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Residential Smoking Gets the Squeeze

By Ted AYALA

Smokers may find themselves and their second-hand smoke feeling less welcome in Glendale in the near future.

Tuesday night saw the Glendale City Council push forward with proposals for new laws that would ban smoking in all new and future apartments and condominiums and effectively ban it in common areas throughout residential buildings, even rooftop terraces.

The proposed smoking ordinances would also allow individual parties to take those who violate the ordinances to court and sue for damages.

“Essentially, if we go further tonight, what we’re adding is a ban on smoking in the interior of these units,” said Tim Foy, the city’s assistant director of Planning.

Council, in discussing the proposed ordinances, considered other cities’ smoking bans, including more far-reaching ones in neighboring Pasadena. That city bans smoking outright in all residential units and outdoor dining areas.

“I don’t think Pasadena has become a ghost town because of that,” said Mayor Dave Weaver. “There’s a lot of people over there.”

If enacted into law, the council’s proposals stand to affect thousands of housing units including the Elevé Lofts and Skydeck at 200 E. Broadway, which has been part of the city’s plan to lure younger residents into the city center. That complex will be opening in June of this year.

Reaction from developers with projects looming in the future have been mixed, with some of them expressing fear that the new ordinances may put them at a disadvantage with other more accepting units.

Councilmember Frank Quintero dispelled fears about the ordinance alienating some of the twentysomethings that the new units are seeking to attract.

“Hipsters don’t smoke,” he said. “Maybe hookahs.”

Past ordinances have allowed some wiggle room and Tuesday’s proposals were no different. Future development projects could apply

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By Mary O’KEEFE

After years of monitoring traffic, standing on corners with cops, teachers and Public Works, and answering endless emails, Crescenta Valley Town Council member Robbyn Battles finally got word she had been waiting for – a crossing guard has been approved for Rosemont Middle School.

“It was approved [Wednesday] by the Los Angeles County board of supervisors,” Battles said.

The board of supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich that directed the Dept. of Public Works to implement crossing guard service at the crosswalk on Rosemont Avenue, south of Los Amigos Street near Rosemont Middle School.

“My office has worked closely with parents, local residents, the town council and the California Highway Patrol who have expressed concerns over the safety of the students who use the crosswalk on Rosemont Avenue,” Antonovich said.

Beginning early next week, the crossing guard service will be in effect for 12 months while the Dept. of Public Works conducts traffic studies near the

A Safe Crossing



Photo by Mary O’KEEFE

On Monday a crossing guard will be helping students cross Rosemont Avenue, making it a safer path for middle school students.

school and develops a comprehensive solution to address safety concerns.

“The crossing guard will be there on Monday,” Battles said.

CHP had also contacted the supervisor’s office and recommended a Rosemont crossing guard.

Rosemont principal Dr. Cynthia Livingston will send out a ConnectEd phone call to all Rosemont parents informing them of the addition and plans

on having some training sessions for kids.

“We want them to know it may be slower [getting across the street], but they have to listen to the crossing guard,” she said.

Getting a crossing guard for Rosemont has not been easy. Although to some parents who had contacted Battles a crossing guard seemed an easy decision, official approval was not that simple.

“It is a process,” Battles said.

There are several entities that must be contacted and worked with in order to get approval. Battles gathered authorities from California Highway Patrol, Dept. of Public Works and Glendale Unified School District while keeping in constant communication with Supervisor Michael Anotonovich.

“You get your team together and you watch,” she said. “Then you come up with solutions.”

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Keep Pets Close and Safe



Feege, a 4-year-old pug and a beloved family pet, was a victim of a mountain lion who jumped a six-foot fence.

By Mary O’KEEFE

Recently, quite a few mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and bears have visited the Crescenta Valley and La Cañada areas. This is not that unusual for a community at the base of a mountain and national forest, but lately the sightings seem to have increased and for one family, have a tragic effect.

On May 14 at about 10 p.m., La Crescenta resident Rich Toyon let his dog Feege, a 4-year-old pug, out for his “nightly duty” in the fenced backyard.

“He didn’t come in when we called,” Toyon said. “We gave him a few more minutes.”

Toyon waited and then called Feege again, but still no answer. He went out to his backyard

and found the little dog had been killed. His neck was broken and the dog had obviously been attacked by some type of animal.

Toyon is an experienced outdoorsman and has seen many animal attacks, including mountain lion.

“This [looked like] a mountain lion,” Toyon said.

He added that mountain lions normally tend not to eat their prey right away but instead will hang around the area. Toyon contacted the sheriff’s station, but there was not much of a response, he said.

Another resident contacted CVW to share his concern over the fact that the sheriff’s station had not used a reverse 911 to

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



Prom Plus, Prayer Breakfast and BYOC

Taste of Montrose. Holiday and spring boutiques. Open house and back to school barbecues. These fundraisers are all dedicated to one event, one memory-making night for Crescenta Valley High School seniors and their guests. That event is Prom Plus, taking place after prom this Saturday night/Sunday morning at the YMCA.

For the last 11 months, the Prom Plus committee has been working its tails off to raise the \$25,000-plus for this Saturday's all night event. But it takes more than just fundraisers. It takes financial commitment from the community.

The Kiwanis clubs partner with Prom Plus every year. The Glendale Kiwanis presented PP with a check for \$1,000 in April; the Montrose-La Crescenta sent \$500 our way in November. The Mary Pinola Education Endowment Fund again chose Prom Plus as a grant recipient of \$1,000. The Crescenta Valley High School ASB is another key supporter that donates every year to Prom Plus. The Crescenta-Cañada YMCA charges little (if anything) to host the all night event. Then there's the multitude of financial gifts and prizes that come in from

supporters who want to ensure the safety of our kids after prom.

The funds received will go toward paying for the zip line (\$2,550), the mechanical bull (\$1,750), the casino (\$1,250) or any number of activities that Prom Plus offers its guests. We lost a senior to an unsupervised, post prom hotel party back in 1991. None of us wants that to happen again and it is the goal of Prom Plus to provide something fun that our kids will want to attend.

Which leads me to my final point: Parents, it's your job now to promote Prom Plus to your seniors. Whether or not they attend prom, they are welcome at Prom Plus. For those who attend prom, admittance to Prom Plus is included in the cost of the prom ticket. For seniors who only want to come to Prom Plus, they can show up at the Y door at midnight with \$20. Prom Plus lasts until 5 a.m. For parents who want to be notified if their child leaves Prom Plus early, there's a parent form that was part of the recent e-bulletin sent out by the high school that includes a notifica-

tion slip. The Prom Plus website – www.promplus.org – also has copies of the form as well as information about Prom Plus.

After Prom Plus is done, I have no doubt that the committee will raise its hands and exclaim a collective, "Hallelujah!" that the big event is over for another year. And where better to do that than at the annual CV Prayer Breakfast taking place at the Church of Latter-day Saints in La Crescenta on Tuesday morning? This is a multi-congregational event to bring together the spiritual community in support of our local youth. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. with the program starting around 7 a.m. Being at the LDS facility, it is a BYOC event (bring your own coffee) as they will not be serving java there.

Tickets are \$10 and available around town.

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Weather in the foothills



"Look before you leap, for snakes among sweet flowers do creep."
~ German Proverb

Summer is coming. Many days with high temperatures have more than hinted of its impendence. Personally, I am not yet ready for a full-on blast of heat. But the mere thought of a summer evening, without a doubt the best time of year, can erase my sweaty thoughts. With the leaves, pine needles and algae now eradicated from the pool, the sparkling blue water is inviting. Good timing as temperatures hit 103 degrees on Mother's Day. Hope it was enough to keep Mom out of the kitchen.

Last weekend's heat also invited our cold-blooded neighbors to journey beyond their winter homes. A friend living in Oakmont Woods casually mentioned seeing two rattle snakes in her yard. Not uncommon as her house is next to the mountains. The biggest was five feet in length – these were no spring babies.

Living in the foothills, we will face these reptiles at some point, if not in our backyard then maybe out hiking or picnicking with our families or friends. In our case, a Golden Retriever named Abby would come along for fun.

So, are you prepared for an encounter with a dangerous snake? California has a variety of snakes. Lucky us, we have three species – Speckled, Diamond-back and Southern Pacific – of the only native and venomous one, the rattlesnake. If not

provoked, they provide a tremendous service – rodent control. Because of this, the snake is more of a friend than an enemy. Sometimes friends bite. Back off, but do not un-friend!

Tips for co-existing with "rattled neighbors" (courtesy of CA Dept. of Fish and Game):

1. Wear long pants and hiking boots in wild areas.
2. Stay on trail. Avoid tall grass and heavy brush. Step on rocks and logs, never over them.
3. Do not step or reach where you can't see.
4. Rattlesnakes swim – a stick or branch floating may not be so.
5. Teach children to respect and leave snakes alone.
6. If bitten, the victim should remain still. Call 911. Note that a snake-bite vaccine is available for dogs and cats.

Weather-wise, we'll experience a short reprieve from the high temperatures as low clouds, fog and possible drizzle come ashore. Ocean breezes drop temperatures to around 70 degrees by Saturday. Moving into next week, expect a warm-up. Come Tuesday, cooler conditions return. Such is May ...

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

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

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NEWS

All are Welcomed at the Table



File photo
Pastor Bill Flanders, standing, from First Baptist Church, La Crescenta participated in last year's CV Prayer Breakfast and will participate in this year's event as part of the interfaith outreach.

By Mary O'KEEFE

All are invited to the second annual Crescenta Valley Prayer Breakfast early Tuesday morning. CV Town Council organizes the breakfast with the support of several organizations throughout Crescenta Valley. The breakfast was first held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church last year. The chairs, Councilmembers Danette Erickson and Harry Leon, wanted the event to be an interfaith gathering to show the diversity of the Crescenta Valley.

The foundation of the event this year, as last, is to pray for area youth and for unity. That the breakfast committee has reached out to different faiths is an example of the unity focus.

"All communities in the U.S. should be [doing this]," Leon said, in an earlier interview.

Faiths represented include Christian and Jewish with Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints denominations in attendance. The Church of Latter-Saints is hosting the event.

The keynote speaker will be CV High School teacher and 2012 Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year James Smiley. He has titled his address, "Staying Focused in Your Life."

The CV Prayer Breakfast will be on Tuesday and held at 4550 Raymond Ave. in La Crescenta from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The doors open at 6:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served including tea and juice. Tickets are \$10.

IN BRIEF

TALES FROM THE CEMETERY

The next meeting of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will host professional storyteller Nick Smith will tell stories of some of the (dead) residents of Mountainview Cemetery in Altadena. Mountainview Cemetery is the permanent home to many pioneers of the Crescenta Valley including the mysterious and controversial first settler in CV, Theodore Pickens.

The meeting takes place on Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Center For Spiritual Living (formerly known as the La Crescenta Church of Religious Science), at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta (at the corner of Dunsmore and Santa Carlotta avenues).

FUN & FITNESS RIDE

The Rotary Club of Glendale is having its inaugural Jewel City Fun & Fitness Ride fundraiser on Sunday, May 19 at Verdugo Park in Glendale. Proceeds benefit low-income and homeless children and adults served locally by Ascencia, Glendale Healthy Kids and the Glendale Salvation Army.

Registration is on Active.com or via <http://bit.ly/JewelCityRide2013>. On-site registration is also available. The "gear grinding" event begins at 7:30 a.m. and registration is \$35; "ride and glide" starts at 9 a.m. and registration fee is \$15.

Live music and food trucks will be on-site. Fitness related vendors will also be at the park as well. for

people to learn more about fitness and health.

Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd., Glendale.

RIVERWALK CLEAN UP

The public is invited to the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, 300 S. Paula St. in Glendale to take part in the 24th Annual Great L.A. River Cleanup on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. until noon. Participants will be in the river channel picking up trash to keep the river clean.

Space is limited for this work area; call (818) 548-3795 to reserve a place.

Participants must be at least 12 years old and have adult supervision.

For more information, visit www.folar.org.

CVCA ANNOUNCES NEXT MEETING

The Crescenta Valley Community Association next meets on Thursday, May 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at La Crescenta Avenue, to discuss the status of activities of the various jurisdictions in the valley.

For more information, call (818) 248-4967.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE PREPARES FOR ANNIVERSARY

A one-year anniversary celebration of the purchase of the Rosemont Preserve is planned for Saturday, June 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hosted by the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve, the day will include refreshments and a fun time on the preserve. Tours will be offered, there will be a kids' activity table and Rosemont Preserve T-shirts will be for sale.

The gate opens at 9:30 a.m., a presentation takes place at 10 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there will be docent-led tours. Participants are urged to wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and long pants. Parking is at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., La Crescenta.

20TH ANNUAL CRUISE NIGHT

Southern California's most popular car show is returning for its 20th year on Saturday, July 20 in Downtown Glendale. The public is invited to the 2013 Cruise Night to stroll down Brand Boulevard to see over 400 classic pre-1979 cars. Display booths and activities for the kids will make this evening one of the best entertainment options of the summer. Headlining the 2013 Cruise Night is The Tokens and The Surfaris – celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Wipe Out."

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City Heads Out to the Ballgame



Photo by Meher Kourouyan/Reel Light Pictures
Taking to the field for the second annual Glendale Dodger Night are (from left) Glendale City Councilman Zareh Sinanyan, City Manager Scott Ochoa, Character & Ethics recipient Johnny Harrison, Glendale Parks & Open Space president Dottie Sharkey and vice president Shant Sahakian.

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

Glendale residents and government representatives enjoyed a night at the ballpark on Friday as the city held its second annual Glendale Dodger Night at Dodger Stadium. This year, attendees celebrated the evening together by honoring worthy members of the community while raising funds to strengthen the city's parks and recreation services.

Glendale Dodger Night is a yearly fundraiser for the Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation. The non-profit organization was founded in 2009 by Glendale residents to maintain park space and to ensure that recreation programs are available in the city.

The fourth annual ACE awards were also presented by the Character and Ethics Project, an organization dedicated to recognizing student athletes, coaches, and community members who represent the highest level of sportsmanship. The nonpartisan, all-volunteer organization looks to strengthen the community by promoting self-improvement and raising the standards for ethics among the area's youth.

"The athletes are selected based not only on their outstanding leadership, but sportsmanship and, of course, character and ethics on and

off the field," said Character & Ethics Project President Patrick Campbell. "It is important that the coaches and athletes teach and exemplify this in practice and competition."

The ACE Awards were given to male and female candidates from Crescenta Valley, Glendale and Hoover high schools and Glendale Community College. In total, 17 individuals were presented with awards.

Additionally, vice president and general manager of Lexus of Glendale Johnny Harrison was presented with the organization's first Community Partner award for his service to the city.

"Mr. Harrison has dedicated his talents and resources to many youth in our city in many ways. He is a great example of a businessman giving back to his community," said Campbell. "We are very appreciative

of what he has done for the Character & Ethics Project and our programs, including the Youth Leadership Conference and ACE Awards. He in many ways puts into action the principles we work diligently to promote."

The athletic directors of the respective schools selected the individual students to be honored at the event, while the coaches of the year were selected by the writers of the Glendale News-Press. Community Partner Award winner Harrison was selected by the Character and Ethics Project board.

The Character and Ethics Project also sponsors the Youth Leadership Conference, an annual event that aims to partner high school students with community leaders to promote ethics and good character with area students.





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City Vindicated by Decision

On Friday, May 3, a federal court jury returned a verdict in favor of the City of Glendale, David Ahern and George Chapjian against plaintiffs Eric Grossman and Russell Hauck who claimed they were laid off in July of 2011 as a result of First Amendment retaliation and whistleblowing. The trial, which commenced on April 30, 2013, involved allegations that former Parks Director George Chapjian and Interim Assistant Parks Director David Ahern slated the city's Park Naturalist Program for elimination because Hauck had appeared at a 2008 City Council meeting and Hauck and Grossman had made a complaint about Ahern in January of 2011.

The defendants asserted that the layoffs were made entirely due

to an \$18 million dollar shortfall in the City's budget that resulted in \$1.3 million in program cuts to the Parks Department. The city submitted evidence that 14 people were laid off from the city in July of 2011 and many other programs were cut. Moreover, the evidence established that Chapjian had absolutely no involvement in the layoffs as he left the city in December 2010 to take the head job in the City of Long Beach Parks Department. The jury deliberated for a little over two hours before reaching its unanimous decision.

"The result is extremely gratifying," said City Attorney Michael Garcia. Garcia noted that "the economic and budgetary realities of the last couple of years have forced the city to cut or scale

back programs it would otherwise not wish to cut. The city looked at its programs seriously and weighed each program in terms of what was in the best interests of the city and its residents. In addition, the city makes every attempt to avoid or minimize layoffs but in some cases they could not be avoided."

Garcia said that "the plaintiffs' claims were meritless and completely divorced from the budget realities the city has faced. We're glad the jury agreed."

The city intends to seek the costs it incurred in defending this action.

General Counsel of Litigation Ann Maurer and Deputy City Attorney Andrew Rawcliffe from the City Attorney's Office tried the case for the city.

CRIME BLOTTER

May 10

4900 block of Alta Canyada Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she was in her bathroom about to change her clothes when she heard her dogs bark. She walked out of the room and saw a male, described as Hispanic, 5'6" tall, clean-shaven with a buzz haircut. He was wearing a black sweatshirt and light color sneakers. She ran into her bedroom with her dogs, locked the door and called 911. When deputies arrived, the suspect was gone. The doggie door cover was removed; nothing appeared to be missing in the home. The incident occurred at 8:26 a.m.

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, someone stole gasoline from a truck that was parked in the rear of the parking lot overnight.

2700 block of Orange Avenue in La Crescenta, deputies conducted a traffic stop of a motorcycle and discovered the driver, a 47-year-old La Crescenta man, had a concealed loaded firearm (a semi-automatic weapon) in the waistband of his pants. The weapon was also unregistered. The arrest occurred at 6:20 p.m.

May 9

2100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, deputies responded to an alarm at Avianti Jewelers. They found the front glass door shattered. Several pieces of jewelry were stolen. There was a broken hammer found on the floor. The burglary occurred between 1 a.m. and 1:28 a.m.

2600 block of Ridgeline Drive in La Crescenta, a glass door had been pried open but nothing appeared to be stolen from the residence.

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By Mary O'KEEFE

The Foothills Relay for Life benefitting the American Cancer Society was held last weekend at Clark Magnet High School. The local event began 13 years ago and, after this weekend, has raised \$1 million.

Starting Friday evening, teams came onto the school's field to set up chairs, pop-ups, tables and tents, forming a temporary city. Bonners Equipment Rentals brought onto the field big canopies to accommodate the stage that provided entertainment for most of the 24 hours. Event Power Associates met the electrical needs and Crescenta Valley Water District donated a generator to keep the power going.

By 9 a.m. on Saturday, cancer survivors were ready to walk the Survivor Lap, with caregivers close behind, to launch the Foothills Relay for Life 2013. From then, walkers



from each of the more than a dozen teams started to walk and didn't stop for 24 hours. David Schmidt emceed for most of Saturday, working at keeping the spirits and energy levels of the participants high.

A lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers was provided by Montrose Travel. Then more music and an open mic for kids and adults to share their talents.

Just before dinner (provided by Leon's Bakery and Café), Crescenta Valley High School Prom Plus Club President Dylan Sylvester cut his long hair, ending a month-long fundraiser that yielded close to \$500. He now boasts a bit of a buzz cut.

The luminaria ceremony began at 9 p.m. with the presentation of the 2013 inductee to the Foothills Relay For Life Hall of Fame, Liza and Tim Morelli. The couple are the owners of Bonners Equipment Rentals and have been generous supporters of the event for seven years.

As night fell, Jonetta (Green) Thomas, a sergeant with the California State Military Reserve, took to the stage and spoke about how cancer affected her life. Both her father and mother died from cancer, and she herself is a survivor of two types of cancer.

Then the candles for the luminaria were lit. The

luminaria ceremony is a somber reminder of those affected by cancer. Lunch sack-sized bags, each with a name printed on it, lined the track. Each held a candle and after all were lit and the field's lights extinguished, a silence fell upon the crowd.

With the words Hope and Cure lighting the way, hundreds of participants, each holding a small candle in their hands, made their way around the track while the names on the bags were read from the stage. Some relay walkers stopped to read a name, and several sat quietly to the side next to a bag displaying their loved one's name.

Once the candles were blown out and the field lights turned back on, a late night movie entertained some while others tried to get sleep. But the track was never empty.

Late night snacks came from Burger King, Togo's and Weinerschnitzel, coffee provided by Gavina Coffee all in La Crescenta. Bright and early on Mother's Day, teams disassembled their tents and gathered up their belongings in preparation for the 9 a.m. relay end. At 8:50 a.m., participants gathered one last time at the stage to celebrate the top five individual fundraisers: Ed Waldheim, Chris Axelgard,

see RELAY on next page

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In the May 9 story, “Pay Cut Approved for Utility Employees,” the name of the former GWP utility worker quoted was Martin Sagehorn. Also, note that the city had been in negotiations for two years and when the city made its “last, final, and best offer” it was for the current negotiation cycle. Both the IBEW and the city plan to return immediately to the bargaining table to put in place the 2013-14 budget. Finally, it is the city’s desire to bring Glendale’s IBEW members to parity with other bargaining groups at the city.

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Obituary Leonard "Joe" Kula

May 31, 1946 – May 12, 2013

Leonard "Joe" Kula, 66, of La Crescenta died Sunday at Verdugo Hills Hospital in Glendale after a nearly two-year battle from a stroke and complications of pneumonia.

Mr. Kula, who worked in construction as a carpenter for more than 40 years, was born in Genoa, Nev. and grew up on a farm in nearby Silver Creek. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1968 and settled in Sunland-Tujunga after his honorable discharge.

He was a member of American Legion Post 377 and was actively involved in Elks Lodge No. 2098. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards and cribbage with family and friends, and watching sports of all kinds, especially auto racing.

Visitation will be Friday, May 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Crippen Mortuary, 2900 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta. Services are Monday, May 20 at 11 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 4625 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta. Burial will follow.

Mr. Kula is survived by his wife of 32 years, Marilyn; his son Timothy; his mother Helen; his sisters Alice Wunderlich and Frances Gablenz; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

For further information, contact Crippen Mortuary at (818) 249-6131.

Obituary Ruth Kraft



1927 - 2013

Ruth Kraft (nee Nathanson) died peacefully in her sleep May 9 surrounded by her family. Ruth had been battling cancer for many years. She was 86 years old.

Steve Moyer, the Kraft family's spokesperson, said, "According to her wishes, Mrs. Kraft will be buried along with her beloved husband, Gilman Kraft, who predeceased her in June 1999."

Ruth was born in Hoboken, New Jersey on Feb. 17, 1927, the daughter of Florence and Solomon Nathanson. Ruth went to work at the age of 13 working at various jobs, including the telephone company, stuffing envelopes, and sewing cummerbunds. Ruth also worked at Playbill magazine in New York.

On Aug. 25, 1962, Ruth married Gilman Kraft at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. In 1966, the Kraft family moved to Los Angeles.

In Los Angeles, Ruth and Gil started Performing Arts magazine, a theater publication similar to Playbill. The couple also invested in real estate in Beverly Hills and Malibu over many years.

Ruth loved singing and music and was also an active volunteer, working for the Golden Key Foundation, The Westside Center for Independent Living, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Her sons, Frank Pelosa of Eureka, Calif. and Richard Kraft of Malibu; her daughters, Susan Holley of Los Angeles and Dana Kraft Kitaj of Westwood; as well as 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren survive her.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club, 340 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Westside Center for Independent Living, the Tower Cancer Foundation, and/or The Heart Fund.

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Drayman Back in Court in July

By Mary O'KEEFE

Former Glendale City Councilman John Drayman will return to court on July 16 to set a trial date. The July date was set by L.A. Superior court Judge Stephen Marcus. In July, the scheduling of the trial will be determined.

Marcus stated that the lawyers had requested a fall date to begin trial.

"We've always asked for a September – October trial, however with the attorney's schedules it'll probably be October – November," said Drayman. Drayman's lawyer Sean McDonald was present representing Drayman. McDonald

is Drayman's third lawyer.

Drayman appeared calm during the brief proceedings. He is facing 28 felony charges including embezzlement, filing false tax returns, money laundering, forgery, falsifying a financial statement and perjury by declaration.

Resident Prepares for Santa Barbara Event

By Natalie MAIER

Fighters are outfitting themselves with walking shoes rather than boxing gloves for the 11th Annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer taking place the weekend of Sept. 7-8 in Santa Barbara.

Walkers have the choice of completing a traditional marathon (26.2 miles) or a marathon and a half (39.3 miles) over a two-day period that begins Saturday morning at Chase Palm Park and ends Sunday at Carpinteria State Beach. Each participant must raise a minimum of \$1,800 in donations or sponsorships. Last year, the Santa Barbara walk raised \$4.7 million.

La Crescenta resident Natalee MacDonald will be lacing up for this year's walk. Her goal is to raise \$2,000 for breast cancer research. Thus far she has raised between \$800 and \$900. MacDonald decided to participate in the walk because breast cancer has impacted her family. She also has friends who are survivors and some who are still struggling in their fight.

"I know many women in the La Crescenta area who have battled breast cancer," MacDonald said. "They are the ones who have inspired me."

The money raised by MacDonald and the other thousands of Avon Walk participants benefit the Avon Foundation for Women. The money will help ensure that any woman facing a breast cancer diagnosis gets the care they need regardless of their ability to pay. In addition, funds are dedicated for breast cancer research.

MacDonald said that currently her team is open for more people to join. She has already been organizing training walks around the Rose Bowl in preparation for Santa Barbara.

Those who wish to donate to MacDonald can visit <http://info.avonfoundation.org/goto/natalee> or email her at avonwalklacrescenta@gmail.com.

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TOYON from Cover

warn neighbors of the attack.

“We don’t do a reverse 911 unless someone sees a mountain lion,” said Lt. Angela Sheppard, Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station.

Sheppard added that the reverse phone calls are used if there is an immediate danger. If the resident did not see the mountain lion, it cannot be confirmed.

Toyon did not see the mountain lion but is certain that was what killed his dog.

“When we get a call, we [respond],” Sheppard said.

The sheriff’s department will respond and search the area for the animal. If there is an immediate danger, a reverse 911 call is made and the sheriff’s deputies will deal with the animal. However, in most situations, the animal is found and the Dept. of Fish and Game is contacted, Sheppard said.

She added that mountain lions are not as common as bobcats in the area.

A mountain lion was found a few weeks ago lounging in the backyard of a home in the 3300 blocks of Thelma Street and Fairmount Avenue. Glendale police and fire responded as did Fish and Game.

Fish and Game tranquilized the mountain lion, tagged the animal and located it back into Angeles National Forest.

Although bears and mountain lion sightings may seem like they are on the increase, they aren’t, according to Fish and Game.

“With social media, when someone sees a bear they Twitter it out and the [media] picks it up and it is a story,” said Andrew Hughan,

Fish and Game spokesman.

He added that ever since Meatball, the Crescenta Valley bear that made repeated trips to the area, the social media activity has increased. The most recent was the bear in La Cañada Flintridge that jumped over a fence and surprised residents as they were relaxing by the pool.

“It is not a bear [or mountain lion] problem, it is a people problem,” he said.

May is an active month for both bears and mountain lions, Hughan said.

“You can almost set your calendar by it,” he added.

The animals that normally live in the mountains come into neighborhoods because of food and water.

“It is 100% why they are here. Easy meals,” he said.

Hughan wants to remind residents to put what scraps of food they can through a garbage disposal so it is not in outdoor cans.

“Keep your barbecues clean. Take out your trash on the morning of [garbage pick up],” he said. “And clean your fruit trees, especially avocado trees.”

He did admit that mountain lions in the area are unusual, and they are unpredictable.

“Bears are really the scaredy cats of the forest,” he joked.

A mountain lion, though, will go after a small animal, like a dog.

“If it is a very small dog, [residents] should keep the dog’s outside exposure [alone to a minimum]. Keep dog, [cat] food inside, even a water bowl,” he said.

If residents come face to face with a bear or mountain lion, they need to “act big,” Hughan said.

“Raise your arms, take your jacket off and [raise it up] – anything to appear big,” he said.

In the past 145 years, since Fish and Game began keeping records, there have only been six mountain lion attacks on people.

“The last three have been in Southern California,” he said.

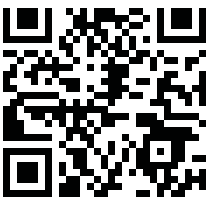
For coyotes, the advice is the same. If a person comes face to face, act large and make noise. And to keep them away, do not have any food out.

“Every neighborhood needs to be mindful not to leave food out,” he added. Avocados are a favorite food of coyotes.

For Toyon, who has a six-foot fence around his backyard, the precautions were taken but the cat still found his/her way into his yard. He lives near Los Olivos Lane and Briggs Avenue. Toyon’s concern is his proximity to schools.

Hughan added it is important to keep reminding people to be aware of the precautions that need to be taken when living with wildlife.

Toyon wanted to share the story of his lost dog so the community is reminded of the area they live in. Wildlife is not confined to the Angeles National Forest, and families, including children, need to know that mountain lions are in the area.



CROSSING from Cover

Although from the beginning Battles and Livingston had wanted a crossing guard, that option seemed remote since middle school rarely gets that type of traffic support.

New lights, brighter paint at the crossing and a few other suggestions were bantered around, but both Livingston and Battles kept coming back to a crossing guard.

Rosemont parents had also kept the pressure on to do something to help control the traffic at the school before a serious accident occurred.

A fatality on May 2 at Roosevelt Middle School in Glendale and a near miss at Rosemont had parents once again calling for traffic help.

Battles said she understood the parents’ frustration, but the best way to move forward was to get everyone on the same page. She worked closely with Sussy Nemer, Antonovich’s representative, then approached the supervisor’s office with her findings.

“This is exactly what the Town Council is all about. It is about going through the process,” she said. “I would never just pick up the phone to [Antonovich’s office] and say I want a crossing guard. You have to do your due diligence.”

Going through the process and never, *ever*, taking “no” for an answer is a talent Battles has perfected through her years of working on traffic safety for the CVTC.

“I think maybe Public Works

says, ‘Oh, no’ when they see me coming,” Battles joked.

But Public Works always takes her calls and is willing to sit and monitor the intersections and crosswalks.

When Livingston got word that a crossing guard had been approved, she found herself a little emotional.

“I am overwhelmed,” she said. “I am so completely overwhelmed.”

Livingston wanted to thank Battles, CHP and Antonovich for their support.

“I want to thank [Antonovich] for thinking outside the box and ... doing the right thing to keep our kids safe,” Livingston said.

There has been a question of where the money for the crossing guard would come from, with some thinking it was out of the school district’s budget.

“It does not come from the district,” Battles said.

The funding and approval must come from Los Angeles County, which is why the supervisor’s support was so important. Battles added that Antonovich’s office has always been supportive, but knew she had to get all the information together before approaching him.

“I am thankful we have a supervisor who clearly sees that there is a danger in our community,” she said.

Although the crossing guard is a positive step in the traffic safety direction, it still comes down to drivers. Everyone involved with traffic safety remind drivers of the need to slow down and obey all traffic laws.

SMOKING from Cover

for an outdoor smoking permit so long as they paid up \$200 with another annual registration fee of \$50. The permitted outdoor smoking space would be set up per the requirements of the city.

Difficulties in enforcement may be a consideration in the council’s decision. The city already faces considerable challenges in enforcement, with widespread smoking and limited resources all but assuring that some offenders will escape the reach of the law. That the ordinance depends on citizen complaints further complicates matters. Police dispatched in response to a complaint may be unable to catch the targeted offender in the act of smoking – if the smoker hasn’t disappeared altogether.

“You’re not going to get 100% of everyone to do everything that you want,” said City Manager Scott Ochoa.

It was that challenge that triggered a proposal to allow citizens to personally sue smokers who are spotted violating the ordinances.

According to a city report, violators could face a fine of \$250 for each day they break the law. The fines would not be imposed until the offender in question had been caught violating the law twice and had received a notice informing him of his offense. Smokers who are found guilty in court may also find court fines appended to their judgment.

The ordinance is set to return for a final vote in two weeks.

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MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY
» JIM CHASE

That’s How I (Used To) Roll

As a kid growing up in the Crescenta Valley, some of the many middle class perks that my friends and I took for granted included living on a quiet, Mayberry-like street (Harmony Place) only a few houses away from a beautiful public park (Two Strike), with my elementary school (Monte Vista) and then Jr. High (Rosemont) within walking distance a little south of my neighborhood. There were wild, adventure-filled mountains (I was a kid, alright?) one long block to the north. We kids had almost unlimited roaming rights for many blocks in any direction with our only boundaries being the dinner hour (6 o’clock sharp) and the setting sun. Even then, a phone call home from a friend’s house could quickly procure a stay of punishment and sometimes even permission to stay overnight or at least until the night’s episode of “Gilligan’s Island” or the “Man from U.N.C.L.E.” was over.

For us kids, the ability to extend the boundaries of our sanctuary even farther was greatly enhanced by the acquisition of a bicycle. And boy, did I have one heckuva bike. My beautiful, gleaming Candy Apple green and chrome Schwinn Stingray had a long, white vinyl “banana” seat and high rise, swept back butterfly handle bars and ... well, more about my sweet, youthful ride in just a bit.

Now, my two older brothers naturally had cooler and way more twitchin’ rides than

my simple pedal-powered adolescent leg over the banana Stingray. That’s because, even though he was an electronics engineer/computing pioneer by trade, my dad had an amazing way with anything powered by a gasoline engine or electric motor. He and my older brothers would build mini-bikes using old Briggs & Stratton lawn mower engines with pull-cord starters. One year, dad even built a rideable hovercraft in our garage using yet another lawnmower engine, marine-grade plywood, canvas, aluminum and a made-from-scratch propeller. It was for a science project for one of my brothers. I’m pretty sure he got an “A.”

Not to be outdone, Dad was always building some sort of vehicle of his own, too. I lost count of how many Frankenstein automobiles he created from various donor vehicles, their components cobbled together into a one-of-a-kind, high-performance, hill-climbing, mud-loving truck/Jeep/4x4 creation.

At one time, we even had a single engine, high-wing Piper Cub airplane in our driveway that dad took apart down to the bare fuselage frame and put back together wings, flaps, ailerons, rudder, propeller and all. To say the least, our house (or at least our garage and driveway) was a pretty cool place to call home.

And yet, no matter what sort of vehicle my dad or brothers were building or piloting, as the youngest of the males in our household, I was still more than happy to swing an

adolescent leg over the banana seat on my beloved Stingray and pedal off to adventure at any opportunity.

Memories of that bike came cruising back last week when I read about the death of the bike’s creator, Al Fritz, who died last Tuesday at the age of 88. First sold in 1963 for a list price of just \$49.50, the bike quickly earned the title of “America’s most popular bike” according to an L.A. Times story about the passing of Mr. Fritz.

I customized my own Stingray with a smooth, extra wide “cheater slick” rear tire (like the rear tires on a dragster or funny car) which was ideal for laying skid marks on the smooth cement sidewalks of Two Strike park. For added thrills (and sometimes spills), my friends and I would scatter sand across the cement. I’d rise up off the seat and piston my legs as fast and as furiously as possible to build up speed, then stomp down on the coaster brakes to lock up the back wheel and hold on for dear life as the bike’s rear end fishtailed to a stop.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY
» MIKE LAWLER

La Tuna Canyon Road’s 40-Year Construction Nightmare

Trouble in many forms plagued the construction of La Tuna Canyon Road connecting CV and the San Fernando Valley. Man, money and nature all played a hand in delaying the building of this road, which today leads from CV through the Verdugo Mountains, crossing semi-rural horse property, finally terminating in semi-industrial Sun Valley.

The route from CV to Sun Valley was mapped out in the late ‘20s, and a two-lane section of La Tuna Canyon Road was paved between Wheatland east to where the road today climbs up into the Verdugos. But the onset of the Depression took the money and urgency away from the road’s completion, and it languished for 25 years as a dead end road. After WWII, the post-war housing boom in CV returned both money and motivation for what was then planned as a main highway to the San Fernando Valley.

For the difficult roadbed through the mountainous portions of La Tuna Canyon, county jail prisoners were sent to do the hard labor of grading a winding road through the Verdugos. For three years, starting in 1957, convicts shoveled dirt. We can imagine that scenes from “Cool Hand Luke” were played out in the mountains above CV. But what happened next epitomized the phrase from the movie: “What we have here is a failure to communicate”.

The property owners in the eastern flatland portion of La Tuna Canyon had enjoyed a veritable paradise of semi-rural living and peaceful horse trails since the 20’s. In 1961, as local government

finalized plans to pave and open La Tuna Canyon Road, they met a very organized wall of opposition in the form of the La Tuna Canyon Homeowners Association and their attorney. Meanwhile construction on the still closed roadway continued in a minimal fashion while nature put up its own opposition in the form of several rock slides along the new roadway.

The homeowners association failed to get the support of their city councilman Louis Nowell, a fatal mistake in any preservation battle. He remained in support of the finished road and by ‘65, when the road widening project portion of the La Tuna Canyon project pushed through their horse corrals, the homeowners association began to fight an increasingly desperate delaying action. As the project crept unceasingly through their neighborhood, the homeowner’s association focused its attention on the last unfinished connection, a 3,000-foot stretch between Wheatland and Sunland Boulevard.

In 1966, the homeowners association fought its Waterloo with a two-pronged attack. In the canyon, the residents staged massive demonstrations on horseback carrying picket signs. They “horse-picketed” the crosswalk in front of Vinedale Elementary School, stopping traffic and making some great photo ops for the media. Meanwhile, in the courts, their attorney filed several lawsuits on behalf of the homeowners association. A general “taxpayers lawsuit” against the city and county claimed the construction

funds were illegally allocated, but 35 individual civil lawsuits were a little nastier. They were filed against the five members of the board of Public Works, the city controller, and the construction firms doing the work, claiming the “defendants acted with malice and oppression and with a wanton disregard for the feelings and Constitutional rights of the plaintiffs”.

But construction marched on, and the road opened without fanfare in early 1967. However, “nature bats last” in the game of development, and the road was almost immediately closed by a massive landslide.

As they cleared that one, a second landslide closed it again. Indeed, La Tuna Canyon Road has been plagued over the years by reoccurring slides and, at one point in a concession to nature, the roadway has been permanently shifted out, away from a cliff face that seemed to perpetually shed rocks and dirt. The development of L.A.’s freeways has lessened the road’s function as a major artery and it has shifted towards recreational uses. In fact, a lane in each direction was closed recently to construct bike lanes.

Today, La Tuna Canyon Road remains a pleasant alternate road to San Fernando Valley and an access road to hiking, biking and equestrian pursuits, deceptively quiet despite its tumultuous history.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critical of the Critic

I feel I must write concerning the critique of Mr. Ted Ayala concerning the Saturday (April 27) afternoon concert by The Pasadena Symphony Orchestra [“PSO Ends Season with Tchaikovsky, Borodin and Boyer,” Leisure, May 2]. He must have been out to the restroom or under the influence of the vodka he mentioned in his article!

I am always disgusted when audiences applaud between movements of symphonies and concertos. However, I must admit that I, too, stood and applauded at the end of the first movement of Tschaikowski’s very difficult concerto played by Ms. Chee-Yun. The ovation lasted for several minutes before she could continue with many shouts of “Bravo.” Her performance was superb!

Is Mr. Ayala a musician? Does he play an instrument? Where did he get his talent for making his judgments? Has he ever played the Tschaikowski Violin Concerto which he called “deathless?”

If Mr. Ayala were working for me, I would fire him immediately for his highly erroneous review!

PS – I am a violinist and at one time was a professional musician.

Marilyn F. Adams
Glendale

Promotes Recycling

My name is Julian Martinez and I am currently attending St. Bede School in La Cañada. [Recently,] my class, seventh grade, came up with the idea to recycle within our school and with all the money we will give it to a homeless shelter. Before that, the St. Bede’s Recycling Program had been discontinued for the past five years. Since we have started it back up, I would like to encourage other people in the community to either keep recycling or start because you can get money out of it and it is good for our world.

Julian Martinez
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YOUTH

La Cañada Resident Wins Spotlight Competition



By Misty DUPLESSIS

On May 4, high school sophomore and La Cañada resident Jiye Angela Bae was named runner-up for her performance on the violin in the classical instrumental category in the Music Center's Spotlight competition.

For the Spotlight competition, high school musicians go through preliminary and semi-final rounds for a chance to make it to the finals.

The Spotlight's final rounds were held at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion's Music Center

where Bae competed opposite a guitarist. Musicians are not categorized by different instruments, but rather all classical musicians are categorized together.

As a winner, Bae received a \$4,000 scholarship from the program, which is designed for high school performing arts students.

Bae performed a song titled, "Bloch Nigun" and describes the song as "emotional."

"I just love performing emotional pieces because I can be free with my feelings that I show on stage. No one can stop me nor distract me while

I'm on stage. I always get into my pieces so much, but I feel like this particular piece gave me more freedom. I just had so much fun," Bae said of the piece she played.

Bae's time on stage was well received with the audience expressing its approval for her performance.

Bae auditioned for the competition with the hopes of challenging herself and to having the opportunity to shine on stage. She did just that.

The Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences student has been playing the violin since she was 3 years old and practices



Photo Courtesy Dorothy Chandler Pavillion Music Center

for several hours a day. The Spotlight competition proved that the hard work was well worth the effort.

"It would be a lie if I said I've never hated violin. However, these rewards and performances I get are just so thrilling," said Bae, adding that though the process of preparing takes great dedication and patience, she now looks forward to practicing.

Although Bae's freshman year is coming to an end, she plans to keep herself occupied with scheduled performances at the Concerto Competition Winner's Recital with the Palisades

Symphony on June 9 and a duet with her teacher Phillip Levy at the Sunday's Live Concert at Bing Theater of LACMA on June 30.

"Spotlight is just all about experiences and meeting other fabulous high schoolers. I am so happy that I applied for Spotlight and, honestly, I've changed so much [because of] this program the past six months as a musician and as a person," Bae said revealing that the 'star' treatment she received makes her want to go through the experience all over again.

Key Clubbers Take Over Kiwanis Meeting



Photo by Alex KELEDJIAN

Pictured from left are Key Club members Adam Oler, Danny Kim, David Jin, Dean Wyrzykowski, Brain Vu, Jeffery Paccone, Ben Blanco, Mathew Lim, Chantelle Cheung, and Christine Noh.

In keeping with tradition, the Key Club at La Cañada High School recently took over and ran a Kiwanis Club of La Cañada meeting.

This is an annual event and a fun experience for both the club members and the students. From joining in the joviality by sharing jokes

during the "Frosty Challenge" to auctioning off baked goods they created, the members of the Key Club enjoyed the camaraderie of Kiwanis.

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Saving Lives – One Prom at a Time

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crescenta Valley High School's prom is Saturday night. With the night come several certainties; it will be impossible to find an open chair at a nail salon, dresses and shoes will become even more important than they were the day before and there will be a steady line at the flower shops. It is also a time CV looks more like Beverly Hills with limos everywhere. But it is the uncertainties that worry some parents like, should they allow their child to go to an after prom party, or drive around Southern California from the beach to Hollywood in a limo?

For seniors and their guests, it is just about having a good time. They are absolutely certain nothing will go wrong and that if they are just allowed to stay out all night, they will be fine. This is their last high school dance with their friends before thoughts turn to life beyond high school.

A solution to calming parents' concerns while giving kids a place to have fun, all night, is Prom Plus. For almost 20 years

Prom Plus has given CVHS seniors and their guests an all night party ... a \$25,000 party with games including a mechanical bull, rock climbing wall, bungee run, bungee jump, zip line and full casino. And the kids are fed all night.

All of this is done thanks to a very supportive community that donates throughout the year, volunteers that stay up all night and a partnership with the Crescenta-Cañada YMCA where the event is held.

Kids should bring a change of clothes, leaving their prom attire in the cloakroom at Prom Plus. They also need their student identification. That card is taken when they enter the Y and returned to them when they leave. There is no coming and going; they check-in and check-out once.

Prom Plus is from midnight to 5 a.m. At the end of the night, an opportunity drawing is held. Each senior gets a ticket to enter.

For more information on Prom Plus, visit www.promplus.org.



Capital Artistry

By Tyler BIDDLE

Local high school artists from California's 28th congressional district are competing for a chance to have their work displayed in the nation's capital. On Sunday, May 19 Representative Adam Schiff will be hosting a forum and exhibition of the work submitted. Fifty students from 19 different schools have submitted works of visual art to be judged in the annual Congressional Art Competition.

"Every year, I am amazed at the talent and creativity displayed in the art I receive from high school students across the 28th congressional district," said Schiff whose office has seen its share of different pieces over the years. Each year he invites high schools in the 28th district to submit three entries that best represent their school for the competition. Schiff also decided to add to the competition specifically for this district by creating a people's choice contest online. Voting ran from May 6 to May 15 on his website and is now closed.

"Last year, the 'People's Choice' competition was such a success that we decided to continue the tradition this year. Students, their families and constituents from across our community [were] able to weigh in, just like the panel of judges, and pick the 'People's Choice' winner online," he

said.

The annual competition began in 1982. It aimed at giving congressmen a chance to connect with local artists and represent the culture of their districts in a unique way. Being representatives in Washington D.C. affords members of congress unique opportunities to show off some of the best bits of art and culture from their home districts. Since its inception, the contest has seen over 650,000 competitors.

The first place winner from the 28th district will have his or her piece displayed inside the nation's capitol for one year. Both the second place winner and the people's choice winner will find their pieces hanging inside Congressman Schiff's Washington D.C. office for one year. The third place winner will have his or her artwork displayed in Schiff's Burbank District office for a year.

Winners will be announced at the forum and exhibit on Sunday at Descanso Gardens in La Cañada Flintridge. The exhibit will begin at 3 p.m. in Van de Kamp Hall at 1418 Descanso Drive. The forum and awards presentation will begin at 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend the exhibit can RSVP by contacting Teresa Lamb Simpson in Rep. Schiff's Burbank District Office at (818) 450 -2900 or (323) 315-5555. Parking and admission is free.

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Bad Inning Ends Falcons' Softball

Taylor Hill's home run isn't enough as errors in fifth help Lancers end CV's season.

By Brandon HENSLEY

If it means anything to the Crescenta Valley High softball team, it would have been a long road ahead even it won Tuesday's road playoff game against La Salle, and not just figuratively.

The Falcons would have had to make a 160-mile bus ride up to Santa Maria for a game today had they pulled out a seventh inning rally over the Lancers. As it is, players can instead think about the end of the school year and look forward to putting in work during the summer after their 3-1 loss took care of all the potential travel worries.

Errors in the bottom of the fifth inning cost the Falcons the game.

Pitcher Olivia Thayer allowed a walk and three hits in the frame, but it was one play CV would like to take back.

Tied at 1-1, La Salle had runners on second and third with one out. Thayer's pitch to Katie Smither got by catcher Grace Poole, allowing Paula Damas to score.

But Poole's flip back to Thayer covering home was wild and Caroline Knop, who started the play at second, also scored, making it 3-1 La Salle.

Knop originally started the scoring in the frame with an RBI that brought home Beverlee Valerio.

"One little let down, and the game gets away from us. What did that take, 30 seconds?" said Falcon Coach Mark Samford.

Crescenta Valley (14-11-1) had its chances on the base paths all game, including in the second inning when it had runners on second and third with one out, but

Poole and Brady Sanford made consecutive outs.

In the seventh, the Falcons rallied against pitcher Damas when Poole walked and with one out sophomore shortstop Hailey Cookson singled (she had three hits, all of them opposite field to right). But Adela Alatraca struck out and Hannah Cookson grounded out to end the game – and season.

"I think that's the story of a lot of our losses," said Samford. "One timely hit away."

Falcons' third baseman Taylor Hill led off the top of the fourth inning with a home run to left-center field, her second of the season. That gave her team a precious 1-0 lead, similar to the May 9 regular season finale against Arcadia. In that one, centerfielder Hannah Cookson hit a home run to give CV a 1-0 lead in the third, but Arcadia scored three runs a little later to win 3-1. Flash forward five days later, and it was déjà vu.

CV played this one without designated hitter and backup catcher Tiffany Briscoe, who was battling a fever at home. Without regular catcher Jessica Morena, who missed the last several weeks with appendix problems, the responsibility all fell to Poole.

"She did a great job. Her at-bats have improved dramatically," said Samford of Poole. "That's why I tell them if you come every day and play hard you never know what's going to happen."



Photo by Ed HAMILTON

CV pitcher Olivia Thayer in action May 9 vs Arcadia.

This is CV's third year of losing its first playoff game. The Falcons will not graduate many seniors (Sanford, Morena, Jordan Green, Riane Garcia and Molly Burke) so the prospects of advancing next

year certainly aren't bleak.

Thayer, Hill, Briscoe, both Cookson sisters and first baseman Chloe Fairbrother all played vital

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Boeke's Blast Delivers Hope for Falcons

By Brandon HENSLEY

One year ago the Crescenta Valley High baseball team celebrated a Pacific League championship by dog piling on each other after beating Arcadia in the regular season's final game.

Then the Falcons went out and were upset by a below .500 Tustin team the next week in the first round of the playoffs.

Will it be a repeat performance this time?

Ted Boeke certainly hopes not. The Falcons celebrated another league title after beating Arcadia May 10, the last game of the regular season. There was cheering and hugging and the requisite dog pile, but here come the playoffs again.

CV (20-7, 12-2 in league) opens the Southern Section Division II playoffs at Stengel Field on Friday at 3:15 p.m. They will face Yucaipa, who won a wild card game Tuesday against Great Oak.

If the Falcons win, they advance to a second-round game on Tuesday.

"Our main goal is to get past the first round," said Boeke. "We haven't been able to do it the past three years. Putting our foot on the throttle early in

the game is very important ... we don't want to have to come back like this every game."

What Boeke referred to was his heroics against Arcadia last week. The senior hit what is probably the most memorable home run in the program's recent history, a three-run shot to left field in the top of the seventh inning with CV trailing 4-2.

With Arcadia's fans taunting the Falcons' side most of the game, Boeke's homer changed the entire mood of the stadium. CV won 5-4 and clinched a share of the Pacific League with Burbank, but the Falcons enter the playoffs as the league's No. 1 team because they swept Burbank this year.

"If he throws me a curveball, I was going to take it," Boeke said of his at-bat. "If he threw me a fastball was going to hit it hard."

Arcadia beat Pioneer Valley in a wild card game on Tuesday.

CV Coach Phil Torres had starter Brian Gadsby finish the game on the mound in the bottom of the seventh, although he almost thought otherwise when Boeke came home to score after his home run.

"I was thinking Teddy might have to warm up and hurry because he might have to pitch,"

said Torres. "I didn't really get a chance to enjoy [the home run]. I was worried about the next inning and where everyone's going."

Gadsby hit three batters, but Torres gave him credit for hanging in there in a rivalry game.

"He was great. He gutted it out," said Torres. "He was typical Brian, he hit a guy, and another guy, but he struck out four guys in one inning. He kept it close."

Arcadia beat CV earlier this season 3-2 at Stengel Field, when the Falcons hit into a game-ending double play.

"It was more about winning league," said junior Bryan Wang when asked about the revenge factor of this game. "It was nice to get back at them, but we just wanted to win league."

Before Boeke stepped to the plate, Joe Torres struck out on a passed ball and was safe at first when he hustled down the line. That made it two runners on base, and up came Boeke.

"We still had faith," said Wang. "We knew that Teddy was going to come up big."

For a video highlight from last week's victory over Arcadia, visit this story in the sports section online at cvweekly.com.



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Carrillo, Collison, Melnyk Lead Falcons to CIF Finals

By Leonard COUTIN

It was a hot Saturday that greeted athletes arriving at Trabuco High School to compete in the track and field CIF Southern Section prelims.

The strategy for most of the athletes was to simply qualify and make it into the finals, which will be held this Saturday at Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) starting at 10 a.m. The athletes had to endure several extra hours due to the running of several heats of the same race continuing late into the afternoon and evening. By the end of the day, the CV Falcons qualified three individuals and the girls' 4x400 relay team for SS CIF finals.

Junior Kayleigh Carrillo got off to a quick start in her 400m race and led her heat to qualify, running 56.95. She ranked third with the fastest time behind leader Simone Buchanan from Roosevelt (56.35).

Megan Melnyk got a surprise as she completed the first lap of the 800m; her right shoe flew off her foot and onto the track, but Melnyk was resourceful and captured second place in her heat, running barefoot with a time of 2:16.63. Her time was listed as the seventh fastest for the day. La Quinta rival Megan Huebner clocked the fastest time, running 2:11.94.

In the boys' 3200m, Falcon junior Gable Collison set the pace out in front of the pack for most of the laps. Collison placed with a qualifying time of 9:30.83, the ninth fastest time going into the finals. Edison senior Jeff Thies took the lead in the 3200m heat, running 9:18.41.

Although the day was long, the girls 4x400 relay team of Melnyk, Carrillo, Courtney Iannello and Emmie Walker qualified in their relay, running 3:56.26. The last event of the day, the team pushed hard in the relay, handing off the baton with expertise. Carrillo, who already ran a solid 400m open race, proved a stellar anchor leg.

This is the first time in many years that the Falcons will have a 4x400 relay team running in the CIF finals as well as in the individual contests.

"We competed very well at finals," said CV coach Mark Evans. "I am proud of how we did. This is a young group who gained some great

experience. Matt Manalo had a great race even though he did not qualify for finals. He ran a three-second [personal best] in the 800.

"It is always exciting to see athletes qualify for CIF finals. It is a new experience because for many of them it is a new level of competition. Girls 4x400 did a great job! They went another one second faster than at league finals."

Competing for CIF is always one of the toughest contests in the Southern Section Division 1 and the CIF prelims is tough to qualify for. The following CV runners who did well, but did not qualify for Saturday SS CIF finals were senior Noel Wong in high jump (16-6.00); senior Hannah Ruby 1600m (5:21.33); Nick Beatty 800m (2:02.12); Sarah Lapides 100HH (16.97); senior David Shahamanyan 110HH (16.41); girls high jumpers Emmie Walker, Emily Belgarian and Grace Keller; senior Hannah Ruby 800m (2:26.07); Nick Beatty 800m (2:02.12); Matt Manalo 800m (1:56.81); Sarah Lapides 300LH (49.75); Haley Witzeman 3200m (12:02.02); Kayleigh Carrillo 200m (25.45); the boys 4x400 relay team: David Shahamanyan, Nick Beatty, Alex Damla and Matt Manalo (3:29.53).



At the Southern Section Division 1 CIF Prelims, the following Crescenta Valley individuals and relay team qualified for the Southern Section Division 1 CIF Finals, Saturday May 18, at Mt. Sac College. Top left to right Kayleigh Carrillo running 400m, Gable Collison running the 3200m, and Megan Melnyk running the 800m and below the 4 x 400 relay team: (left to right) Courtney Iannello, Kayleigh Carrillo, Megan Melnyk and Emmie Walker.

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roles this season and will be back in 2014. The only problem is so will dominating pitcher Caitlyn Brooks, who plays for Pacific League champion Burbank.

"Burbank is still going to have Caitlyn. But you can't forfeit already," said Samford. "We're going to show up and play with people that have a lot of experience."

Chloe Fairbrother recently sat down with Brandon Hensley to talk about the 2013 season, as well as her personality on and off the field. To see the video, visit the sports and video sections at cvweekly.com.

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Get to Know ... **Elissa Arnold**



Minutes after celebrating the Lady Falcons' first ever CIF championship in February, Elissa Arnold said accomplishing the feat was "more of a need than a want."

It was that kind of determination from Elissa and the rest of her team in 2012-13 that allowed Crescenta Valley to take home the Division V plaque. Elissa is also a member of the school's swim team, though she said she doesn't necessarily enjoy the meets, but at least it keeps her in shape for water polo.

Because she's a junior, Elissa will have a chance next season to defend CV's title with key returners like Ashley Taylor, Shanon Hovanessian and Lynley Fernandez. Read more below to find out what life has been like for Elissa since the season ended.

Do you have a favorite sport to play or watch besides water polo? Definitely football! I actually dream of being the first female head NFL coach. I love every aspect of football, except I could never play because it involves running, which I can't do.

Any big summer movies you are looking forward to, or maybe you've seen already? I saw "The Great Gatsby" already and loved Leonardo DiCaprio in it. I really want to see the Star Trek when it comes out.

Do you listen to any music to get you pumped before a match? I listen to David Guetta's "Titanium," and Kanye West's "Clique." I'm more of a country music kind of girl but the fast-paced rap stuff gets me in "game mode."

What's your favorite aspect of playing water polo? I really like the mental component. A lot of people don't realize this, but we have a lot of plays we have to run and memorize to compete in the higher stress games. It's not all just splashing and swimming.

Did any classmates or teachers say anything to you after you won the championship? Almost all of my teachers congratulated me on the victory, yet not many classmates acknowledged it, or even knew about it. Water polo -- especially girls -- really doesn't seem to be on the students' radars.

It's been a few months since the last game. Has it sunk in yet? I feel almost as if the season never ended. It might sink in when the rings are done and I have mine on my finger.

What are your plans for the summer? Summer session for water polo club begins and I'm going to be training all summer for Junior Olympics and possibly with the junior national team. I guess what they say is true, "Train insane or remain the same."

Who is your best friend on the team, and why? Lynley Fernandez ... she's like a sister and completely understands me as a person.

Anything specific you are looking forward to next year being a senior? I'm only taking two AP classes and am going to be in [Associated Students] so I might actually have time outside of practicing and school to have a little fun with friends.

Finish this sentence: Being a CIF champion is ... One thing that will be with me my entire life, and nobody can ever take it away.



By Brandon HENSLEY
Photo by Jason BALLARD

Spartans Finish Strong

By Alex DUPLESSIS

Head Coach James Mustain had a message for his team after another flag football victory: "Offense wins games, defense wins championships."

The Rosemont Spartans (5-1) held off another valiant comeback attempt in a 13-12 victory over Toll Middle School (2-4) in flag football on May 9, winning the league championship for the 2013 season.

Things started off slowly for both squads. Neither team was able to get anything going offensively on its first few drives. Late in the first quarter, a bad punt from Rosemont set Toll up with great field position. From there, Toll hit pay dirt on a shifty touchdown run and went up 6-0 over the Spartans.

Rosemont's offense didn't get going until later in the second when quarterback Tyler Hill (who missed a week of practice due to injury) was subbed in. The difference his presence made on offense was like night and day.

He completed two quick passes to get Rosemont inside Toll's 10-yard-line. From there he powered it into the end zone for the touchdown. Following the conversion (which Hill also took in), the score was 7-6 Rosemont.

Toll had one last chance to score before halftime. They drove inside the Spartan 20, but an interception by safety Andrew Traber kept them out of the end zone.

After a defensive slugfest in the third quarter, Rosemont found the end zone again. Wide-receiver Brandon Beardt caught a pass over multiple defenders and outran them down the right sideline to increase Rosemont's lead to 13-6.

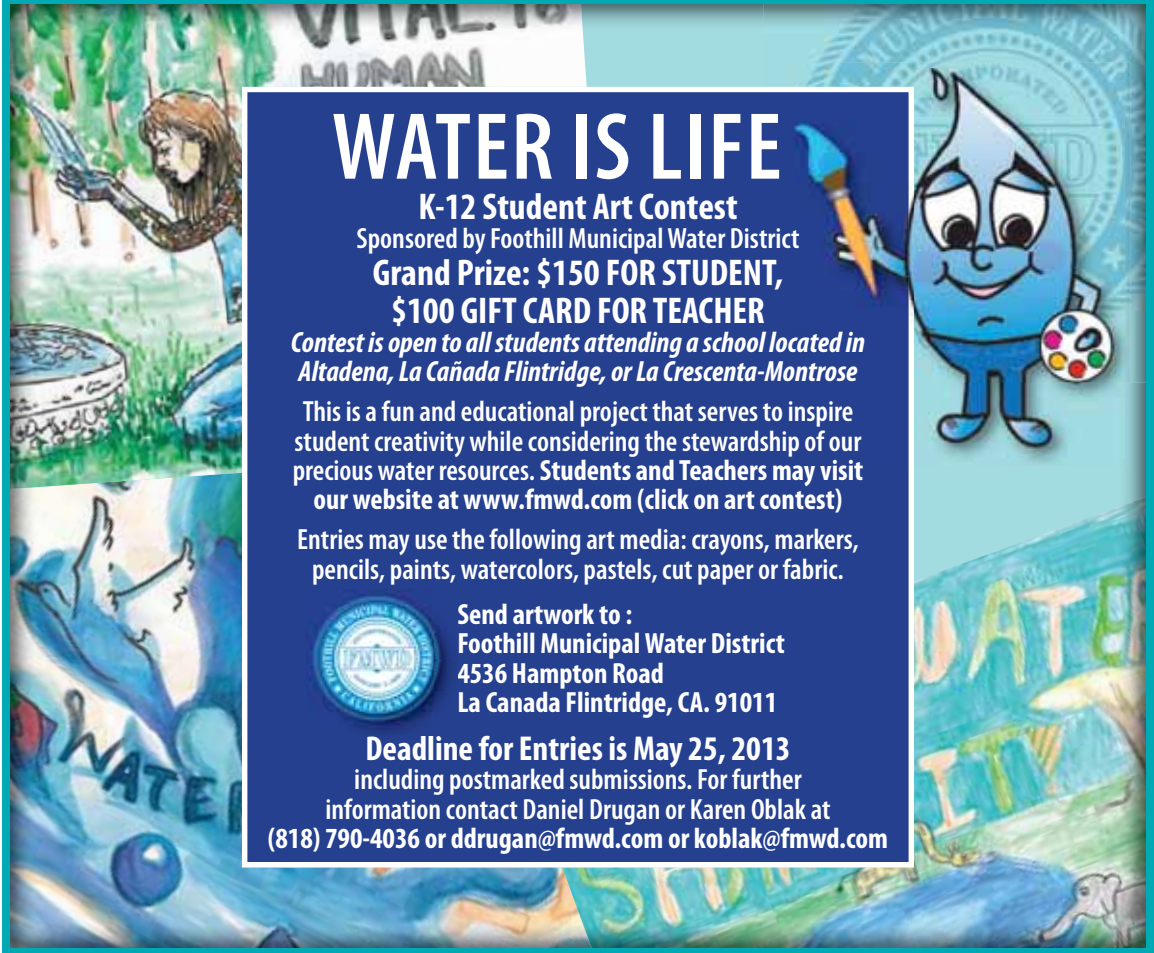
Rosemont appeared to have the game all locked up after intercepting another Toll pass on the following drive, but they ended up giving it right back as Toll hauled in an interception of their own.

After the turnover, Toll was able to drive the length of the field and put the ball in the end zone. Trailing 13-12, they decided to attempt a two-point conversion for the win.

Toll tried to run a toss play to the right pylon, but was met by a host of Spartan defenders who swarmed to the football and stopped them short. Rosemont had won, 13-12. For photos of the game, visit this story online at cvweekly.com.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Legacy Luncheon Celebrates ‘Heart & Excellence’

The YWCA of Glendale held its 16th Annual Legacy Luncheon and Heart & Excellence Awards on April 25. The luncheon was held at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

“We’ve come a long way, Glendale; we survived; we’re alive and we continue to thrive” was the message of the afternoon that was emceed by Emmy Award-winning television news anchor, reporter, writer and producer Cater Lee.

The awards recognized the community work performed by the honorees.

This year’s Heart & Excellence honorees included Toni Beck Espinoza who was celebrated for volunteerism in the greater Glendale community. Service clubs that she is a part of include the Kiwanis of Glendale, the Community Foundation of the Verdugos, the Glendale Educational Foundation and the Arturo Sandoval Institute.

Recipient Lena Bozoyan was recognized for her activism in women’s issues. She is a member of the Glendale Commission on the Status of Women and the Armenian Relief Society. Her advocacy has included financial literacy classes; forums on domestic violence, substance abuse, divorce and immigration.

Awardee Jory Potts began reaching out to others as a child when she accompanied her

father, a chef in San Francisco, to nearby homeless shelters to cook food. That compassion carried her forward and she has been an active supporter of the Salvation Army in Glendale for the past several years, chaired the Nancy Painter House and Chester Village apartments that provide transitional housing for women with children who have had drug and alcohol addiction problems.

Honoree Mary Margaret Smith is known for her volunteerism, serving in a variety of capacities for the AAUW, the Assistance League, and PEO, an organization that is dedicated to extending opportunities to women in education and society. After retiring from teaching, she began giving her time to the Glendale Symphony Orchestra taking on various roles within the Women’s committee.

During her tenure as member of the Glendale Unified School District board of education, Joylene Wagner’s commitment to local youth was evident. She is credited with playing an instrumental part in keeping music and arts programs as part of the curriculum at GUSD schools. Recognitions have included Woman of the Year by Congressman Adam Schiff, PTA Honorary Life Membership and Community Spirit Award from the Glendale Stake-Church of Latter-day Saints.



This year’s Legacy Luncheon celebrated (from left) Jory Potts, Toni Beck Espinoza, Joylene Wagner, Lena Bozoyan and Mary Margaret Smith.

Local youth were also honored. As a senior at Campbell Hall, Rebecca Weitzel received the Jane O’Connor Volunteer Service Award. She has donated more than 250 volunteer hours a year donating her time to the YWCA’s Camp ‘Y.’ Most of her volunteer work has been with children. The NCL honored her with the Senior Achievement Award for giving over 1,300 hours in service since seventh grade.

Fellow Jane O’Connor Volunteer Service Award recipient Amber Zadravec is a senior at Crescenta Valley High School and has given over 440 hours of community service over the last three years. She designed and implemented Project Smile during her time with the Girl

Scouts, the goal to bring “joy and vitality” to the residents living in Twelve Oaks Lodge and Elms Convalescent.

For more information on the

YWCA in Glendale, visit www.glendaleywca.org.

Submitted by Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Personnel Change at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center

Wayne Herron has been appointed to the position of vice president, Foundation, of Glendale Memorial Hospital. Herron brings more than 15 years of experience in development and fundraising activities while at Fuller Theological Seminary, Occidental College, Azusa Pacific University and Pasadena Art Center College of Design.

“We are very pleased to welcome Wayne to Glendale Memorial Hospital. His years of experience, fundraising

knowledge, and status as a resident of the local community will benefit the hospital in its

philanthropy efforts to better serve our community,” said hospital President Jack Ivie.



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Thompson Sworn In



ABOVE: Bob Thompson is administered the oath.
BELOW: Joe Edmiston, right, thanks Paul Rabinov on his years of service to the SMMC.



At the April 29 meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, foothills representative Paul Rabinov was recognized for his years of service on the Advisory Board. Rabinov had been the representative for La

Crescenta and Altadena. Bob Thompson was sworn in as the new La Crescenta/Altadena representative by Joe Edmiston, executive director of the SMMC.

Provided by Anthony PORTANTINO

Community Completes Sheriff's Academy Class

A group of 14 community members from La Crescenta and La Cañada Flintridge recently completed a six-week Community Academy class at Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. The purpose of the community academy was to build a better understanding between the community and the Sheriff's Dept. through education and understanding.

The program focused on the Sheriff Dept.'s operational procedures. Sessions ranged from criminal law to search and rescue operations. Participants went on ride-alongs and saw the deputies in action. They went on a tour of Men's Central Jail in downtown Los Angeles and also toured the Sheriff's Communication Center in East Los Angeles.



The community members volunteered their time to learn about the local sheriff's station and, most importantly, learned of the duties performed by local deputies.

Participants received certificates at the completion of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station's Community Academy Class.

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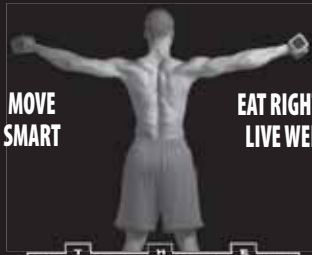
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History Plays Part in Pops Fundraiser

Guest Soloist Closes Out LACO Season

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

Supporters of Glendale's arts and culture community gathered in North Hollywood to help raise funds to the sights of a 1950s newsroom and the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole. The event, aptly named Pops & Props, was held on Saturday at one of the area's largest prop houses.

The concert featured Matt Catingub and the Pops Quartet playing a set of mid-century era jazz classics before a backdrop of a 1950s television studio set. The evening's music was inspired by George Clooney's Oscar-nominated film "Good Night, and Good Luck." The award winning music was arranged by Catingub. Attendees to Saturday's event enjoyed the music while surrounded by original props from the set of the film.

"I don't think it will be debated that the man is a musical genius," said Glendale Arts CEO Elissa Glickman. "[Catingub] has a phenomenal ear for musicianship, he is able



A fundraiser benefitting the Glendale Pops Orchestra and Glendale Arts was held at North Hollywood's History for Hire, and featured music by Matt Catingub and the Pops Quartet.

Photo by Annie AARAKELIAN

to bring some of the top musicians with him to the benefit of Glendale Pops."

The venue for the event was North Hollywood's History for Hire, a 30,000-square-foot prop house that supplies a number of props seen in film and on television.

"One of the nice things about Glendale Arts is that in addition to the Alex we can explore a number of other venues. Alex is a beautiful, unique landmark so we have to be creative to meet the standard it sets," remarked

Glickman. "History for Hire is probably one of the most unique spaces that we could ask for. It connects the industry of entertainment and gives a great backdrop for a concert, really allowing us to integrate the feeling of Hollywood into the performance."

The concert raised money for Glendale Arts and the Glendale Pops Orchestra. While fees and ticket prices drive a significant portion of the organization's revenue, community support and fundraising is necessary to supplement the operating budget and continued dedication to the Alex Theatre.

"Our first and primary responsibility is to the Alex," said Glickman. "We will make investments in the preservation of the theatre and to keep it magnificently maintained."

The Alex Theatre will close its doors between July 1 and Oct. 31 to complete a scheduled renovation and expansion of the venue. The \$5.2 million project will expand the backstage area by 6,400 feet and upgrade a number of the facility's amenities.

"The elimination of redevelopment funds casts uncertainty over the future of our financing, so we are dedicated to our cause over the long haul to continue securing funding while presenting top quality entertainment in a beloved venue," said Glickman.

Glendale Arts recently hosted screening of classic James Bond films and is currently hosting a speaker series presented by Live Talks L.A. Former Lakers coach Phil Jackson is scheduled to speak at the Alex on June 12.

By Ted AYALA

The last time she was in town, cellist Alisa Weilerstein left a deep impression on local audiences with her playing of Peter Tchaikovsky's "Rococo Variations." The 2011 MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipient returns to Los Angeles for a pair of concerts with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) this weekend, closing out the LACO 2012-13 season.

Weilerstein will be playing Dmitri Shostakovich's 1958 "Cello Concerto No. 1," the first of two cello concertos dedicated to Mstislav Rostropovich. Its dedicatee – who enjoyed a close relationship with the composer and his family since his student days – had been hoping for at least a decade that Shostakovich would compose a work for his instrument. Rostropovich had hoped that his friendship with the composer would bear similar fruit to the one he had with Sergei Prokofiev, who late in life composed three works for cello for the young cellist and left a fourth work incomplete. It may have taken awhile, but the wait was worth it for both Rostropovich and for music.

In four compact movements, the piece is a transitional one in Shostakovich's body of work, its terse motivic structure and spare instrumentation moving away from the populism of the composer's mid-1950s works and pointing towards his elliptical, saturnine late period.

Also on the program will be works by Beethoven, Hugo Pioli-Gonzalez and Anna Clyne.

Pioli-Gonzalez's bassoon concerto "The Love of Zero" will be performed together with a screening of the eponymous avant-garde silent film from 1927 by Robert Florey.

Performances will take place this Saturday at the Alex Theatre; Sunday at UCLA's Royce Hall. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$110. To purchase tickets and obtain more information, visit the LACO website at <http://www.laco.org/performances/210> or call (213) 622-7001 (ext. 1).



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Alex Supporters Alarmed by LACO Announcement

By Ted AYALA

The recent announcement by the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) regarding its 2013-14 season startled some of its supporters in Glendale who feared the ensemble may be feeling its way toward a new home.

In a press release, the orchestra announced that the first two concerts of its new season would take place at the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. Referred to as a "temporary shift," the release stated that the move was prompted by renovations the Alex Theatre will be undergoing over the summer and into the early fall. The renovations consist of improvements to the backstage area that would cost approximately \$6 million.

LACO has performed at the Ambassador in previous seasons as part of its Discover series, an annual concert that focuses on a single work of the classical music canon.

Since the end of redevelopment in 2012, the future of the Alex Theatre has been a cause for concern for the city. Though Glendale has taken steps to assume control of the venue, it technically stays in the hands of Sacramento. A particular source of worry has been the liquidation of the Alex and its assets by the State of California. This may entail the site being sold to a private owner who will be free to dispose of the theatre as they wish.

Elisa Glickman, the general manager of Glendale Arts, the organization which oversees the Alex, was quick to assure that the announcement did not presage a more permanent move by LACO.

"While we're pleased that they have found a temporary venue while we undergo renovations," she said, "[LACO] is fully committed to coming back to us."

According to her, LACO has been an important source of revenue for the theatre, contributing an estimated \$70,000 to the venue's approximate yearly average of \$800,000, around 8.75%. The concert series bring in approximately 700 to 1,000 patrons per concert.

Glickman named off previous improvements to the Alex that were made primarily to cater to LACO.

"We've already made acoustic enhancements, improved the sound stage mostly for them," she said. "They're one of our marquee clients and they're committed to us for the long-term. It's a real testament to our performance venue."

CVHS Students Among GYO Soloists

By Ted AYALA

The Glendale Youth Orchestra (GYO) brings its 24th season to a close on Sunday at the Alex Theatre with a program that mixes classical works spanning the 18th and 20th centuries with a little bit of Brazilian jazz.

Traditionally, the end of season concerts of the GYO have been a showcase for some of the impressive individual talents in the ensemble, with young musicians taking a solo turn to demonstrate a fluency with their craft beyond their years – and this one is no different.

Among the brilliant soloists to take the stage on Sunday are two students from Crescenta Valley High School: Stephanie Yoon and Sarah Worden.

Yoon and Worden – senior and junior at CVHS respectively – have both nurtured their musical abilities since early childhood; Yoon since she encountered music at her elementary school when she was in the first grade, Worden through over a decade's worth of private instruction from Herman and Boris Markosian at Metzler Violin Shop.

For Worden, her choice of Camille Saint-Saëns' "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso" presented a challenge not only for its virtuosic writing for her instrument, but also because Sunday's concert will be the first time she plays the piece publicly.

"There are some technically difficult passages that I had to spend a lot of time on," she said. "Capturing the right tone for the piece is also difficult."

Yoon, on the other hand, selected Gabriel Fauré's "Fantasy for Flute and Orchestra" because it has become a kind of signature piece for her.

"[It] is my piece," she emphatically recounted. "I have practiced and played it many times and this is the piece I identify myself with."

She also noted that while the piece may necessarily make virtuosic demands of the flute, it does require immaculate technique and poise in order to realize Fauré's subtle writing.

"The first movement is slow and very romantic, while the second is light and fun," she said. "Changing the mood in between the movements is challenging."

As they both prepare for Sunday's concert, Yoon and Worden both spoke enthusiastically about the GYO.

"I have had an amazing experience with GYO," said Worden. "The playing is at a very high level and [instructor Brad Keimach] is very passionate about the orchestra."

Yoon, too, recalled her experience with the orchestra as "extremely amazing" and praised Keimach for his energy and dedication in shaping his musicians into artists who seek to communicate directly with their audiences.

"The goal of musicians is to make music and send a message to the audience," she said. "Our conductor, Brad Keimach, emphasizes that we as a group need to touch the listener."

The GYO's season finale concert will be held Sunday, May 19 at the Alex Theatre and starts at 7 p.m. Young people interested in participating in the orchestra's next season are encouraged to attend auditions at Forest Lawn's Hall of Liberty on May 24 and again on August 25.

To obtain tickets and more information about Sunday's concert, visit <http://www.glendaleyouthorchestra.com>, www.alextheatre.org or call (818) 243-2539.





To Boldly Go... ‘Into Darkness’

Star Trek opens May 17. Okay, say it with me: Star Trek opens May 17. Have you ever heard anything so wonderful?

By Mary O’Keefe

“Star Trek Into Darkness” is the second in the new J.J. Abrams series of films. But before there was Chris Pine’s Capt. James T. Kirk and Zachary Quinto’s Spock there was an amazing television series that lasted three years and has been changing lives ever since. “Star Trek,” the original series, began in 1966 and was canceled in 1969. Producers first asked Gene Roddenberry, a veteran television writer, to come up with a program similar to the then-popular “Wagon Train” series. “Star Trek” was to be Wagon Train to the Stars, however no one thought at the time how far reaching this series would be. Science fiction writing is about

looking into the past, examining the present and projecting that vision into a future world. “Star Trek” was developed at a time when the country was in turmoil over Vietnam, and sex, drugs and rock and roll were the battle cry against “the establishment.” It was a tough time for the country, but what a great time to write science fiction. “Star Trek” took all of that social anxiety, threw it into the future and tried to teach the audience what would happen if they did not change its path. Granted, these stories were mixed in with rather, well, let’s call it *unusual*, storylines – “Spock’s Brain” may not have been social commentary, but it was science fiction. The original “Star Trek” was historic. There were different races, even species, being treated as equals. Women, although still wearing a mini-dress, were given jobs of responsibility. And behind the scenes, a woman writer,

Dorothy (DC) Fontana, was smashing that “women can’t write science fiction” glass ceiling. All of the above writing is the justification most of us, Trekkers and Trekkies, cite when we are caught by non-Trekkers with our phaser keychain or wearing our Vulcan ears to a convention. Over the years, we have been made fun of and mocked, even by those we love most – William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk) on “Saturday Night Live” screaming at pretend Trekkers/Trekkies to “get a life.” Or the book “I Am Not Spock” by, well, Spock (Leonard Nimoy). But despite all of the “beam me up” jokes, Trekkers/Trekkies have continued to grow and stayed loyal. It’s amazing that after 47 years, “Star Trek” is still going strong and the fan base is still intact. The new films with the beloved characters are now being played by a new generation of actors, and the franchise continues. These storylines, the 2009 “Star Trek”

and the soon to be released, “Star Trek Into Darkness,” are quite different from the original series. Budgets are huge, special effects and make-up replace the guy in a reptile suit, yet it is still the same somehow. This comes down to Gene Roddenberry and his writers and actors of the original series. The characters that were created were solid. There was no doubt what Capt. Kirk would do if put in a specific situation. It doesn’t matter how young or old he is, his character foundation is so strong the audience knows him. They know all of the “Star Trek” family, those shipmates on an eternal “five-year mission.” The fun part about the new films is learning how these characters became the ones we know, and love. Like watching old videos of relatives when they were younger, these movies make us smile at the origins of their character quirks and empathize with the suffering and the losses that shaped their

lives. So when you go on May 17 to see “Star Trek Into Darkness,” and as you wait for the film to begin, think about the history of how this film got to the big screen. The term “standing on the shoulders of giants” has never fit better.



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This week brings a more relaxed focus, which could be calming as well as an opportunity to make progress. Mercury, the Sun, and Mars start off in laid-back Taurus, with Mercury moving to Gemini and its own sign on Wednesday. Both Venus and Mercury square Neptune, so watch out for confusion that could develop into a bigger misunderstanding. Venus later sextiles Uranus, bringing a desire to indulge in anything unusual. Uranus edges closer to Pluto, so tensions behind-the-scenes could build.

♈ ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
This week, or perhaps in coming weeks, you might be tempted to sign up for a course of study. An unexpected travel invitation could also come your way. Go with it because it could open some exciting new doors. There seems to be plenty of news on the horizon, much of it positive, but you also need to watch out for a misunderstanding, especially over the weekend. Matters of the heart look promising. Your unique charm opens doors for you.

♉ TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
It's a good week to keep your feet on the ground where business interests are concerned. You'll be eager to improve your prospects for long-range financial security and this, as well as any positive business move, is favored. A sudden flash of inspiration may help you solve a problem that has concerned you for a while, especially one linked to money. A business associate might need to be handled with tact, but his or her heart is likely in the right place.

♊ GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
You may be feeling vulnerable, but don't worry. You're still in a cosmic cycle in which it helps to relax, recharge your batteries, and reflect on the best way forward. You'll really be in your element from midweek forward. You might need to watch the tendency to put things off or dissipate your energies. For best results this week, pick a goal and focus on it until you've successfully reached it. There could be a new admirer out there for you if you play your cards right.

♋ CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
It's good to spread charm and goodwill. Everything should go as planned, although you might have to contend with unexpected events that could prove crucial to reaching a goal. Fate could lend you a helping hand at key moments. Networking and socializing look very promising. They bring many opportunities for business and romantic connections. Pay attention if you get an intuitive feeling to talk to someone or call someone. It could positively affect your plans.

♌ LEO *July 23 - August 22*
Work and career matters may become engrossing, so much so that you manage to make quite a bit of headway. You might be tempted to overspend on leisure interests, but it's a great time to reach understandings, make new associations, and generally hang out with friends. Plans that include travel for pleasure could be on your mind, but you're also eager to step up your professional status and create security with a financial buffer that keeps you safe from unexpected eventualities.

♍ VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
You seem to be making important headway with work or business-related concerns. The major focus on your career zone brings opportunities to flourish as long as you're willing to track them down and take the first step. Communication with fellow professionals or those in your line of work may help you bring plans to fruition. Research your options and create a plan that will see you through to the success you deserve. You might be in the mood to improve your skills or travel.

♎ LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
You could be in a fun-loving mood and enjoy doing something different for entertainment. You could reach a new level of understanding with a loving tie. However, it helps to be sensible in the use of your credit. You might be tempted to go over your limit if you're really enjoying yourself. Pleasure plans might be made on the spur of the moment. They could involve travel or a desire to expand your horizons by moving outside your comfort zone. It's time to be courageous!

♏ SCORPIO *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*
Being friendly and personable should open doors for you in business and romance. You might get the green light to proceed with a matter that's been on hold, especially one linked to joint financial affairs. Be sure to read the fine print before you sign anything. The unexpected is likely to cause a change in your routine. Be tactful and diplomatic with both business and personal ties. You can be very persuasive, especially this week, but don't go over the top.

♐ SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
Others may be captivated by your charm, so expect a few compliments on how well you look. You're a team player this week and for some while yet. You succeed when you work alongside others and share your unique talents. Proper timing is the key to getting ahead. Know when to push your interests and when to bide your time. There's every chance that opportunity may knock on your door, but it helps to weed out the great invitations from the potentially shady ones.

♑ CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
Romance and creative activities bring pleasure this week. It's a good time to consider taking your sweetheart away from it all for a short break. The chance to relax might do you good. Regarding your health, you might need to work harder to keep up with those regular workouts. Reading some motivational literature might get you in the mood to keep going. Take advantage of any lucky breaks at work, but watch out for a situation that might confuse everyone for a while.

♒ AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
You might reach an important turning point in your relationship with a romantic interest. You could also reconcile with someone with whom you've had a problem. Creative energies encourage you to try. Getting your house in order might also be on your mind. This includes taking a look at your garden or deck and turning it into an oasis of peace and calm. You're still ambitious in your career, but don't let intense emotions keep you from getting ahead. If someone annoys you, let it go.

♓ PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
This is a perfect time to promote yourself and your ideas. Think about upgrading your website - or starting one - especially if you have products or services to sell. You may be doing more writing, phoning, or getting in touch in general. It's also a good time to make a plan regarding any recent business ideas. Getting them down on paper might be the first step to success. Influences around you make this a perfect week for entertaining at home. You'll really enjoy it!



CALENDAR this

SONS OF NORWAY
The Sons of Norway Edvard Grieg Lodge #74 is hosting a mai dinner and Scandinavian cultural evening at Lutheran Church of the Foothills on Saturday, May 18. Social is at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. with program to follow. Catered Norwegian dinner of cold poached salmon, red potatoes, mashed rutabagas, meatballs, herring, cold slaw, dill rolls, dessert and beverages. Following the dinner, there will be a presentation on Norway's Constitution Day. The cost of the dinner is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Reservations are required. Please call Margaret Shuler at (626) 303-6465. Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

TOPS OFFERS LOCAL MEETINGS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) has the following area meetings:
On Monday, weigh-in is at 6 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Church for Spiritual Living - Chaffee Hall, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta;
Contact Rose Harris at (818) 790-8291.
On Thursday, weigh in is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 10438 Oro Vista St., Sunland.
Contact Jeanie Druebert at (818) 353-5015.

DOCENT CLASSES OFFERED
The Autry in Griffith Park is having a docent class that is scheduled to start in June. The Autry is recruiting interested individuals to attend training that will enable them to share the rich history of the west with museum visitors. For more information, contact Susan DiCato at sdicato@theautry.org or (323) 667-2000.
The Autry in Griffith Park, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles

PERIOD WEDDING DRESSES ON DISPLAY
The Doctors House Museum in Glendale is currently showcasing an exhibit of vintage wedding gowns from the 1860s to the 1920s. England's Queen Victoria has been widely credited with establishing the Western tradition of wearing a white bridal gown, which was quickly copied by wealthy, fashionable brides. Victorian, Edwardian and Gatsby-era 1920s style wedding dresses in The Glendale Historical Society's collection are on now display at the Doctors House and can be viewed every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. now through June 30 (except Fathers Day).
The Doctors House is an authentically restored Queen Anne-Eastlake Victorian house and is one of the last two remaining original houses of its style in Glendale. The house's threatened demolition in 1979 sparked the formation of The Glendale Historical Society, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that remains dedicated to celebrating and conserving Glendale's rich history and architectural heritage.
Located in Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale, the Doctors House Museum is open for tours on Sundays except holidays and the month of July. A \$2 donation is requested from visitors who are not members of The Glendale Historical Society.

MUSIC AT CALTECH
The Caltech Chamber Music Ensembles present its spring 2013 chamber music concert on May 19 at Caltech's Dabney

Lounge.
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.

TOWNE SINGERS PRESENT 'SONGS IN THE KEY OF L.A.'
What unites the music of Graham Nash, George Gershwin, Eric Whitacre and Brian Wilson? All of these composers and more wrote in Los Angeles and will be featured in the Towne Singers concert May 18 at First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door and \$20 presale. Tickets are available from members of Towne Singers , through townesingers.org or by telephone at (818) 275-4117.

PERFORMANCES BY CALTECH-OCCIDENTAL CONCERT BAND, CALTECH JAZZ BAND
The Caltech-Occidental Concert Band and Caltech Jazz Band present the 33rd annual Bandorama concert on Friday, May

17 and Saturday, May 18 at 8 p.m. in Caltech's Ramo Auditorium featuring music from "Les Miserables," "West Side Story" and the Count Basie Band
Guest conductors will be Christine Loza and Jeffrey Thompson. Both guest conductors have played in the band for many years and will receive their PhDs from Caltech in June.
The concerts are free and no tickets are required. There is free parking nearby. Early arrival is encouraged, as these concerts are popular and well attended. For further information, visit bands.caltech.edu or call (626) 395-3295.

ALMANOVA AT GLENDALE LIBRARY
On Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m., AlmaNova will be performing at the Glendale Central Library as part of the Associates of Brand Library Music Series. The award winning AlmaNova consists of flutist Jessica Pierce and guitarist Almer Imamovic. Music on the program will includes pieces by Falla, Rossini, Giuliani, Imamovic, Ravel and Ibert. More information is available at www.almanova.us.
Admission is free and this concert is sponsored by the Associates of Brand Library. 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 Brand Library events will be held at the Glendale Central Library, 222 E. Harvard St., Glendale, (818) 548-2027.

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CRESCENTA VALLEY WEEKLY PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE ALEX & GLENDALE ARTS PICK UP A PAPER OR VISIT CV WEEKLY.COM

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Go to www.alextheatre.org for tickets and information.

Email: boxoffice@alextheatre.org

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FEMINISM TOPIC OF LUNCHEON

On Saturday, May 18 at 11:15 a.m., AAUW Pasadena is hosting a luncheon meeting at the Women's City Club in Pasadena. The topic is "Feminism At Caltech: Where We Are And Where We Are Going" with Eva M. Graham, Ed.D. director, Center For Diversity, California Institute Of Technology.

The cost is \$20 per person. Mail check payable to AAUW Pasadena to AAUW Pasadena at P.O. Box 94309, Pasadena, CA 91109-4309 by May 10.

For information, call (626) 797-1059.

The Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena.

BUBLIK PART OF LECTURE SERIES

Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) will be hosting Dr. Michael Bublik for the hospital's upcoming Physician Lecture Series on nasal and sinus health. This free community lecture will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in VHH Council Rooms on the fourth floor. Lecture topics will include types and causes of common allergies and treatment options to improve breathing, as well as latest techniques in minimally invasive sinus surgery. For reservations, call (818) 952-2213.

Dr. Bublik is a board certified otolaryngologist and fellowship-trained facial plastic surgeon and a member of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He specializes in the treatment of disorders of the ear, nose and throat and general head and neck area.

ABWA PLANS MEETING

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Verdugo Glen Chapter dinner and business meeting is on Wednesday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at the Glendale Elk's Lodge, 120 E. Colorado. Dinner cost is \$25. For information and reservations, call (323)256-1575 or email lynnws@msn.com.

CASINO NIGHT BENEFITS LC FCC

Tickets are now on sale for the La Cañada Flintridge Community Center Casino Night benefit that will be held on Friday, May 24 as the kick-off event for La Canada's Fiesta Days. Online registration is available at www.CommunityCenterCasinoNight.eventbrite.org.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Early bird tickets cost \$25.

Party-goers will have the chance to use "fun money" to play a variety of Las Vegas style games, including Black Jack, Slots, Texas Hold'em, Craps, Roulette and Spin-to-Win. Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on fabulous prizes in both the silent auction and raffles.

Auction items include The Dish, Hollywood Park, Los Gringos, PRP Wine International, BJ's Restaurant, Extreme Bootcamp, Crescenta-Canada Family YMCA, Takami Sushi, Robata, Scotty's Flowers, and the Flintridge Bookstore and Coffeehouse.

The event is anticipated to sell out, so please get your tickets early.

For more information visit: www.cclcf.org or call (818) 790-4353.

TERZI AT VILLAGE POETS

The Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga will have its next Monthly Poetry Reading Series on Sunday, May 26 at Bolton Hall Museum from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The featured poet is Judith Terzi. Her poems have been nominated for Best of the Net and Web and have garnered prizes and honorable mentions. A new chapbook, "Ghazal for a Chambermaid," is forthcoming from Finishing Line. A former high school French teacher at Polytechnic School in Pasadena, she also taught English at California State University, Los Angeles, and in Algiers, Algeria. She holds an M.A. in French literature. Bring your own poetry/light refreshments/admission is free! Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga: http://www.villagepoets.blogspot.com.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042

AED HEARTSAVER CLASSES OFFERED AT VHH

As an American Heart Association Training Center, Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training classes to community members and healthcare providers. For community members, VHH offers the Heartsaver AED class. This certification class is designed for the lay person. It provides instruction in adult, child and infant CPR and the choking maneuver for all three as well. Heartsaver AED classes will be held on May 29, June 12 and July 15 (from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) at VHH. Fee is \$60/person (includes textbook).

Also taught is the AED (automated external defibrillator) as these devices are now located in many public areas.

For more information or to register for a class, call Teri Rice at (818) 952-2272.

SENIOR EXPO AT CRESCENTA-CANADAY

Tender Hearts HomeCare and the Crescenta Cañada YMCA are hosting the Second Annual Senior Healthy Living Expo on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This was rescheduled from June 1 due to scheduling conflicts.

There will be free food, entertainment and opportunities to meet business professionals from the community that deal with seniors. There will be free medical, dental, podiatry and chiropractic checks ups along with a masseuse. The Sisters of Swing, an Andrews Sisters tribute ensemble, will provide music. For questions or to RSVP, call Tender Hearts HomeCare at (855) 411-8442.

CELTIC FUN AT GAMBLE HOUSE

An afternoon of Celtic festivities including musical entertainment, Highland dancing, a Celtic marketplace of food and beverages, fun and games, all outdoors on the grounds of the iconic Gamble House in Pasadena takes place on Sunday, June 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to celebrate the Celtic roots of the Gamble family. Includes touring inside the House.

General admission: \$50 and includes entertainment, touring of The Gamble House, and food & drink "tastings" (craft brews for those over 21, artisan sodas for the younger

set); VIP tickets are \$75 and also includes preferred parking, a meal selection, two pints of craft brew, and a special look at areas of The Gamble House not open to general admission. Kids 12 and under (accompanied) are \$25 and includes general admission privileges; family of four (two kids 12 and under) are \$125; VIP family of four is \$225.

For tickets/information, call (626) 793-3334 or visit www.GambleHouse.org; GambleHs@usc.edu.

GLENDALE ONE TOASTMASTERS

Glendale One Toastmasters meets from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Shakers Restaurant in Glendale. Toastmasters is a non-profit organization developing public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback in local clubs since 1924.

For more information, please call (818) 314-4964.

Shakers Restaurant, 801 N. Central, Glendale

GLENDALE QUILT GUILD MEETING

The Glendale Quilt Guild meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Glendale Central Library. Social hour is at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments served at the break. Meetings are free to members and \$5 for visitors. For more information visit www.glendalequiltguild.org or phone Brandi at (818) 541-9983.

Glendale Central Library, 222 E. Harvard, in Glendale

Glendale Humane Society Second Chance Program



About the program

Glendale Humane is dedicated to rescuing and caring for unwanted and abandoned companion animals and placing them in loving, permanent new homes.

We strive to carefully match

our dogs and cats to appropriate households. We call this our **Second Chance Program**.

You can sponsor a pet for our Second Chance Program. Once a month, the Crescenta Valley Weekly will print the photos and information about pets waiting to be adopted. The cost is only \$20 to help showcase these deserving animals. Send a check to CV Weekly at P.O. Box 543, Verdugo City, CA 91046 and include a note that says **Second Chance Program**. You'll be helping a loving animal find their new family.

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BISCUIT

Biscuit is a fourteen month old Pug - with - hair mix. He is adorable, friendly and good with dogs and small children. He came to us as an owner turn in. The family was moving and he could not go with them. He lived with another dog and two children. His previous owner said he is house-trained, slept with the kids and loves to give kisses. Biscuit walks nicely on the leash but does not know any manners (sit, down, stay) as of yet.



BAILEY

Bailey is a three year old eleven pound Terrier mix. He is brother to Parker the Pudge. He came to us matted to the skin and had to have his entire coat shaved off his body. He does sport a full length coat when he is grown out so brushing would be a must! Bailey's perky ears give him a comical look as though he is perpetually surprised. He knows "sit" and walks nicely on a leash. Though his brother, Parker., will run after the ball Bailey considers this too much work and watches from the side line. He is sweet and affectionate and quite the happy boy.



PARKER

Parker is a pudgy Pug mix on a diet. Our vet said he needs to lose eight pounds. He is three years old and weighs twenty three pounds. This little guy came into the Hesperia shelter with his brother, Bailey. They were owner turn ins because their family was moving. Parker makes everyone he meets laugh - he is a goof ! He walks nicely on a leash and knows "sit". He enjoys running after the ball but obviously his mix does not include Retriever because he does not bring the ball back.



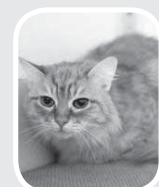
LOLLY

Lolly is a twenty one pound two year old cute-as-a-button Terrier mix. She has the perfect coat that needs only a shampoo and a towel dry. Our sweet girl is very affectionate - gives kisses and loves to sit on a lap. She walks nicely on a leash, knows sit and down and likes all people she meets. Lolly can be shy when she first meets people so we think she would do best with older children or in an adult only home.



BECK

Beck is a two year old Domestic Short Hair. More info to come...



BUTTERCUP

Buttercup is a very affectionate orange tabby with soft medium length hair. She has a feathered tail and some small feathers between some of her toes. Buttercup gets along well with other cats and dogs. She appears shy at first meeting you, but don't be fooled. She can not contain her affection, head bumping you over and over, rolling on her back, etc. Please come meet all seven pounds of Buttercup and hear her big purr.

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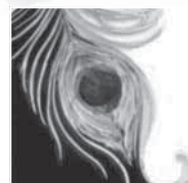
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RELIGION

Question:

Our 5-year-old daughter has been coming home from school for the past three weeks claiming a boy in her class is hitting her and saying hurtful things to her. We've spoken to the teacher and the principal, and nothing has changed. The boy was asked (several times) by the principal and the teacher about this behavior and denies doing anything wrong. As much as we hear about bullying, it would seem the schools would have a plan that immediately resolves situations like this. What causes our greatest concern is the innuendo that our daughter is making this all up. As far as we know, she has no reason to make up a story like that.

Any suggestions to get to the bottom of this and help our child feel heard and safe are welcome.

~ Frustrated Parents

Dear Frustrated Parents,

Bullying of any kind is of concern in these days and certainly needs to be addressed. When I was teaching at my children's church, I would tell the kids that when they hear something negative towards them to use their ears to let those negative words go in one ear and out the other because those negative words are not the Truth about them. The Truth is that they are Love and Good and Perfect the way they are. Also, when someone is bullying they are really calling out for attention and love, so responding in a positive way is more productive for everyone involved.

Children at such a young age can be mean and cruel, perhaps as part of their developmental growth, and even the family dynamics. But it is also a time for such behavior to be firmly and lovingly addressed so it does not continue.

I would ask for and insist on a meeting with the school officials and the parents and even the kids,

all together for clarification on what was actually said and done. If I were the parent of a bullying child, I would want to know about it and how to prevent it in the future. And by your insistence, your child will know that you are standing by and protecting her as best you can. You would also get insight into the other family's dynamics. The child may have lots of stuff going on and, thus, is acting out on others. If there is no positive, active resolution, I would advise your daughter to stay away from this child if at all possible and request that the teacher keep a watch on the two kids' interaction to prevent any future bullying. That is her responsibility as a teacher/guardian of any child in her class, particularly when the children are so young.

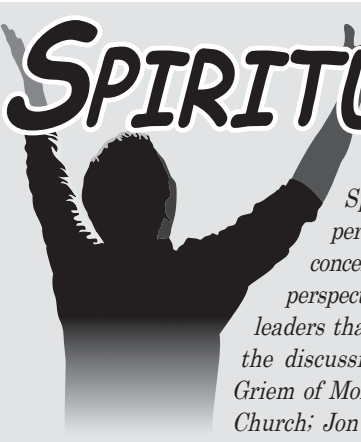
On a long shot, your daughter might approach the boy and ask if they could be friends and playmates. It could totally cause a shift in his behavior.

Bottom line, the bullying child is in need of positive love and positive self-worth and his negative behavior needs to be addressed, corrected and shifted. Most importantly, the bullied child needs to be positively reinforced about her own self-worth and being loved, being safe and protected in her surroundings. The fact that you have expressed concerns shows that you no doubt will get this handled perfectly for everyone's well-being.

Blessings,



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Spiritually Speaking answers personal questions and concerns with a spiritual perspective. Local religious leaders that will take part in the discussion include Bryan Griem of Montrose Community Church; Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Skip Lindeman of La Cañada Congregational United Church of Christ; Rabbi Simcha Backman of Chabad of Glendale; Levent Akbarut

of Islamic Congregation of La Cañada Flintridge; Betty Stapleford of Unitarian Universalist; Paige Eaves of CV United Methodist Church; Bryan Jones of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; Steven Van Meter and Beverly Craig of La Crescenta Center for Spiritual Living and Sharon Weisman, atheist/agnostic/secular humanist/free thinker. We welcome your questions and comments. Email us at spiritual@cvweekly.com.

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

Dear Frustrated Parents,

The best I can do is to draw from my own memorable childhood. When I was in kindergarten, there was a boy who picked on me. Once he pulled my leg and down from the jungle gym I fell. He broke my arm. The teacher didn't notice as I sat by a tree and cried. When the students were back in class, I up and walked all the way home. My mother went apoplectic.

In another case, a girl liked me and I her. We pestered each other because we wanted to be noticed, but her pestering always amounted to her kicking me in the shin. Kids act like that. So when I hear something like your case, I wonder if this boy just likes your daughter with his kindergarten immaturity, or if he has some aught toward her that might cause harm.

Teachers have much to look after, and they often don't catch momentary infractions (anymore than a ref at a school football game). Don't be discouraged if the school seemingly fails. Are we really surprised? I have a teen and preteen, and I've been back and forth to their schools regarding issues of teachers promoting homosexuality to them. Drives me nuts! And my kids can't even eat lunch there anymore because what's served is absolute, non-nutritive garbage.

So, be proactive. Here're some ideas I present as a friend: Get the

boy's parents involved. If they're responsible parents, they'll help you resolve this. If they're overly proud and think their "angel" incapable of mayhem, then threaten the school with a lawsuit. Tell them you've reported this several times, neither the parents nor school care, and now it's time to call 911. I think this'll stir some action. BTW, you can always sit in a class and follow your daughter's school day just to see what's up. Do what you have to, but always be good. God does not expect you to be a doormat, but neither a vengeful boor. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Rom 12:18 NIV).



Rev. Bryan Griem
Montrose Community Church
[MontroseCommunity@
sbcglobal.net](mailto:MontroseCommunity@sbcglobal.net)

Question:

I've been married to an incredibly wonderful man for almost 30 years. Before we were married, and during the first years of our marriage, we hiked,

exercised, and ate only healthy foods. We both were raised to eat healthy. His responsibility was the yard and gardening. My responsibility is the housekeeping. I have to admit, to be fair, his full-time job is stressful and often he works overtime. I've continued with the hiking and exercise and, of course, the housework. He has hired a gardener and no longer does any exercise. I recently became aware that when he is out of town on business and crunched for time, he stops by fast food restaurants. I love this man who has gained several extra pounds and is lethargic when he does have leisure time. I want him to live a long, happy and healthy life. I'm not a nag and have said nothing.

Is there a way I can encourage him to live a more healthy lifestyle?

~ Loving Wife


Dear Loving Wife,

As the saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink!" You are wise not to nag him; it wouldn't work. You can't make him exercise and eat healthy again and nagging would just attach negative emotions to this situation. Your husband, like many Americans now days, sees no connection with how he eats and exercises and his health. We have all been taught by modern medicine that we are victims and get sick from bad germs, bad genes, bad age and bad luck. We have also been taught incorrectly by modern society that it is normal to gain a few pounds as we get older and exercise is an option not necessity. Here are four simple spiritual steps to create positive change in him.

1. *Love your neighbor as yourself.* Continue to set a healthy lifestyle example and challenge him in kind ways. "Wow, honey!

see **SPIRITUALLY** on next page

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Look, I can do 40 push ups now!”

2. *Ask and you shall receive.* Make an appointment with him and have a brief heart to heart talk about what you want him to do and the benefits he will get from them. This session together should be positive and upbeat. No criticizing, condemning or complaining.

3. *Seek and you shall find.* In his mind you are his loving wife, not a health expert. Get articles from health experts on why it is important to eat healthy and exercise. He can’t argue against them. They are the experts! Also look for articles and information on how it will help his job performance, decrease job stress as well as increase focus and job productivity. He may not do it for himself but he may do it for his job!

4. *Things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.* Lastly, do not underestimate the power of prayer and intention. Pray in a positive way daily for change and enlightenment in him. Be thankful and grateful in your prayer as if he already is eating well and exercising well.

Let me know how it all turns out. Blessings,



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Dear Loving Wife:
Weight between couples is always a touchy subject. First, there can be an element of hurt attached to any conversation regarding this issue, no matter how diplomatically or lovingly you put it. Two, we have no control – at all – to make anyone

exercise when they are a grown adult (short of the military). So your only option is to dispel the information to your husband and pray he will accept your advice.

First, go to him and tell him how much you love him. Begin by telling him how much physical exercise you used to do together and that you miss that part of your lives together. Then tell him how you are concerned about his lack of exercise, for health reasons, and have noticed his low energy level, and that you both are still relatively young. Ask him if you can start hiking or walking again together, or is there an activity he would like to begin with? Then offer to visit the doctor with him. If he agrees, why don’t you both get a diet and exercise regime? Try to make this about fun, activity, and health. Finally, I wouldn’t even bring up the fast food. I am not sure how often that happens, but don’t take away all of his control at once. He will resent it. That can be brought up at a later date.

Short of all this, you cannot make him change, you can only lead a horse to water, but as a loving wife, make the water sound as appealing and refreshing as possible!



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NOTES & NODS

Tuesday Table Talk
On Tuesday, June 4, Bethel Church will show the film “African Cats.” This Disney-nature documentary is set on the plains of the African savanna where tight-knit animal families of lions and cheetahs reveal themselves to be a lot like the rest of us.

The video will be preceded by a potluck supper. The potluck starts at 6:30 p.m., the presentation starts at 7:15 p.m. followed by desert and discussion at about 8:30 p.m.

This is a free event. For more information, call (818) 767-4488.
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BUSINESS

» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Comfort Zone? Overrated!

“Move out of your comfort zone. You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something new.” *Brian Tracy*

How is business? Could you use more? Most successful people would tell you that networking is one of the most important keys to success in business. Successful networking is all about building sincere relationships based on mutual generosity. However, for some people networking is elusive, intimidating and uncomfortable. Does the thought of networking turn your stomach or give you a feeling of inadequacy or even worse – just stop you in your tracks? Your best bet is to change net-‘working’ to net-‘mingling’ in your mind. Tell yourself that you have been invited to a party, a party in which you get to meet new people, new friends and new associates. Do not think of this as a chore but an opportunity. These are not strangers but new friends.

If you are still intimidated by walking into this room of strangers to try this thing they call networking or hereby net-mingling, here are some tips that might help: 1) *Invite a friend or trusted associate to go with you.* It is always easier to walk into a room with another person, but do not get caught up with talking only to this person all night. 2) *Smile.* A simple smile will invite people to talk to you. 3) *Ask*

questions. People like to “help” others or offer information. Ask people about their businesses and then make sure you listen. Remember, listening to others is far more powerful when first meeting people than talking about yourself. People that you listen to will know that you care and thus know you must be a good person.

4) *Bring your business cards*



» JULIA RABAGO

and ask others for their business cards. Have a pen handy and jot notes on the other person’s business card about things you discussed. 5) *Follow up in 2-3 days.* Send an email or make a phone call telling them how nice it was to meet them and how you enjoyed hearing about that new product, or about that trip they told you about or their dog that had puppies (or whatever you jotted down on the back of their card.)

Congratulations ... This could be the start of a new friendship,

new business associate or a new client.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce has a great way for you to try these new, simple ideas. Join us in welcoming a new business to our community. You are invited to Surface Fitness for its ribbon cutting ceremony this Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. They are located at 3470 Ocean View Blvd., just below Honolulu Avenue. Surface Fitness is a unique and innovative fitness program for kids of all ages that combines physical fitness and conditioning with learning how to live a healthy life style and the benefits of high-quality nutrition. Hope you stop by and welcome this new business while working on your net-mingling!

Important dates: *May 18* – Ribbon cutting Surface Fitness; *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

Casa Cordoba: Now Open for Dinner

I know many of you have been eagerly waiting for Casa Cordoba to be open for dinner. Well, your wait is over. Casa Cordoba is officially open for dinner! Now you can come into their beautiful courtyard in the evening, enjoy a glass of sangria, eat tapas to your heart’s content, listen to the Spanish flamenco music as you sit under the beautiful white lights strung in the trees and wonder if you have been transported to Spain! It is truly a magical place to spend an evening. To try a sampling of the food they have to offer, please join us for a ribbon cutting tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the restaurant. It is always nice to have a new business open in town and coming out to support them at their ribbon cutting is a great way to show your community spirit. See you tomorrow!

This Saturday is our first Artwalk of the season. The weather is beautiful now and it is a perfect time to come out and stroll along the streets of Montrose. This year we will again have various artists representing many genres in the art world: water colors, oils, acrylics, etchings, photographers, collagists and more. They will all be displaying their work and some will work as you watch. There will be music playing for you to enjoy as you walk around and, as always, there are many fine restaurants and “sweet treats” for you to enjoy in Montrose. Take some time as

well to stop into the many fine retail stores that we have and say hello to the new shops that have just come into town.

It’s not too late to play in our golf classic tournament. Join us on May 23 from noon to 4 p.m. at Verdugo Hills Golf Course for food, golf and fun. This event raises funds for scholarships that we give graduating seniors in the local area. If you can’t golf, we welcome donations from businesses for



» MELINDA CLARKE

our auction and raffle. It’s a great way to market your business and help a local cause. The food is being catered by Cucina Rustica, Giuseppe’s Pizzeria, Sake Sushi, Oceanview Bar and Grill, All in 7 Stop Pizza, Gio’s Baquettes and More, El Sol, El Charro and Montrose Bakery. Refreshments will be on the course as well! Registration is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, putting challenge is at 11 a.m., lunch is from 11 a.m. to noon, shotgun start at noon. For more information about making a donation, contact the chamber office at (818) 249-7171 or mail a donation of any amount to the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, 3516 N. Verdugo

Road, Glendale, CA 91208.

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

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

Ribbon cutting on Friday, *May 17* at 11:30 a.m. at Casa Cordoba, 2331 Honolulu Ave., Suite C in Montrose.

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

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

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

Centennial June business mixer on Wednesday, *June 5* from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wells Fargo in Montrose.

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» MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK NEWS



» MARY DAWSON

Happy Hour at The Fat Dog



Happy Hour at The Fat Dog features specially priced gastro pub fare like this seared Vermont Cheddar burger with fries.

Our lovely, winding streets in the Montrose Shopping Park have over the last five years become a “foodie” destination. When we first opened our store in 2000, this was not the case. Yes, there were a few well-known restaurant choices, but now we are ripe for the likes of a Food Network visit.

I have been writing this column for close to four years and am still making Montrose culinary discoveries that I love to pass on to you. These days many up and coming restaurants have a new spot on the menu, the cherry on the typical lunch and dinner fare, called “Happy Hour.” Happy hours are a good reason to dine early, catch up with friends, soak up the atmosphere, get waited on and save money doing it. Hey! I see the makings of a new show: “Triple H” – Happy Hour Hangouts.

In the meantime, I’ll get the party started.

The Fat Dog (2265 Honolulu Ave.) is a perfect place to start. When you step into Happy Hour at The Fat Dog, you are immediately thankful they have a good air conditioner that really works! The gastro pub food is enhanced by the carefully restored “Cali pub” atmosphere with chalkboards, rich dark woods and perfectly tiled floors.

I was feeling happy already and then Madeline, our server, came along with a cute little rectangular dish of almonds. These almonds alone are worth the trip. Let me repeat: These almonds alone are worth the trip. They are roasted fresh in the kitchen with sea salt, rosemary, thyme and a pinch of cayenne and served warm. Amazing!

We were then given the special Happy Hour menu with delectable small plate and pub food choices. There are so many good ones that you should make it a goal to try several Happy

Hours just to sample them all. Did you know FD is known for their burger? After trying one, I now know why. They use premium ground beef, seared to perfection for a charred flavor, top it with Vermont cheddar cheese served on a fresh, toasted bun with a side of herb sprinkled fries – all for only \$4!

Have you ever tried fried olives? Fat Dog stuffs theirs with imported blue cheese and they are quite the decadent bite for \$3. I was also delighted to find Swedish meatballs on the menu, another “must order” plate. The meatballs are accompanied by baby gold potatoes, lingonberry sauce and gravy for \$5. Comfort food at its creative best!

Thick battered onion rings are served in a rolled brown paper bag along with two dipping sauces for \$3 and you can also get warm, soft pretzels with an imported beer and cheese fondue, too! It almost sounds too good to be true, doesn’t it? To wash all of this down, enjoy house wine for \$4, ice cold beers for \$3, well drinks at \$5, a good ol’ fashioned lemonade for \$3, or fresh hot coffee at only \$2.

So here’s my idea of another memorable Montrose Shopping Park day. Ready? Come to shop, stroll, and enjoy our unique “one of a kind” stores. Work up an appetite. Head to The Fat Dog around 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday to cool off and recharge. Happy Hour is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every weekday. When you go, let them know you read about the almonds! I’ll be posting pics on the Montrose Shopping Park Facebook page of the fun fare described here.

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