting. The meeting takes place at the La Cañada Flintridge Community Center at 7 p.m. She will present a watercolor pour demonstration. This is for members and non-members. Swan-McDonald is a signature member of the

National Watercolor Society and a juried member of Watercolor West.

For more information on Verdugo Hills Art Assn. or on Swan-McDonald's demonstration, visit www.VerdugoArts.com.

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FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE EXHIBITS AT LITFEST PASADENA 2.0

On Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore and Coffeehouse is participating in Pasadena's second annual LitFest, a celebratory day of readings, performances, and panel discussions featuring well-known and upcoming California authors. There will also be hands-on activities, good food, better books, and family-friendly fun all aimed at promoting the literary arts.

Flintridge Bookstore will be answering questions all day about its Espresso Book Machine (EBM), which offers self-publishing and on demand print services. The bookstore is one of a handful of locations in California with this specialized machine that caters to authors interested in printing small runs of their titles, as well as to other bibliophiles searching for obscure, public domain and other titles not readily available through traditional outlets. LitFest attendees can enter a drawing to win free EBM Tier 1 self-publishing services. In addition, there will also be several author appearances.

For more information, call (818) 790-0717. Flintridge Bookstore and Coffeehouse is located at 1010 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge at the intersection of Foothill Blvd. and the Angeles Crest Highway.

TEA TIME AT LCWC JUNIORS

The La Crescenta Woman's Club Juniors will hold its Annual Spring Time Tea Party at the La Crescenta Woman's Club clubhouse at 4004

La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta on Saturday, May 11. Seating will begin at 11 a.m.

Featured are a boutique, opportunity drawings and a prize awarded for the best hat. Reservations are \$20 per person. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

Make checks payable to La Crescenta Woman's Club, P.O. Box

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MUSIC AT CALTECH

The Caltech Glee Club and Chamber Orchestra will combine to present Vivaldi's "Gloria" on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at 8 p.m. in Ramo Auditorium. Nancy Sulahian will conduct.

The Caltech chamber singers will sing madrigals and chansons of the renaissance and by the modern composer Morten Lauridsen as well as a selection of Brahms' gypsy songs.

The Caltech Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Allen Robert Gross, will perform Schubert's "Symphony No. 3." Admission is free and no tickets are required.

The Caltech Chamber Music Ensembles present its spring 2013 chamber music concerts on May 12 and May 19 at Caltech's Dabney Lounge.

A Mother's Day concert will take place on Sunday, May 12 at 3:30 p.m. Featured will be music by Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Pleyel, Dvorak, and Saint-Saëns, with a special emphasis on music for flute, along with other woodwinds, strings, and piano.

The annual chamber music marathon will be on Sunday, May 19 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ensembles ranging from four cellos, to string quartet, trios of many different combinations, and piano duo will play music by Mozart, Haydn, Brahms, Dvorak, Turina, and Saint-Saëns, including a complete performance of Carnival of the Animals.

Both concerts will be in Caltech's Dabney Lounge in the middle of the campus. Detailed programs will be posted one week before each concert at www.music.caltech.edu. Admission is free with no tickets required. For more information, visit online or call (626) 395-3295.

KAT HIGH AT CV SIERRA CLUB

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Group presents Kat High, director of the Haramonkngna American Indian Cultural Center, on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Public Library. Enter on La Crescenta Avenue for the meeting place and parking.

As director, High will discuss the traditional agricultural management techniques of her Hupa Indian culture. She will explain how these ancient methods can be used today to restore our lands to their former beauty. These techniques are used by most California Indian tribes, including Tataviam, Chumash, Kitanemuk and Serrano. The name Haramonkngna is derived from Gabrielino and Tongva language dialects and translates roughly as, "The place where people gather." A place to share culture, history and heritage and central to the indigenous people of this area. In High's own words, "We share the stories of the five tribes of the San Gabriels."

The program begins following news of conservation and outings. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Contact Wayne Fisher, Program chair for further information at (818) 353-4181.

The Los Angeles County Public Library, located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. La Crescenta

NOON CONCERTS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Glendale Noon Concerts is a free admission concert series taking place every first and third Wednesday from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. in the restored chapel and sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Glendale (downtown at Louise & Wilson, no religious affiliation).

The next concert is on May 15 and features cellist Lazslo Mezo who will perform works by Beethoven and Piazzolla with pianist Rosa LoGiudice.

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» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Finding Gratitude Among Lemons

“Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation.” *Brian Tracy*

This weekend brings two events that hit personally with me, Mother’s Day and Relay for Life. Almost two years ago, I lost my mother to a battle with cancer.

This weekend from 9 a.m. May 11 to 9 a.m. May 12 is the Foothills Relay for Life that benefits the American Cancer Society.

I think about my mother almost every day, and on this Sunday I will hug my daughter a little tighter and give thanks for the wonderful people still in my life. I also give thanks to all those that spend 24 hours this weekend walking to fight cancer. Foothills Relay For Life helps the American Cancer Society’s lifesaving mission by fighting back against a disease that has already taken too much. All monies collected help the American Cancer Society fund groundbreaking cancer research, provide up-to-date cancer information, advocate for all people to have access to screening and treatment, and offer free programs and services to improve the quality of life for people facing cancer. By being a part of Relay, you are

joining a worldwide movement to help defeat cancer for future generations. Foothills Relay For Life is held at Clark Magnet High School and you can find information at foothillsrelayforlife.com. Their motto: Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back!

My mom, Carol Joy, always celebrated life and always taught me the power of positive thinking, happiness and gratitude! Growing



» JULIA RABAGO

up, my mom had a plaque in the kitchen that read, “If life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” My mom was given one of the ugliest “lemons” life can throw at you ... cancer. And through multiple surgeries, devastating chemotherapy, immense radiation and more needles than any one person should have to endure ...

there was my mom, Carol Joy, with a smile on her face, still with an attitude of gratitude. Even after brain surgery in the hospital, I would ask her, “How are you doing, Mom?” and her response, with a smile, was “I am fine, how are you doing?”

A smile and a positive attitude can turn your day and many other people’s day into a great one. Strive to develop an attitude of gratitude and give thanks for everything that happens to you. Everything happens for a reason. My mom’s ugly cancer might have happened to remind me every day to be grateful.

Important dates: May 11-12 – Relay For Life; June 10 – CV Chamber business mixer at Caspian Services.

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

Counteracting Everyday Stress and Worry – Creatively

In this world of stress and worry, isn’t it good to know there are simple everyday things you can do to counteract it? One surefire way is to get your mind off of it and do something positive. Art, as we know, can affect us in many different ways. You can express your feeling using art. You can turn your negative feelings into positive feelings just by the beauty of something you see. It can unlock your fears and insecurities about creating and push you toward doing something that you may have never done before, like picking up a paintbrush, coloring with your kids or photographing images that inspire you. It’s really that simple.

That is why I love the Creative Lounge and encourage you

to find out more about it. The Creative Lounge, owned by Armineh Havan, had a ribbon cutting and grand opening in March. The Creative Lounge is an art studio with a twist! Not only does Armineh offer workshops and classes for kids and adults, she also offers open studio time when you can drop in and just “create.”

Here is Armineh’s promise and vision to anyone who comes to the Creative Lounge: “If you make the required investment in and commitment to yourself and the offerings at the Creative Lounge, my promise to you is this: To guide you along the path to discovering and embracing your true self, as well as providing you with the tools to communicate through creativity;

to teach you that by providing the ideal setting children expressing themselves through art can build their self-esteem and grow up healthy and confident with an increased freshness and joyful participation in life; to inspire you to see the world in color; to challenge you to not limit yourself to conventional methods and means and to experiment, explore and realize that you are limitless; to provide you with a relaxing and friendly environment; to give you the tools, support, environment, validation and reinforcement to live your dream.”

Stop by today and see how creative you can be. The Creative Lounge is located at 2656 Honolulu Ave., Montrose or call (818-636-0493. You can also reach them online at www.creativelounge.biz.



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» MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK NEWS



» MARY DAWSON

IN FASHION, IN MONTROSE, FOR MOTHER’S DAY



If you are a Mom, or just know one, this is a prime May weekend to look your best. Our “one of a kind” stores in the Montrose Shopping Park are ready to help you do just that. Revelation Tops (2321½ Honolulu Ave.) is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Montrose! This month, when you purchase a new top and mention this article, you will receive \$10 off and a goody bag! Have you tried the latest open shoulder tops? Carole & Mary say customers of all ages and sizes love them because they are “air conditioned” and flattering. Also popular are the new angel wing sleeve tops and tunic tops worn with leggings. Take a peek at the website, www.revelationtops.com.



The Clothing Market (2260 Honolulu Ave.) owner and designer Maral is ready for Mom with a beautiful array of long maxi dresses. They manufacture them here in the USA in every color of the rainbow from turquoise to tangerine and the prices are amazingly low. They have also added plus size fashion to the mix! Another great reason to keep it local and shop Montrose for Mother’s Day!



Holiday Hats & Gowns (2313 Honolulu Ave.) can always be counted on to add a touch of class to everything they do. This photo says it all with an array of custom hats in an artist’s palette of color. Below them is a generous selection of chic short dresses that pair perfectly with the hats. Add some sky-high heels and you are sure to be noticed. Lilian and Karla are happy to help you with your fitting.

And now it’s fit to say, Happy Mother’s Day to all of our moms in Montrose and beyond! Let’s do lunch!

Mary Dawson promotes the Montrose Shopping Park. She and her family own Mountain Rose Gifts and Revelation Tops.



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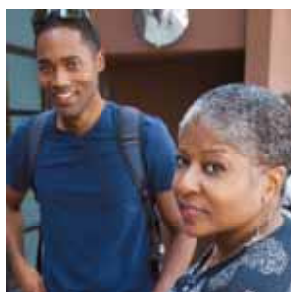
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