

GFD to Use iPad Technology

By Ted AYALA

The Glendale Fire Dept. (GFD) will soon be getting a little tech savior in their future fire code inspections.

Glendale City Council – with Councilmember Laura Friedman away – approved a plan that would allow fire code inspectors to use iPad technology to input and process the results of their inspections.

According to a GFD representative, the decision to incorporate the use of tablets will allow them to register all their information on-site with the business owner present. The new method will save inspectors the trouble of “double work” by having to input a field report, then submitting another report again at their home fire station.

“One of our goals was to do mobile inspections,” said GFD chief Harold Scoggins. “That was real important to us. This would create more efficiencies for our firefighters out in the field.”

Scoggins demonstrated some of the advantages of using iPads, including being able to summon up records from prior inspections in a particular fire company. Inspectors

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Remembering Those Lost

The foothills host several Memorial Day ceremonies to remember those who died in service to their country.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Members of the community are invited to two local Memorial Day observances on Monday at 8 a.m., one at Two Strike Park at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta and the other at the Vietnam War Memorial at Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose.

American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 sponsor the Two Strike event. This year's keynote speaker is Lt. Col. David Worley. This observance has traditionally been hosted in front of the small memorial wall, but Monday's event will be a different because the small memorial has been dismantled to make room for a new, larger wall. Funds were raised from throughout the area and, with the help and support from Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, the Dept. of Public Works, veterans' groups and Supervisor Michael Antonovich, next year's observance will take place in front of a new wall that



CVW File Photo

The Walk at Honor has become a tradition at veterans' ceremonies at Two Strike Park. The names displayed are of those who lost their lives while serving their country in the U.S. military.

will have room to contain the names of those from Crescenta Valley who died in service to their country.

There is not an exact date as to the first Decoration Day, but it can be traced to just after the Civil War. It was officially proclaimed in 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Since its beginning, Memorial Day has been a time set aside to

honor military personnel who died while in service. It is also a day to help those who have lost loved ones and to show support to those who have served and are serving their country.

“That means the world to us,” said Andrew Burghdorf of events and programs that honor those who serve in the military.

Burghdorf was stationed in Iraq in 2007 with the U.S. Air Force and is now in the Reserves. When in Iraq, he was in counter

terrorism with a joint task force with the U.S. Army and was sent to Northern Iraq.

“At the time, [the military] had just had a big push in Baghdad,” he said.

Most of the terrorists fled to Northern Iraq. The residents who lived in the area at that time were not exactly welcoming to foreign troops.

“There was a lot of animosity toward U.S. troops,” Burghdorf

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Foothill Gets Spruced Up

By Jason KUROSU

Foothill Boulevard received a tidying-up on Saturday morning thanks to the Foothill Boulevard Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the Clean and Green Committee of the CV Town Council. Volunteers from First Baptist Church-La Crescenta, CV Robotics and the Fire House turned out for Saturday's clean-up effort and could be seen along Foothill from Pennsylvania to Briggs avenues clearing away weeds and picking up trash.

Marti Marshall, councilmember alternate for the Crescenta Valley Town Council, said she hopes the event will become an annual endeavor. After convening at St. Luke's Church, the volunteers spread out along Foothill, filling

bags with refuse and weeds while an Allied Waste truck patrolled the street, picking up whatever the volunteers had collected.

Similar clean-up efforts have taken place in Glendale, most recently with the 25th annual clean up on Saturday, and in La Crescenta with the 19th annual Foothill Community Clean-Up Day at Dunsmore Park last October. It is estimated that four million people participate in clean up efforts around the country every year.

Emily Schultz, who heard about the event through First Baptist, brought her son Taylor along for the morning clean up, hoping to show him the value of community and giving back.

“If you spend your whole life trying to make yourself happy,

you won't find what you're looking for,” said Schultz. “Helping others is what feeds the soul.”

Volunteers reported that the majority of the trash they found consisted of cigarette butts, extinguished on sidewalk pavements or tossed into the gutters, though even some broken glass was found, among other things.

Isaac Abarca, also from First Baptist, said that pedestrians and business owners along Foothill approached him throughout the day, applauding the efforts of the volunteers clad in orange vests and gardening gloves.

“Everyone was telling us how nice and clean everything looked,” said Abarca, who brought his daughter Angelina and his son Luke to the clean up. “Interaction with the community is vital.”



Photos by Jason KUROSU

Paul Rabinov works along Foothill Boulevard as part of Spring Clean-Up on Saturday.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



Honoring and Being Honored

As you know, after producing the paper I'm dog-tired. Some Wednesday nights, I am barely able to drag myself home to plop in bed, asleep it seems before my head hits the pillow. Understandably, my Thursdays are precious as I catch up on phone messages, mail and general business.

Last Thursday, I had a treat in that I was able to attend the Glendale Police Dept.'s annual awards luncheon, sponsored by the Glendale Police Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Glendale and the Glendale Bar Assn. The luncheon honored Glendale officers and other law enforcement personnel who acted in an especially heroic manner and/or exhibited keen observation, quick response, and at-

tention to detail.

The stories of heroism and quick action were shared with a room full of supporters. From chasing down clues leading to the apprehension of suspects to pulling people out of burning vehicles, the stories relayed the dedication and selfless attitude that GPD is known for. It was humbling to listen to the stories and I felt proud to be a part of the audience.

On Saturday, it was CV Weekly's turn to be recognized at the annual Boy Scouts Verdugo Hills Council, Foothill District dinner. Scoutmaster Bob Fletcher invited me to attend the dinner held in Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer. CV Weekly received a Scout Oath Award, which honors those who "help other people at all times." Bob was effusive in his praise of the paper, noting how we try and promote the Scouts and showcase the many Eagle Projects performed within our community that ben-

efit our neighborhoods, schools and other public places. He also shared the history of the CV Weekly, how I started the paper after our former community paper was bought then closed. Perhaps my favorite quote of the night was when Bob said that it wasn't a bad thing when the former paper was shut down because that provided the opportunity for the CV Weekly to be launched. Thanks, Bob.

After dinner on Saturday, I headed over to the Crescenta-Cañada Y for Prom Plus, the post prom event for CVHS seniors and their guests. As president of Prom Plus, I am like a nervous party hostess every year as Prom Plus is set to begin. As midnight approaches, I begin to worry: Will anyone show up? Will they have fun? But my fears were put to rest as the line of guests began to grow outside the doors leading to the casino. The theme was ZomProm – zombie prom – and a highlight was underclassmen – dressed as zombies complete with professional make up – dancing to "Thriller," "Monster Mash" and other appropriate songs. The guests seemed to enjoy the performances and the "zombies" had a good time, too.

In addition to those who honored Prom Plus by donating money and prizes, Prom Plus had a plethora of volunteers from 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon right through until 7 o'clock Sunday morning. This army did everything from decorate the Y to prepare food to clean up in the morning. And I do mean army – veterans were at the Y bright and early on Sunday to help clean up.

Thank you to everyone who lent a hand and congratulations to the honorees at the GPD luncheon.



Weather in the foothills



"On thy graves the rain shall fall from the eyes of a mighty nation!
Long as the sun doth shine upon it ...
Long as the stars do gleam on it ...
Shall memory come to dream upon it,"
~ Thomas William Parsons 1816-1892

It's Memorial Day weekend and considered the "unofficial beginning of summer" although the "real deal" is still a few weeks away. Weather-wise, the overall trend is for clear, warm and dry days to outnumber the cloudy, cool and wet ones of spring.

As our big kids begin to return home from college, the little kids are biting at the bit to be out of school for summer vacation. Graduation ceremonies, award banquets, scholarship presentations, camp orientations and end-of-year swim parties fill the calendar pages. Time to buy bathing suits as they are quickly disappearing off the racks!

Thinking Memorial Day was still a week away, we tried to make weekend reservations on the Central Coast. We had hoped to attend the first birthday of our great-nephew. What a joke! In fact, when I inquired about availability, motel front desk people actually laughed. Not really too funny; in fact not funny at all.

First off, there were no vacancies. Maybe, if we had booked six months in advance, there were rooms (nothing fancy) to be had – going for \$225 per night with a three-day minimum stay! So with presents now in the mail, we will stay put in La Crescenta. With less traffic and fewer crowds, it is a good place to be.

This weekend, many will head to the beach to be greeted by cool foggy conditions. The same is forecast for the inland valleys, including the foothills. Where is last week's warm weather when you really want it?

In the spirit of the day, parades, picnics and barbecues will still be enjoyed. A dip in the pool? Well, maybe.

The exact origins of Memorial Day are disputed. While this particular version is largely forgotten, Yale University historian David Blight believes it to be authentic:

May, 1, 1865 Charleston, South Carolina

A group of former slaves dug up more than 250 Union soldiers from a mass grave at a Confederate prison site, and gave them a proper burial. Ten-thousand black residents, white missionaries, school children and Union soldiers gathered with armfuls of roses to place on these now individual graves. Amidst the crowd were five black preachers reciting scripture and a local children's choir singing spirituals and the "The Star-Spangled Banner."

By 1868, May 30 was dubbed Decoration Day. Over the years, the holiday expanded beyond honoring only fallen Civil War soldiers to Americans who died fighting in all wars. It was also renamed Memorial Day.

Our weather, as mentioned, will not be summer-like for the holiday weekend. "May gray-June gloom" will dominate, dropping daytime temperature to below normal. A low off the coast could generate drizzles across the San Gabriels.

Gentle breezes will wave our flags proudly.

~With deep appreciation,
Happy Memorial Day.

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NEWS

Onondarka Rides in for 60th Reunion



Photos by Tyler BIDDLE

The 60th anniversary of the Onondarka riding club drill team was celebrated on Saturday. Today teams continue the tradition that began about 80 years ago.

By Tyler BIDDLE

On Saturday, the Onondarka riding club celebrated the 60th reunion of its famous original drill team and many of its students who once rode and trained there. The Onondarka trails and stables have been a part of Montrose history for about 80 years and have seen three generations of the Simington family help to keep it all going.

At its height, the drill team was 12 riders strong and specialized in performing advanced riding stunts and tricks. The team rode without saddles or bridles, which made controlling the horses and staying safe much more challenging.

The word Onondarka is Native American and means, “Stable on a Hill.” The riding club sought to bring out the incredible force and power of nature through the care of its horses. Part of the club’s philosophy is that, through training to ride and work with such large, yet graceful, animals, man can get closer to

understanding why nature is to be respected, as did the Native Americans.

1960 was the official birth of the Onondarka Riding Club but the area’s history with horses stretches back years before that. Onondarka has been an equestrian center since the 1930s, complete with barns, stalls, riding groups and rodeo rings. Because of this, Onondarka played host to the Montrose Rodeos from 1946 to 1948. The rodeos were highlighted by parades, celebrities and fun. The events had people from the Montrose community, such as local workers and merchants, compete against real cowboys in challenges like roping and riding.

In 1947, Harry Simington formed his first Onondarka Drill Team for which he became famous. Today his son Don has turned the club into the area’s quintessential riding academy for ages 12 and under.

“It was just so difficult for younger riders to find ways to compete,” he said. “So we thought, let’s make our own class.”

Classes train beginners in the basics of competition for amateur and junior contests. Onondarka also sponsors the Onondarka Medal Class where trained riders can compete. Don himself was once a part of the original drill team.

Often young riders who train at Onondarka hope to compete in the Griffith Park finals if they qualify. The event runs over two days and is just for riders that are 12 and younger.

Onondarka has a reunion once every 10 years. This time it was a small gathering at one of the members’ houses to talk, share old photos and reconnect. Many of the former riders and students remained close over the years.

For more information, visit www.onondarka.com.



IN BRIEF

CASINO NIGHT KICKS OFF FIESTA DAYS

Kicking off La Cañada Fiesta Days, the LCF Community Center’s Casino Night will take place on Friday, May 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available at www.cclcf.org for \$25.

Casino Night games will include a poker tournament, Black Jack, roulette, craps, and spin-to-win. Prizes that have been donated by several local businesses will be awarded throughout the evening. Prizes for the poker tournament include a first prize of a 40” flat screen TV; second place prize of a Samsung Blu-ray Disc™/DVD Player; and the third place prize is a Sony X-Series wireless personal audio docking system.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$30.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, 4469 Chevy Chase Drive, La Cañada

WALL OF HONOR AT SCHOLL CANYON

Scholl Canyon Estates, an independent living community for seniors in Glendale, will mark Memorial Day on May 27 by establishing of a Wall of Honor to salute its veteran residents.

The unveiling of the wall, which includes ‘Then and Now’ photos of Scholl Canyon residents who served their country, will take place at 12:30 p.m. at 1551 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale.

For more information, call (818) 951-3830.

CV WEEKLY OFFICE CLOSED

CV Weekly office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on May 27.

STANDARD AND POOR’S AFFIRMS CITY’S “AAA” RATING

On May 7, the City of Glendale received notification that Stan-

dard & Poor’s Ratings Services affirmed the city’s credit worthiness with a “AAA” rating.

The rationale in the report highlighted: diverse and expanding local economic base, and full participation in the Los Angeles area economy; history of very strong levels of unreserved fund balance levels; strong financial performance bolstered by good financial management practices; very low debt levels at 1.2% of assessed valuation (AV).

The city has no general obligation (GO) debt.

The report also received a favorable outlook indicating that the City of Glendale was stable and it reflects Standard and Poor’s anticipation that the city’s financial performance will likely remain strong, “...based on a diverse and broad local economy as well as sound financial management policies and practices.”

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World Leaders Share Experience

By Charly SHELTON

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Mexican President Vicente Fox are two of the most influential people in the world. Both former world leaders, their post-public office lives are now occupied in philanthropic work. One example is the World Leaders series of lectures and debates, presented in part by President Fox's own charity, Centro Fox.

The third in the series was held at the Ford Theatre in Hollywood on Saturday. It focused on imparting knowledge to the audience, specifically surrounding the state of the world in 2023 and what can be done to make the world a better place than the world of 2013. The dignitaries spoke on three general topics with questions asked and moderated by three guest moderators – "Conflict in Faith," moderated by NBC's Conan Nolan, "Education," moderated by NBC's Michelle Valles, and "Immigration," moderated by Telemundo's Dunia Elvir, who touted that she came into America undocumented before finally gaining citizenship.

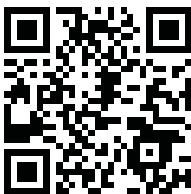
After the three topics, the speakers took select questions from the audience, ranging from, "What was the motivating factor that led you to run for office, and what would your advice be to young people today who are



Photo by Charly SHELTON
Prime Minister Tony Blair, left, and President Vicente Fox sat down to discuss the state of the world in 2023.

looking to run for public office?" to "Why is Mexican Coke better than American Coke?" Certain questions elicited strong reactions from members of the audience, some of which were very vocal, chanting for the dignitaries on stage as well as notable guests in the audience (Sheriff Lee Baca was recognized before the program and some members of the audience began chanting "Governor Baca"). One question in particular about immigration – whether it should be done legally or illegally – got the back half of the house on its feet with cheers, espousing freedom for all to come and go as they please, much like in the European Union. Prime Minister Blair handled

the question very delicately, apparently recognizing the feeling of the audience. "One of the problems we have in the UK, and it may be different here, but sometimes we will have immigrants come into the country, and the process of assimilation doesn't really take place. And so you even find in parts of the UK second generation migrants who don't speak English," explained Blair. "Now, in the end what I think is really important is if you want to get acceptance for the benefits that immigration can bring, you've got to accept the host community and the immigrant community." The night was filled with diplomacy, well-wishing and imparting hard-earned knowledge to the attendees, but not much debate as both dignitaries agreed on almost every subject. The event benefitted charities Centro Fox and Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission. For more information on these charities or the ongoing speaker series, visit worldleaderseries.com.





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Decision Affords New Projects for Glendale

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

The City of Glendale will enjoy greater budgetary flexibility after the city met state requirements regarding redevelopment dissolution legislation. A finding of completion was issued by the California Department of Finance, giving the city the authority to move forward with a number of long-awaited projects.

After the dissolution of the Glendale Redevelopment Agency in February, the city labored to protect any assets owned by the agency and to reclaim formerly blocked funds. Approximately \$12 million dollars was also wired to Los Angeles County as part of the agreement.

City Manager Scott Ochoa, who served on an oversight board during the process, hailed the positive impact the newly available funds could have on the city.

"This is great news for Glendale," said Ochoa. "We wanted to wire the funds to the county quickly to allow us to take advantage of constructing important public projects with our bond funds."

Glendale's Chief Assistant Director of

Community Development Phillip Lanzafame, who also served on the oversight board with Ochoa, mirrored the positive outlook for the city.

"This is very important to us," said Lanzafame. "Glendale will now be able to continue to provide the level of service that our community expects and has grown accustomed to."

Included in the planned bond projects are renovations to Central Library and improvements on Central Avenue. The funds will also help the city close the budget deficit, which has been steadily shrinking in recent years. Glendale's budget will begin to reflect the new funds beginning with the 2014-15 fiscal year.

"Countless hours of work have gone into securing this approval and the foggy associated with the redevelopment dissolution process is beginning to clear up," said Mayor Dave Weaver in a statement released by the city.

Glendale's Redevelopment Agency was dismantled after a Supreme Court decision dissolved over 400 such agencies in a December 2011 ruling. The decision was supported by Governor Jerry Brown who argued that the funds were better served within the state budget.

Council Looks for 'Sound' Ideas



By Brandon HENSLEY

The unincorporated area of La Crescenta has \$10 million to work with via L.A. County Public Works, and the Crescenta Valley Town Council was presented with several spending options during its May 16 meeting.

John Walker from Public Works presented ideas the county has been working on for projects concerning the area. The funds come from Measure R, passed in 2008, which commit a projected \$40 billion to traffic relief and transportation upgrades throughout the county over the next 30 years, according to metro.net.

Walker said \$170 million is being allotted for the Arroyo-Verdugo area, which includes \$10 million for unincorporated La Crescenta and Montrose. The idea, said Walker, is for the town council to come up with a list of recommendations for the MTA board, on which members will decide at the board's June 27 meeting.

Council members openly applauded at Walker's suggestion of putting in sound walls, which are noise barriers made of solid material. Sound walls are made to reduce traffic noise between freeway and residential property.

Sound walls have "been on Caltrans' and MTA's unfunded list for a very long time," said Walker. "We saw this as a priority that you folks in the area would like to see."

Walker said those would cost around \$5 million to install.

Other suggestions consisted of bikeway paths, including off-road lanes and designated routes along seven street segments that would run a little over seven miles.

Council also liked freeway on-ramp improvement ideas. One calls for a new on-ramp on La Crescenta Avenue to go westbound

on the 210 freeway, which Walker estimated would cost \$3.5 million. Another is for improving the existing eastbound 210 onramp on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Council said it would have a letter written up for Walker within a few days after the meeting.

There weren't a lot of audience members left during Walker's presentation. That's because most of them were parents or friends of high school seniors who were there at the meeting's beginning to accept CVTC scholarship awards.

In all, 14 graduating seniors from Clark Magnet and Crescenta Valley high schools received scholarships, courtesy of Allied Waste, Dick and Lucille Seeley and Bruce and Jane Campbell.

Councilmember Harry Leon presented each award, and became emotional when delivering a message to the students.

"I have one special request," he said before a long pause. "They always told me, don't forget your family, don't forget your community and don't forget your country. [Those are] three things that are important for me and for all of you, and I want you guys to promise you will never forget that."

The CVTC scholarship winners for 2013 are (pictured above): Daniella Kim and Nairi Kalpakian, academic; Jenna Dekeater and Anna Sokolova, vocational; Zane Toyon and Tricia Dubin, community service; Amber Zadravec and Sevag Alexanian, post-secondary goals; Arev Markarian, Gloria Han and Kristen Choe, special recognition; Laura Lee, architectural/musical; Jenna Wall and Leanna Mosessian, Lucille Seeley Scholarship.

The next CV Town Council meeting is scheduled for June 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta.

By Michael YEGHILAYAN

This is particularly true in Glendale, where Public Information Officer Tom Lorenz described the levels of noise from city aircraft as “next to nothing.” Instead, Lorenz pointed to air traffic from the news media as one of the main noise pollution offenders.

Helicopters are also unlikely to hover in a single area, which creates greater noise and

“Los Angeles County residents who have endured the cacophony of seemingly endless helicopter flights over their homes need relief,” Lieu said in a statement. “When one can’t sleep or talk because of helicopter noise, it hurts the quality of life.”

CRIME BLOTTER

May 19

2600 block of Mary Street
in La Crescenta, money was
stolen from a locked vehicle
overnight.

May 16

2400 block of Shields Street in La Crescenta, someone apparently shot a resident's vehicle with paintballs causing damage including a broken rear taillight on a vehicle overnight.

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a loss prevention officer at TJ Maxx reported that while watching the store's monitors she witnessed a woman carrying an empty plastic bag along with multiple items of store items.

The officer allegedly witnessed the woman place the items and the plastic bag into a shopping cart.

The woman stood with her back to the surveillance camera and appeared to take clothing items off hangers. The woman put the items into the bag and tied it closed. The woman took the bag, walked out of the store and toward the parking lot. The loss prevention officer confronted the woman who pushed her and would not comply with her request to return to the store. The woman entered the passenger side of a blue, 2003 four-door Honda and left the area.

The suspect is described as black, 5'5" tall and weighing

between 180 to 190 pounds. The incident occurred at 1:10 p.m.

May 15

Lauderdale Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, a 60-year-old Sunland man was arrested for suspicion of possession of a controlled substance after deputies conducted a traffic stop and found a white powdery substance resembling methamphetamine. It was also discovered there were two outstanding warrants in the man's name.

The arrest occurred at 10:51 a.m.



This weekend the 40th Annual
Fiesta Days will take over
La Cañada Flintridge.

There will be parades, music, tours and fireworks all as part of a Memorial Day celebration that is hosted by the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce.

Below is a calendar of events for the three-day celebration:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 40TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND FIESTA DAYS
MAY 24-27, 2013
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Friday, May 24th: Casino Night, Community Center, 4469 Chevy Chase Dr., LCF, 6:30pm to 10:30pm, \$25
 Saturday, May 25th: Community Breakfast (Kiwans A.M.) Memorial Park - 8:00 am-11:00 am -Adult \$7.00 Children 11 and under \$3
 Saturday, May 25th: Vintage Car Show - La Cañada Memorial Park - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Saturday, May 25th: Farmers Market - 1346 Floral Blvd.(across the street from Memorial Park) - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 25th: LCF Tournament of Roses Assn. 2nd Annual Open House - 4524 Hampton Road, LCF, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 25th: Family Flick, Memorial Park **"How to Train Your Dragon"** at about 8:30 PM (as soon as it is dark enough)
Admission FREE Sponsor: Athens Services - Thank you!! Bring your blanket/chair, no host snacks.

Sunday, May 26th: Lanterman House Summer Whites Picnic and Open House – 4420 Encinas Drive, LCF – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 26th: Family Dinner, Music and Fireworks Show – La Cañada Memorial Park – Dinner 6:00 pm **Adult \$15.00 Child \$5.00**
****See note** Family Dinner Sponsor: NASA Services – Thank you!!

Sunday, May 26th. Fireworks Show at 8:45 p.m. Memorial Park, Sponsor: Allen Lund Company – Thank you!!
 Sunday, May 26th. La Cañada High Jazz Band 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, May 26th. Fireworks Show – 8:45 p.m. (as soon as it is dark enough)

Monday, May 27th: Crescenta Cañada YMCA Fiesta Run, 5 & 10K + 1 mile walk – Descanso Gardens – 7:30 a.m.
 Monday, May 27th: Memorial Service – La Cañada Memorial Park – 9:00 a.m.
 Monday, May 27th: Parade – Foothill Boulevard: Theme "Neighbor to Neighbor" (Parade starts at 10:30 a.m.)
 Grand Marshal: Allen Lund, President, Allen Lund Company

Monday, May 27th: Afternoon-in-the-Park (Games, Music, Food Court) La Cañada Memorial Park - Noon – 3:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Allied Waste. Thank you!! Food Court open Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27th: Music-in-the-Park – La Cañada Memorial Park – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Sponsored by the City of LCF)
Captain Cardiac will kick off the City's summer programs at 4:00 p.m.

**Note: Family Dinner: Menu by Los Gringos Locos: Three Food Stations: (1) Sirloin/Veggie Burgers with sides and dessert; (2) Los Gringos Taco Cart (2 tacos); (3) Salad Extravaganza. Child's option, all three stations. Dessert included.

Music for the Community Breakfast and Afternoon in the Park by Misplaced Priorities.

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could use such capabilities to pull up on the fly any site’s prior violations, ensuring that they have been resolved and to remain vigilant for any other potential problems.

The technology would also allow the owner of the residence or business being inspected to instantly obtain a copy of the

inspector’s report. The report would be sent to the owner via e-mail.

“It also makes it easier to keep track of the data,” added the chief. “[GFD administration] can pull up the information at a glance so we can keep track.”

Scoggins also clarified for the Council that inspections are part

of the regular duties of the GFD. They do not require overtime payment.

“It’s going to take a lot less time than the old way,” said Mayor Dave Weaver of the new inspection record keeping method. “It’s going to be great to have. We’re getting closer to a paperless society.”

MEMORIAL DAY from Cover

said. “It was a real tense time; the insurgency had a very strong presence.”

During this time he would see news reports from the states.

“To be honest, it was a little discouraging,” he said.

The news reports spoke of Americans’ number one concern being the economy and financial stability while those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan seemed to be lower on the list of priorities.

Burghdorf saw this type of report just after there was a

major insurgence when soldiers had lost their lives. It was during these times that community events honoring those in service meant the most.

“We live in an awesome community,” he said.

When Burghdorf was in Iraq, the Crescenta Valley Town Council started a banner program on which names of those serving in the military were placed on banners that were hung along Foothill Boulevard.

“It was a gesture [showing]

they went out of their way to recognize those [who served],” he said.

Memorial Day is an emotional day not only for those who lost their loved ones but also for those who served alongside men and women that were lost.

“Memorial Day means a lot to me because I lost friends, guys I worked with,” Burghdorf said. “It is a reminder to recognize those that we have lost.”

Burghdorf met his wife Jennifer while in the Air Force Academy. She is an Air Force civil engineer. Jennifer served in Afghanistan, also with a joint task force.

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Memorial Day Observances

Montrose
Vietnam War Memorial. The ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday. The Vietnam War Memorial is located at the northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.

La Crescenta
Two Strike Park. Observance will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta. Keynote speaker is Lt. Col. David Worley USAF. The ceremony will include presentation of colors, presentation of wreaths and flowers, reading of fallen heroes, POW/MIA ceremony and Walk of Honor.

The event is sponsored by the American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614.

La Cañada Flintridge
Memorial Park. Service will be held at 9 a.m. at Memorial Park, 1327 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada followed by the Fiesta Days Parade at 10:30 a.m.

Glendale
City Hall. The Patriotism Committee of the Glendale Veterans Coalition will host a Memorial Day ceremony at Glendale City Hall, 613 E. Broadway beginning at 9:30 a.m. The coalition will distribute information about services for U.S. veterans and their families.

Glendale-Eagle Rock
Glendale-Eagle Rock Aerie. Glendale-Eagle Rock Fraternal Order of Eagles 2188 sponsors a Memorial Day weekend to benefit disabled veterans and welcome home all Vietnam veterans May 25 to May 27 at the Glendale-Eagle Rock Aerie, 1596 Yosemite Dr., Eagle Rock.

The first event begins on Saturday

at 3 p.m. with the opening of a Vietnam War photo gallery. Dinner will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The event is open to the public for a \$20 donation that includes admission to the gallery, dinner, entertainment and admission to the Aerie on Sunday.

Doors open Sunday at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for an open house event.

On Monday, the Eagles will host a champagne breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$7. A Memorial Day ceremony will follow at noon. The photo gallery will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Glendale-Eagle Rock Eagles at (323) 257-8869.

Forest Lawn Glendale
A Memorial Day ceremony with patriotic music, wreath laying, free refreshments, free souvenirs and much more. The event will be located in the “old section” of Forest Lawn. There is an information booth at the location that can help visitors with any questions.

The event begins Monday at 1 p.m. Glendale Forest Lawn is located at 1712 S. Glendale Ave., Glendale.

Wall of Honor at Scholl Canyon
Scholl Canyon Estates, an independent living community for seniors in Glendale, will mark Memorial Day on May 27 by establishing of a Wall of Honor to salute its veteran residents.

The unveiling of the wall, which includes ‘Then and Now’ photos of Scholl Canyon residents who served their country, will take place at 12:30 p.m. at 1551 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale.

For more information, call (818) 951-3830.

“We (Burghdorf and his wife) love serving our country,” he said. Both now serve in the reserves out of March Air Force Base.

Steve Thibault, U.S. Marine, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2009. When he first arrived, the residents were a little “stand-offish.”

“They were curious and maybe a [little] scared,” he said. Eventually, he added, they were glad the troops were there.

Thibault was in an area that U.S. troops had not been in before; they were taking over where a British platoon had been.

“The (British) troops were spread so thin,” he said.

Originally from New York, Thibault said he had not seen photos of events like Memorial Day, though he did receive care packages from kids which showed support for the troops.

“It was nice, comforting,” he said.

Thibault added that the Memorial Day observances do mean something to those who have returned from service, many who lost comrades that they fought alongside.

“I think it shows the community supports [the veterans and active military] and it makes it easier,” he said.

The Memorial Day observances honor those who passed, but also reaches beyond to honor those who served alongside the fallen.

“I can appreciate and think back on the friends and all of the sacrifices and all the troops that have served over the years,” Burghdorf said.

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VIEWPOINTS



MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY
» JIM CHASE

Goddard On His Last Adventure

School assemblies are notorious for being many things: boring, lame, tedious, unintentionally hilarious and other even less charitable classifications. But on rare occasions, students get to attend a presentation that is not only fun and fascinating, but it winds up being potentially life changing.

Such was the case for untold numbers of students – myself included – who were privileged to skip classes while La Cañada resident and worldwide adventurer John Goddard recounted his stories of world travel (he circumnavigated the globe not once but four times, for crying out loud!), exploits among the primitive peoples and accomplishments that would make even Indiana Jones and the World’s Most Interesting Man sit at his feet in rapt attention.

Mr. Goddard’s own website labels him both, “The World’s Greatest Goal Achiever” and “World-Renowned Adventurer, Explorer, Author, Lecturer.” If anything, I would say that’s an understatement.

A man of surprisingly short stature, slight build and impossibly jet-black hair, Mr. Goddard delighted countless audiences with tales of daring do and impossible feats. I’m sure that his hyper-normal physique and markedly unadventurous appearance made audience members think to themselves, “If he can have such adventures, so can I.” At least that’s what I remember thinking the several times I heard this mega-adventurer

speak over the course of my school years here in the Crescenta Valley.

It wasn’t only Goddard’s tales of adventures that made him so interesting. It was also the list he made at home in Los Angeles in 1940, a list which he would spend the rest of his life trying to fulfill. Sitting at his mother’s kitchen table at the age of only 15, young John made what may well have been the world’s first bucket list.

And what a list it was. Adding up to 127 things to do before he died, from becoming an Eagle Scout to climbing Mt. Everest, Goddard’s list was broken up into categories including “Explore,” “Study Primitive,” “Climb,” “Photograph,” “Explore Underwater,” “Visit,” “Swim In” and “Accomplish.” Of his 127 goals, only 16 would never be checked off. (To be fair, some of the 16 would have been impossible, such as “Appear in a Tarzan movie” and “Visit the moon.”)

Surprisingly, a few of the items Goddard failed to accomplish would seem at first glance to have been relatively easy to do for a man of his determination and experience, like “Climb Mt. McKinley,” “Follow River Jordan from Sea of Galilee to Dead Sea,” or “Become a ham radio operator.” I can’t help but wonder why a man who would “Become proficient in the use of a plane, motorcycle, tractor, surfboard, rifle, pistol, canoe, microscope, football, basketball, bow and arrow, lariat and boomerang,” couldn’t or didn’t learn to operate a ham radio.

I remember, in particular, hearing him say that one of the goals he wrote as a 15-year-old was to marry a beautiful woman and have children. I’m happy to say that I was able to emulate him in this goal, although I “only” had four kids to Mr. Goddard’s six. As to the rest of his list, I can only say that I have accomplished a mere 20 of his 127.

Then again, the theme of Mr. Goddard’s presentations to students was always to make your own list of goals to strive to achieve. I worry that this sense of adventure and self-challenge may be all but gone in today’s youth. Hopefully I’m wrong.

Goddard’s final goal, number 127, was to “Live to see the 21st century.” Indeed, he did. John Goddard passed away on Friday, May 17 at the impressive age of 88. I would venture to say he is the embodiment of a life well lived.

And now, he’s on his last and greatest adventure of all. It wouldn’t surprise me to learn that this very minute he’s speaking to an attentive audience of angels and regaling them with his life’s adventures. Godspeed and safe travels, John Goddard!

I’ll see you ‘round town.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY
» MIKE LAWLER

The Nudist Camp in La Tuna Canyon

One of the first nudist camps in the U.S., dating back into the 1930s, had its home close to CV, just over the Verdugos in La Tuna Canyon. In 1934, pioneers in the phenomenon of social nudism, Hobart and Lura Glassey, established one of the first nudist camps in the U.S. in Orange County near Lake Elsinore. It was a business, with paying members having access to a private campground. They had quick success, particularly after a widely circulated movie about nudism was filmed there. In 1935, with Lura’s pregnancy they opted to move closer to medical facilities, and purchased land in Roscoe (now Sun Valley) for a new nudist camp.

The new facility, Fraternity Elysia, was located at 9804 La Tuna Canyon Road in a little canyon on the south side of the road. That small canyon today is the site of a newer housing development at the intersection of La Tuna Canyon and Morning Glow Road.

The camp was a hit, and this new nudist colony was once again the setting for a nudist movie, 1938’s “The Unashamed,” which enjoyed a wide theater showing. A famous member of Elysium Fraternity was Caltech seismologist and Pasadena resident Charles Richter, namesake of the Richter scale that we use to measure earthquakes. He and his wife were nudists and were members of Fraternity Elysia from its beginnings in 1935, the same year that the Richter scale became the standard

measure of earthquake intensity.

Although the camp was wildly successful, tragedy seemed to follow Fraternity Elysia. Hobart Glassey died tragically at Elysia in 1938 in a fall that broke his neck. In 1939, actress Dawn Hope Noel, daughter of a famous film and stage actress Adele Blood committed suicide at Elysia. This supposed evidence of the corruption of mind caused by nudism caused a storm of negative publicity for the camp and for nudism in general.

By the ’40s, the local authorities decided Fraternity Elysia was a liability to the morals of Los Angeles and began a series of raids on the camp. The now widowed Lura Glassey was arrested numerous times before WWII on oddball charges such as “allowing men and women to mingle while nude.” The camp, which had no neighbors and thus no one to offend, was staked out by officers who would observe through binoculars. They even produced a two-minute film to show in court. The film was taken through a telephoto lens from surrounding hillsides, and showed men, women and children sunbathing nude and semi-nude around a swimming pool. The charges never amounted to more than fines and probation, and WWII gave the police more important things to do.

When the war ended, the LAPD could once more take a bead on Fraternity Elysia and the arrest that spelled the end of the camp took place

in 1946. Two members of the Vice Squad, a male and female officer, posed as nudists and applied for membership to the nudist camp. On a tour of the camp they observed “a score of persons including two young girls and four boys” playing badminton, ping pong and sunbathing in the nude at the camp. When two more officers showed up, someone yelled, “The coppers are here!” and everyone quickly put their clothes back on. However Lura Glassey and her new business partner Henry Broening were arrested and charged with violating the city’s new anti-nudity ordinance. They were convicted in a jury trial and sentenced to several months in jail. Broening chose to serve his sentence and be done with it, but Lura Glassey appealed the verdict.

With the help of the ACLU, she appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing that “nudism is a social belief, and not legally limited unless there is a danger to society.” But in Glassey v. State, 1947: “The Supreme Court ruled that the appellants had not demonstrated that the ordinance unduly restricted personal liberties. The original decision stood.”

Lura Glassy went to jail, while the nudist camp in La Tuna Canyon closed and became an interesting side-note of our local lore.

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CVDAPC NEWS
» SUZY JACOBS

Today is eighth grade promotion day in Burbank. Throughout middle school, our daughter’s peer group has become increasingly important to her. As such, I am uncool, a terrible dresser, not funny and worst of all: I have to know too much and make a big deal about everything. Good thing her friends like me! My daughter, Reason, and company are nerds. Liked, but not popular. Smart, silly, creative, free-thinkers. One boy wrote, “You’re the most innocent person I know” in her yearbook. I’m glad she lacked access to the socially advanced kids. I’ll let the experts explain why:

“Dating in Middle School Leads to Higher Dropout, Drug-Use Rates, Study Suggests.” Pamela Orpinas, University of Georgia professor and study author, determined middle school students who date report using twice as much alcohol, tobacco and marijuana, compared with their classmates without romantic relationships. They have poor study habits and higher drop out rates. A likely explanation for the worse educational performance of early daters is that these adolescents start dating early as part of an overall pattern of high-risk behaviors.

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“There are two things children should get from their parents: roots and wings.”

~ Goethe and Jacobs family mantra.

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“Temporal Associations of Popularity and Alcohol Use Among Middle School Students Journal of Adolescent Health,” Volume 52, Issue 1, pages 108-115, January 2013: Rand researchers found, “Popularity is a risk factor for drinking during the middle school years.”

Same with tobacco use. Researchers at Keck Medical found, “Peer Pressure to Smoke Greater in Middle School Than High School: Study from USC. [<http://www.drugfree.org/join-together/parenting/peer-pressure-to-smoke-greater-in-middle-school-than-high-school-study>]

As I prepare for high school, and dynamic peer groups, conversations about hard topics will continue. Friends’ mistakes taught me to keep my past private. [<http://www.drugfree.org/join-together/alcohol/children-more-likely-to-accept-drug-use-if-parents-admit-past-substance-use>]

When talking to your kids about alcohol, drugs, and sex and they ask, “Did you do it?” Dr. Drew says the correct answer is, “We’re not talking about me, we’re talking about you.” Exactly! My wings are expanded: I’m now providing roots.

» FROM THE STATE ASSEMBLY

A Common Sense Solution for MIDDAY and Late-Night Traffic

It’s happened to anyone who lives in Southern California. A late-night accident or mysterious slowing clogs the rightmost freeway lanes, while the carpool lane sits empty – a situation that seems to defy common sense. There is no reason why drivers should have to continue to endure this. For this reason, I have introduced a bill that would give drivers access to carpool lanes when they are being under-utilized.

Assembly Bill 405 calls for the creation of a pilot project, administered by California Dept. of Transportation, that would allow single-occupancy vehicles to access High Occupancy (HOV) lanes (also known as carpool lanes) along certain portions of the 210 freeway and the 134 freeway during non-peak hours.

After all, carpool lanes are intended to increase the capacities of our freeways, reward those

who carpool during rush hour, and protect the surrounding environment from harmful exhaust. Unfortunately, these goals often go unmet, and at times the problem worsens when a major fraction of the highway is unnecessarily restricted to motorists.

The proposed measure would give the highway system more flexibility in accommodating commuters, with significant benefits to surrounding communities. A single accident would be less likely to close an entire freeway and disruption of traffic patterns would be minimized. Those working in the film and entertainment industries would find the 134 less congested during their late night drive home after a long day at the studio. Neighborhoods lining Interstate 210, particularly in Glendale, La Crescenta, and La Cañada Flintridge, would see a decrease in surrounding noise and smog pollution.


I am also told this proposal would

save lives. A significant number of accidents are caused by people adjacent to the carpool lanes being unexpectedly hit by a motorist who darts across the double-yellow carpool striping. Changing this to a lane with ingress and egress will prevent such accidents.

Many Northern California freeways already have this flexibility, and it works very well. It only makes sense to bring these solutions to our Southern California freeways, especially when so many carpool lanes are not used to full capacity during off-peak hours.

Mike Gatto is a father and the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. He represents the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and La Cañada Flintridge, the communities of La Crescenta and Montrose, and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Atwater Village, and portions of the Hollywood Hills and East Hollywood. Email Mike at assemblymember.gatto@assembly.ca.gov, or call (818) 558-3043.

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Clark Magnet's Senior Project Reaches New Heights



ABOVE: Senior project organizers Guy Burstein, left, and Alex Deravanessian.
BELOW RIGHT: This project measured and analyzed solar and alternative energy using a balloon launched into near space.

On April 28, five students from Clark Magnet High School launched a near-space balloon, labeled the Panther 2, from Acton. The project was a collaboration between two 12th grade students, Guy Burstein and Alex Deravanessian, for their Clark senior project. Working with them were three 11th grade students, Christopher Pereira, Saikiran Ramanan, and Matej Zampach of the advanced engineering class, with engineering instructor David Black. Two additional mentors assisted.

This project measured and analyzed solar and alternative energy. A detailed analysis of the results will be demonstrated at the two students' senior projects.

The first launch with Panther 1 payload took place on May 26, 2012 from Simi Valley with a landing in

Victorville. Peak altitude of 103,126 feet was reached.

This year's payload featured three high-definition cameras, two temperature sensors, a photovoltaic panel, a carbon monoxide sensor, a three-axis accelerometer and magnetometer, onboard data logging, Global Positioning System (GPS) locator, radio transmitter, and GPS locator with satellite uplink. Panther 2 reached a peak altitude of 85,000 feet (over 16 miles). While lower than last year's peak altitude, the flight still captured breathtaking photos of the Angeles National Forest, the California coast, the Crescenta Valley and Glendale, and the curvature of Earth against a black sky. The payload landed at Angeles National Forest.

"This was unbelievable and the best experience ever!" said Burstein. "This was the most amazing and fun experience!" added Deravanessian.

Over the next several weeks, students will be analyzing the photos, videos, and over 5,000 samples of scientific data logged

onboard to perform studies on the balloon's performance, and environmental studies on atmospheric conditions and recovery of the Angeles National Forest after the devastating 2009 Station Fire. Photos and video will be compared to last year's flight over the same region to understand the impact of Southern California drought conditions on recovery of the Station Fire burn area in the Angeles National Forest. Readings from an onboard carbon monoxide sensor will be used to determine if smog from the Greater Los Angeles area is found over the Angeles National Forest at higher altitudes. Acceleration data will be used to improve the descent characteristics of next year's planned launch of the Panther 3.

This project was considered a success and will be used by many, including Clark's engineering and other departments, as a measuring tool for scientific projects.

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Wilson Named Carson Scholar

Niles Wilson, a 12th grade student at St. Francis High School in La Cañada, was one of nine Los Angeles County students named a 2013 Carson Scholar. He is among 58 west coast students to receive the 2013 Carson Scholar title. The west coast honorees were recognized at a Carson Scholars Fund awards ceremony hosted by Union Bank in April and held at the California Science Center, Loker Conference Center. Dr. Benjamin Carson gave the keynote address and presented the awards.

The Carson Scholars Fund was founded in 1994 by Johns Hopkins pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Carson and his wife Candy. Each year, the Carson Scholars Fund recognizes and rewards students in grades four through 12 who earn the highest level of



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Highs and Lows for Falcon Baseball

Season ends again in first round of playoffs, but CV did capture another league title.

By Brandon HENSLEY

2013 regular season record: 20-7.

League championship: Yes.

One and done in the playoffs? Also, yes.

Key departures: Pitcher/infielder Ted Boeke, catcher Jonny Psaltis, outfielder Nolan Rea.

But look who's coming back: Pitcher Brian Gadsby, infielder Michael Russo, pitcher/outfielder Bryan Wang, infielder Joe Torres.

The beginning and end of the Falcons' varsity baseball season didn't go the way anyone hoped it would, but the middle sure was exciting, huh?

With their loss on May 17 to the Yucaipa Thunderbirds in the CIF Division II first round playoff game, the Falcons said goodbye to another year full of success, and also disappointment.

Crescenta Valley was the co-champion of the Pacific League this year, sharing it with Burbank although the Falcons swept Burbank and therefore entered the postseason as the No. 1 team from the league.

That didn't matter too much against Yucaipa, who edged the Falcons at Stengel Field 1-0 in eight innings.

CV pitcher Brian Gadsby was excellent on the mound, going all eight innings. He allowed the one run in the eighth when Yucaipa's Matt Lucas blooped one to right field that hit the ground just



First base: Ted Boeke -- pictured here at the Babe Herman Tournament -- and the Falcons got off to a shaky start in March. After a poor showing in the tournament, CV was just 5-5, which was "terrible," said Coach Phil Torres. In April things got a bit better as the Falcons started 3-0 in the Pacific League.

Second base: Jonny Psaltis, pictured here at the plate, and his team beat Burroughs in late April with a 4-2 win at Burroughs. The win put the Falcons in a four-way tie for first in league.



Third base: CV clinched a share of the Pacific League championship on May 10 at Arcadia. Trailing 4-2, Ted Boeke's three-run home run in the seventh inning created euphoria for CV's players and fans, while Arcadia's side had to watch a navy and white celebration for the second year in a row.

Home: It was a rough go of it May 17 in a playoff game against Yucaipa. Brian Gadsby was great on the mound, but the Falcons couldn't generate any offense and lost 1-0 in eight innings, as Tom Lerouge scored the only run of the game. The Falcons finished the season 20-8.



before CV's Nolan Rea could catch it. That allowed Tom LeRouge to score from third.

The Falcons got a large dose of off-speed pitches from three different Thunderbird pitchers. In the fourth inning off of reliever Joey Chapman, Rea hit a soft liner to second baseman Scotty James, who was able to leap just enough to catch it, preventing two runs from scoring.

"They're tough. They throw a lot of breaking balls," said CV coach Phil Torres. "And then if Nolan's ball is an inch higher, two inches higher, we get two runs on

that play."

Junior Bryan Wang hit into a game-ending double play in the bottom of the eighth. The ball went up the middle and Yucaipa shortstop Dylan Rezendez scooped it up and stepped on second base to force out Ted Boeke and then threw to first to get Wang.

"It's tough," Torres said. "It's tough for the 12th graders who did a great job. [We] completely exceeded what we thought we were going to have. Especially at one point we were 5-5, and they just did a great job. They rallied up and we finished 20-8."

"We knew we had a good team," Gadsby said. "We thought we'd do pretty good this year, and we just came up short against these guys and they were a tad bit better than us."

It's been quite a year for the sophomore Gadsby. He started football season on the junior varsity team as quarterback, then was called up to varsity for the last three games. He led the team to a 2-1 finish, including a season finale win at Arcadia.

As a pitcher for Torres, he proved he was the ace of the staff by the end of the year; CV had a full

week to rest for the Yucaipa game, and Torres went with Gadsby as the starter even though he threw a complete game the week before against the Apaches.

"I'm just trying to give my team the best I can do," Gadsby said. "In football, I had a great offensive line protecting me, great wide receivers ... in baseball, I had a great catchers, great defense, great coaches. I had a lot of support behind me."

For photos of May 17 game by Dan Holm, visit www.cvweekly.com/SPORTS



CV Softball Season in Review

By Brandon HENSLEY

2013 Regular Season: 14-10-1

Playoffs: CIF Division III Wild-card, lost to La Salle 3-1.

Departing seniors: Brady Sanford, Jordan Green, Jessica Morena, Riane Garcia, Molly Burke.

But Look Who's Coming Back:

Pitcher Olivia Thayer, shortstop Hailey Cookson, center fielder Hannah Cookson.

The Crescenta Valley High Lady Falcons probably could have, should

have been better in 2013. Coach Mark Samford lamented too many times about the lack of patience at the plate and the inability to hit with runners in scoring position

(which cost them the last two games of the season).

The defense, while talented, let too many unearned runs in off of pitcher Olivia Thayer (a whopping 48, going by stats made available from the team).

Put those factors together and the Falcons dropped from 20 wins last year to a 14-11-1 record this year, including their playoff loss at La Salle on May 14.

But what's done is done, so let's look to the future, which doesn't seem too bad at all. Only five seniors were on the team this year: Brady Sanford, Riane Garcia, Jordan Green, Molly Burke and Jessica Morena. Of those five, only right fielder Sanford and catcher Morena were regulars in the lineup.

That means CV will have an experienced team next year, led by center fielder Hannah Cookson, who will be a senior. Cookson had minor surgery on her knee in the offseason, and maybe that contributed to a drop off in home runs from 16 last season to seven this year.

Either way, she still led the team in that category, and hit .435 with 34 runs batted in.

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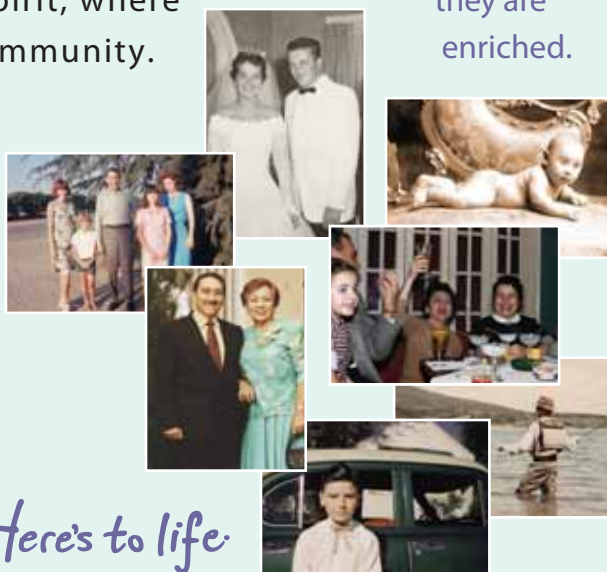
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Falcons Show Promise in First Passing Tournament

By Alex DUPLESSIS

The Crescenta Valley High School football team hosted its annual Gordy Warnock Memorial Passing Tournament last weekend. Attending were teams from Sylmar, John Marshall, Verdugo Hills, John Burroughs, Hart and Arcadia.

CV kicked off pool play (games that determine bracket positioning) on Friday with a win over Sylmar. The Falcons then turned its attention to conference rival John Burroughs where things didn't go as smoothly. The Indians wound up beating CV 16-8, due in large part to a lackluster offensive showing from the Falcons.

Soon-to-be-senior quarterback Ben Rees played the majority of the tournament due to the absence of quarterbacks Brian Gadsby and Joe Torres (both out because of baseball commitments). Rees was disappointed with how Friday had gone.

"As a unit we didn't have the energy that was needed to compete at our highest level," Rees said.

But the Falcons turned things around on Saturday. In its first game, CV's offense moved down the field consistently with ease while the first team defense held the Barristers to just six points in a 26-14 win over John Marshall High.

The victory gave the Falcons a record of 2-1 in pool play, and slotted them up against Arcadia in the first round of bracketed play, where the Apaches proved to be no match for CV. Much like the game against John Marshall, the Falcons controlled both sides of the football. The 26-12 victory meant CV was heading to the semis to face John Burroughs in a rematch.

The second time around, CV was hungry for revenge and riding the momentum of back-to-back victories. Rees, who had tossed a pair of interceptions in the two teams' previous contest, helped guide Crescenta Valley to a 28-2 win behind three touchdown passes and a receiving touchdown.

Coach Paul Schilling was "really excited with how we came back from the Burroughs game. We lost 22-16 on Friday and then beat them, 26-2," he said.

"We all came out with a good competitive attitude and we came out and did what was needed to be done," Rees said.

At 2-0 in bracket play, the Falcons advanced to the championship game to play perennial powerhouse Hart High School, led by All-CIF receiver Trent Irwin. Irwin and the Indians' high-octane offense came out on top, 32-26, in a back and forth affair.

In spite of the loss, Schilling remained optimistic about how his team had performed.

"We played a really good Hart team close," he said. "This was a great first tournament for us."

In particular, Schilling was pleased with how well his team responded from their disappointing Friday showing.

"After the game with Burroughs on Friday, the guys realized that they needed to play more physical.

Saturday they showed their physical side and really improved," Schilling said.

From here on, the Falcons' focus will be on improving their young football team. Crescenta Valley is tasked with replacing 17 senior starters from last year's team.

"Although we did well, there is also room for improvement," said quarterback Rees.

Schilling believes that these tournaments are crucial to his team's development.

"The[se] tournaments are very important for us in developing confidence and leaders. Leadership is the most important thing for a young team," he said. "Hopefully [this tournament] springboards us to a great summer and an even better fall."



Photo by Alex DUPLESSIS.
CV's Bostin Lakin in coverage vs. Burroughs last week in a passing tournament. The Falcons split the two games with Burroughs.

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Defensively, Cookson is the perfect person to anchor CV's defense. She's one of the fastest players on the team and runs down balls quickly. She said she doesn't mind selling out to make catches, and proved it during a game against Burroughs with two diving catches in the late innings to preserve a win.

Her sister Hailey, the shortstop, isn't too bad herself. Hailey is able to get to almost any ball and quickly gets it out of her glove to first base, so runners know they have to go hard down the line.

At the plate, Hailey led the team in batting average (.467) and had one home run, an inside the park hit at Glendale.

The pitching will be intact with Thayer and reliever Chloe Fairbrother, who mainly plays first base.

It's the catcher's spot that will be interesting to see. Morena will be gone, and CV got a taste of what life will be like without her earlier than expected when she was lost for the season in late April with an inflamed appendix.

Designated player Tiffany Briscoe filled in for Morena, and when Fairbrother pitched, Briscoe went to first and junior Grace Poole put on the mask. Briscoe, a junior next season, is always in the batting order because of her powerful bat, but it'll be up to Samford to see who gets the most time at catcher next year between her and Poole.

As far as Pacific League opponents go, the Falcons will still have to contend with Burbank's Caitlyn Brooks, who dominated this year as a sophomore. Brooks hit 11 home runs and as a pitcher recorded an ERA of less than 1.00 with 288 strikeouts.

CV was swept by Burbank, and also by Arcadia. The Falcons only recorded one run off of Arcadia's Monica Baerg, and she'll be back next year as well.

But the Arcadia games were tight, and could have gone either way. A little bit timelier hitting and the Falcons easily could have won second place in league outright, probably earning them a home playoff game.

That might turn around in 2014, because the Falcons will certainly have the talent and experience to go further than another wild-card loss.

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Springer Finds a New Path

Falcons' basketball guard played a key role in last season's success, but will transfer to Maranatha next season.

By Brandon HENSLEY

The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Crescenta Valley High School basketball player Nick Springer will transfer next year to Christian high school Maranatha in Pasadena, citing mainly religious reasons for he and his family.

"We are strong Christians and strongly believe in God and that everything happens for a reason," said Springer, a junior. "It seemed like a good idea, and that was one of our options."

Springer will team up with new Maranatha head coach Tim Tucker, who previously coached Pasadena, CV's rival in the Pacific League.

CV was a potential favorite to win league in 2014 with Springer (they finished second behind Pasadena). Now that gets thrown up in the air.

"It was a surprise," said Falcons Coach Shawn Zargarian. "You don't typically expect kids who are going to be seniors leaving after they've put in so much time at a particular place, but ... high school basketball these days, nothing is surprising."

Along with graduating senior Cole Currie, Springer helped the Falcons earn a second straight berth in CIF Division 1A semifinals this season. He averaged 20.3 points in his first three playoff games before recording just a single point in CV's semifinal loss to El Toro.

The Falcons finished the season with a loss to Crenshaw in the first round of the state regionals, making their record 23-9.

Springer, who was named to the All Pacific League first team, also proved he could eventually be counted on for stingy defense, but that doesn't concern Zargarian anymore.

"We've moved on," he said. "We have guys who are super excited at the opportunity of being in that spot."

If it means anything to CV, Springer wasn't a homegrown talent. He moved to La Crescenta from the Virgin Islands for his sophomore year. Two years later, he's gone.

"I'm just looking at it as if he were a senior and he's graduating," Zargarian said.

Zargarian said the offense this spring has been undergoing a makeover, with more emphasis on pick-and-rolls with point guard Berj Krikorian. That could help open up the floor for shooters Eric Bae, Arin Pezeshkian and varsity newcomer Kevin Dinges, who transferred from Renaissance Academy and played junior varsity for CV this year.

Then again, the Falcons have been a perimeter-oriented team for some time.

CV's best player last year was Currie, who



Photo by Ed HAMILTON
Nick Springer, shown here against Arcadia in February, will be taking his talents to Maranatha next season.

mostly played point guard. Dylan Kilgour, a 2012 graduate, was one of the purest shooters in league during his time.

Over the last several years, even power forwards Coltrane Powdrill, Christian Misi and brothers Nick and Davis Dragovich were versatile enough to lead fast breaks and knock down outside shots.

From the eyes of a spectator watching this past season, Springer would have probably been the focal point of the offense next year. He's long and lanky, tall enough to knock down 3-pointers over smaller guards and big enough to grab rebounds down low.

It was his two offensive rebound put-backs in the fourth quarter that helped secure a second-round playoff win this year against Edison High School.

Springer's length also made him valuable on defense, and he showed recent signs of becoming an elite defender. Zargarian said now a more team-oriented style will be implemented.

"We can't replace his body, but we'll find a way to replace everything else," he said.

Springer was clear to say his decision had nothing to do with the CV basketball program or the school itself.

"It had nothing to do with that. I have the upmost respect for everyone there," he said.

Springer is a student in Zargarian's kinesiology class for a couple more weeks, so the potential for some awkwardness still exists.

"It's all right, it's all right," Springer said. "I hope he doesn't have anything against me."

"I'm not holding anything against him," Zargarian said. "I just kind of go on with my day and treat him as a student now."

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10 games in 10 days and One Champion Crowned



By Roger SONDERGAARD

The CSA Bronco (boys 11-12) fans were treated to an outstanding series of games in this year's playoffs. All games were held at Montrose Park over 10 days in a double elimination format.

On Thursday, May 9, Landry's defeated LRM without using their ace Hayden Burns to begin the playoffs. The game was called after five innings due to a heavy downpour and ensuing electrical storm.

The following night was a thriller between Togo's and Kiwanis. The teams went back and forth with Kiwanis finally prevailing in the last inning, 12-11 on a 270-foot walk off a triple from Eli Webber.

On Saturday, the second round began in the winners' bracket as Kiwanis fell 4-7 to Kana Pipeline, the second seed. The Landry's win on Thursday put them up against the No. 1 seeded Liberty Building Maintenance. In a pitcher's duel between Landry's Hayden Burns and Liberty's Matt Odom (nine and 12 Ks respectively), the teams were deadlocked at 1-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. With runners at second and third, it was Jake Jilizian who came up big with a walk off single in dramatic fashion to win the game. Kiwanis and Landry's were relegated to the losers' bracket set for Monday night. Kana and Liberty would move on to face each other on Tuesday as the only two teams left in the winner's bracket.

On Monday night, Landry's bats came alive as they eliminated Togo's 16-8. It was a tough loss for Togo's who were plagued by injuries all year long, but regardless were a much improved team.

In the second game of the night, Kiwanis beat LRM to set up a match on Wednesday against Landry's. LRM had a strong season with many of their wins coming early on, but struggled to find their groove at the end of the season.

Tuesday night was the battle of what many considered to be

the two favorites, Liberty and Kana. These teams entered the playoffs as the top two, so it was no surprise to see them in the winner's bracket. Despite the build up, Liberty swept Kana for 10-2 win. The victory put them into the championship game and dropped Kana to the losers' bracket.

The next two games were tough going for all of the teams because pitching restrictions started to take their toll on the teams in the loser's bracket.

On Wednesday, Kiwanis held on to outlast Landry's 12-8. Landry's was eliminated, but only after making a good go of it in the playoffs with a team of strong veterans and several younger, but very talented, players.

On Thursday, Kiwanis looked good against Kana in the battle to get to the championship. But with strict pitching limitations and a powerful Kana offense, Kiwanis went down 6-4 moving Kana on to the championship.

Kiwanis was another team that grew in strength as the season went on. They ended up as one of the top hitting teams and also had a fine pitching

staff. On Saturday, Bronco commissioner Scott McCreary got the championship contest underway after a moving trumpet solo of the national anthem performed by CVHS student Justin Abril.

Kana would need to win on Saturday to force a final game on Monday. The team started by scoring one run in the first inning against Matt Odom, but runs off Matt proved to be difficult as he only allowed two over five innings. The Liberty offense showed their muscle as they built up a 4-2 lead after five innings against a tough Trent Lousararian on the mound. Liberty's Solomon Kim came in for the final two innings and closed out the game with three strikeouts in the seventh to end the game 6-3. The win left Liberty undefeated in the playoffs and they were crowned this year's Bronco champions.

Although Kana lost, they proved to be a solid team all year with strong pitching, fielding and batting and had a legitimate shot at winning the title.

Melnyk on the Road to Masters Meet

By Leonard COUTIN

The track and field Southern Section CIF finals were held on Saturday at Mt. San Antonio College. For some athletes this marked an end to a long season, and for a few who made qualifying times, new challenges were to be conquered.

Falcon sophomore Megan Melnyk has had an exceptional year running several races: the 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m and the 4x400m relay. Though she proved herself a strong team competitor, it was in individual contests that moved her forward into the Masters Meet. The Masters Meet takes place on Friday at Cerritos College.

"Megan dropped her time in the 800 (2:13.34). She ran a very good, smart race," said CVHS coach Mark Evans.

"I didn't go to finals with any expectations," said Melnyk. "I just wanted to [personal best]." Running from the back, Melnyk's first lap was 67 seconds.

"Definitely that first lap was a lot faster," Melnyk said. "But I couldn't feel it; I was just going with the pack."

Melnyk ended up beating her former record by three seconds in the 800m and will be moving on to the Masters.

Kayleigh Carrillo ran one of her fastest times in the 400m (57.41), but placed seventh, keeping her out of the Masters Meet.

"Kayleigh just had a tough race," said Evans. "We will keep working and doing the same things we have been doing. They all need experience in these big meets and big races."

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Tupper Awards Recognize Local Residents

By Natalie MAIER

The 45th Annual Les Tupper Awards presented by the La Cañada Flintridge Coordination Council (LCFCC) took place recently in the Von Karman Auditorium at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories.

The recipients were Heather Haaga who helped refurbish a section of Descanso Gardens; La Cañada school board member Joel Peterson; La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce president Pat Anderson; La Cañada Community Center and Tournament of Roses volunteer Dr. Mike Leininger.

Student Service Awards were given to two high school juniors, Huntington Hospital volunteer Andrea Klein and honor court member Talia Bernhard.

President of Friends of the La Cañada Flintridge Library Rosemary Hook accepted the award for this year's outstanding organization.

Every May since 1969,



the LCFCC has presented exceptional individuals, businesses and organizations with the Les Tupper award, honoring them for their dedication and service to the community. The awards are named after Leslie Tupper, who moved to La Cañada in 1954 and served as school board president and was on the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Deputy director for Earth

Science and Technology at JPL, James E. Graf, was the guest speaker.

The public was invited to celebrate at this year's award ceremony and, according to Joe Thompson, publicity chairman of the LCFCC, about 150 members of the community were in attendance.

LCFCC president Sheree Butts said this year's recipients were all very diverse in their services to the community. She added that many of them have



been volunteering for years and this was the first time they had been recognized.

"The work [the recipients] do in the community, they don't do it to seek recognition," Butts

said. "They do it because it is natural to them. They should be applauded and recognized for everything they have done to shape the community."

Burleson and Peanuts to Benefit Eliminate Project



Photo by Nick BERKUTA

Students and Kiwanis members gathered outside of the Ralphs market in La Cañada Flintridge on Sunday afternoon to raise money for the Eliminate Project. Shown from left are Kiwanis member Al Restivo, Key Club secretary David Jin, Kiwanis member Stewart Lee, Builders Club member Ali Navarro, and Keyclubber Colin Suehiro.

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada AM has been participating in the Eliminate Project, whose goal is to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from 30 countries by providing doses of tetanus vaccine. A fundraiser features Bob Burleson riding his motorcycle to a Kiwanis Club meeting in each of the 48 states and via a webcam to meetings in Alaska and Hawaii. Burleson plans to begin his trip on Monday, May 27 from Memorial Park in La Cañada and return on Labor Day. This will cover an anticipated 13,000 miles which is expected to set a Guinness World Record, raise

funds and publicize the joint effort of Kiwanis and UNICEF. Donations to the KURE2013 will support the Eliminate Project. Other efforts to support the Eliminate Project include a recent fundraiser with members of the Key Club, the Builders Club at La Cañada High School and the Kiwanis Club of La Canada. The groups teamed up this past weekend to collect money for the Kiwanis Eliminate Project by selling peanuts outside the Ralphs store in La Cañada. Proceeds from the sale benefitted the project.



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Debbie Gibson Keynote Speaker at GAMC Luncheon

Glendale Adventist Medical Center will host its annual Cancer Survivor’s Luncheon and Flame of Hope award ceremony on Monday, June 24 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will celebrate cancer survivors and their caregivers. Keynote speaker is Debbie Gibson. At 16 years old, Gibson became the youngest artist to write, produce and perform a number one single, “Foolish Beat,” a record she still holds today in the Guinness Book of World Records. To date, Gibson has sold more than 16 million albums worldwide.

She has a passion for speaking about cancer and cancer awareness to patients, survivors and their families. Her message is about positive living, hope and inspiration through music has encouraged many to believe in their ability and strength to overcome cancer.

The program will also feature the quality award announcement, Flame of Hope Award and cancer survivors’ recognition.

The event takes place in the Glendale Adventist Medical Center Main Auditorium at 1509 Wilson Terrace in Glendale.

Seating is limited. Reservations required. Please call (818) 409-8100. Free lunch provided and parking will be validated.


Muriello Named 2013 L.A. Five Star Home Professional

Maria Muriello, sales partner with the La Crescenta office of Dilbeck Real Estate Real Living, was recently named a 2013 Los Angeles Five Star Home Professional. Five Star Professional partnered with “Los Angeles” magazine Premier Service Award to identify real estate professionals in the Los Angeles area who deliver outstanding service and client satisfaction. From a pool of 130,000 Realtors, only 249 were selected to receive this distinction.



Offering more than 24 years of experience in the real estate industry, Muriello is a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), a graduate of the Real Estate Institute (GRI), a Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) and a Fine Homes and Estates Specialist. She is consistently one of the top sales partners in her company. She has received numerous awards including Dilbeck’s own recipient of the award in the La Crescenta office this past year. The Los Angeles Five Star Home Professional Award is presented to those who receive a certain percentage of favorable reviews from their clients.

For more information on Maria Muriello call the Dilbeck Real Estate Real Living, La Crescenta office at (818) 807-3094.



Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Being an uninvolved seller

Dear Phyllis,

I am in the midst of trying to get my dad’s home on the market to sell. Last year we placed him in assisted living and it’s apparent that he won’t be moving back to his home. Between working full time and daily visits to him, I don’t have remaining time to get his home ready. He and my mother owned the home for 30 years and, after she passed, it became a little neglected.

I really don’t know what question to ask or what advice you could give me, but any guidance is appreciated.

Carrie

Dear Carrie,

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Phyllis Harb is a Realtor® with Prudential California Realty. She may be contacted at (818) 790-7325 or by email AskPhyllis@RealtorHarb.com.

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‘Star Trek: Into Darkness’ – Still Going Boldly



Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures
Zachary Quinto as Spock, left, and Chris Pine as Capt. James T. Kirk boldly go once again in the second J.J. Abrams’ film of the franchise, titled “Star Trek: Into Darkness.”

By Susan JAMES

Arguably one of the best series reboots in movie history, J. J. Abrams’ second installment of the new Star Trek prequel saga, “Star Trek: Into Darkness,” is a worthy addition to its predecessor. Cleverly written and fast-paced, with excellent CGI riffs on actual space photography, Captain Kirk and his intrepid crew make going boldly where no one has gone before a genuine adventure.

The foundation of Abrams’ revival/homage, which worked so well in the first film and continues to reap rewards here, is the casting. Chris Pine channels William Shatner’s Kirk without parodying him – not always an easy feat. Zachary Quinto’s Spock is spot on and the bromance between these two, the heart versus head tension, is the core from which the story operates. Spock may love Uhura; Kirk may be a space stud for the ages, but the person each relies on most is the other. Fortunately for the movie, they are supported by a stellar cast.

The British acting establishment has in recent years been the go-to

place for fascinating villains. Think Alan Rickman, Tom Hiddleston and Ben Kingsley. They seem to do villainy better than anyone else. Maybe it’s all that Shakespeare or maybe it’s because they understand that a good villain requires convincing and, yes, sympathetic, motivation. Enter Benedict Cumberbatch, BBC’s superlative Sherlock Holmes. With his boyish good looks, he seems to mock the boyishly good-looking Kirk but where Kirk blazes, Cumberbatch’s John Harrison is cold as an ice planet.

Cumberbatch plays a Star Fleet undercover operative, “one of our own” who has gone rogue. His backstory is part of the mystery that Kirk and crew must unravel. During a council of war at Star Fleet headquarters (adroitly doubled by the Getty Institute in Westwood), Harrison launches an all-out air assault. High-level officers are killed, including Kirk’s mentor Christopher Pike (an effective Bruce Greenwood), and Kirk is tasked with taking Harrison down. The job is tricky as Harrison has escaped to an

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Diversity Found at LACO Season Closer



By Ted AYALA

Dmitri Shostakovich’s 1959 “Cello Concerto No. 1” is a compact, grim little piece in four movements that tends to veer off into the darker end of the emotional spectrum for nearly the whole of its 25-minute duration. Not that the composer would have told you or anybody else that. Shostakovich was infamously guarded when discussing his own music and it was no different in this work. Writing to his friend Isaak Glikman soon after the concerto’s completion, Shostakovich skimmed over the tragic mien of the score, instead stressing that it was optimistic in tone and noting that its opening movement was a “jocular little march.”

Mstislav Rostropovich, to whom the piece was dedicated, seemed to have missed the memo. In his hands the cello wailed and sobbed, revealing a piece of tragic grandiosity and acidulous irony. Alicia Weilerstein, the guest soloist at the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra’s (LACO) final performance of its 2012-13 season preferred to take the composer at his word, airing out the score’s gnarly darkness with a sunniness rarely heard in Shostakovich.

Paired with the pert and lissome accompaniment of LACO led by Jeffrey Kahane, Weilerstein’s conception of the concerto rounded off far too smoothly the rawness at the heart of the piece, its impassioned energy diluted into neutral Gebrauchsmusik that made it sound like Russified Hans Eisler or Paul Dessau (perhaps not so inappropriate as

both of those East German composers professed admiration for the Russian).

Her rendering of the concerto’s middle movements missed the pathos and eeriness of the music. Instead she focused on small details – especially extreme pianissimi – that were detrimental to the piece’s overall architecture. In the long third movement cadenza, her phrasing was stiff, unable to break free of the bar lines. She was better in the outer movements, though still not entirely convincing. Throughout the piece she displayed a commanding technique. But her conception of the score was one viewed from the outside looking in, not sure of itself yet, a work in progress.

Opening the program were works by a pair of young composers, Anna Clyne and Hugo Gonzalez-Pioli. Clyne’s piece isn’t a stranger to Los Angeles audiences as a few may have heard it in Esa-Pekka Salonen’s valedictory Green Umbrella concert as music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic back in 2009.

Clyne’s “Within Her Arms,” a 15-minute elegy for strings dedicated to the composer’s mother, managed to draw from the ancient and the new and fused them both into her own vibrant language. Made up of sliding semi-tones and ghostly reminisces of half-remembered snatches of Thomas Tallis and William Byrd that may have never existed after all, it congealed into a fragile web of sound that surged gently

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By Ted AYALA

Pacific Serenades brings its 27th season to a close on Sunday, June 3 with a program of chamber music for winds by Mozart, Poulenc, Saint-Saëns, and local composer Stephen Cohn.

Southern California is enjoying an embarrassment of riches when it comes to chamber music. Pacific Serenades holds its own place of distinction alongside world-class caliber groups such as the Dilijan Chamber Series, Camerata Pacifica, Southwest Chamber Music and Salastina Chamber Society.

Joining the program will be pianist Joanne Pearce Martin whose sensitive artistry has been given glowing praise in these pages in the past.

Tickets for the concert are \$34. To obtain tickets and more information, visit www.pacser.org or call (213) 534-3434.

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uninhabited zone on a planet inside the Klingon Empire. To get the job done, the Enterprise is equipped with a new type of photon torpedo. Kirk is ordered to go in, blow Harrison away and get out without the Klingons noticing, but Kirk as always has his own agenda.

One of the genius things about this movie are the numerous nods to the original TV show, including familiar characteristics, quotable dialogue and even whole episodes, "The Trouble with Tribbles," for instance. But the story is more than nostalgia and Abrams and his writers have added strands of contemporary relevance by incorporating echoes of the controversy over drone strikes and the fall-out from unprovoked military aggression. This may be a movie about war, but Abrams likes to remind us that the original mission of the Enterprise was exploration and peace.

The movie opens with a perfectly presented story within a story. British actor Noel Clarke (Mickey Smith for those who watch "Dr. Who") lives in London with his Indian wife, works in a secret underground installation, and has a beloved only child lying in a coma in a local hospital. A stranger (Harrison) appears at her bedside and says one line: "I can save her." We know there will be a price and we know the desperate father will pay it.

In a few elegant cuts, with only one line of dialogue, Abrams has given us the burning fuse for the next two hours of explosive excitement. You can't ask any more from a filmmaker than that.

See you at the movies!



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before fading away altogether. A remarkably beautiful work – think of it as a kind of 21st century answer to Ralph Vaughan Williams' haunting "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis" – and given a remarkably beautiful performance.

Gonzalez-Pioli's "The Love of Zero" was more modest in language in tone and scope. A bassoon concerto that also doubles as a film score for Robert Florey's eponymous 1927 silent film, it was a bright piece where the influence of Igor Stravinsky's "Petrushka" and any number of Nino Rota scores were never too far away. Bassoonist Kenneth Munday navigated the witty score with deft humor and expressiveness.

Preceding the Shostakovich was a fleet and sober “Coriolan Overture” that cast the piece as an extension of Cherubini and the Mozart of “Don Giovanni.” Wagner and Mahler both were drawn to the heroic image of Beethoven as a revolutionary; Kahane instead tamed the composer’s unruly mane into a dapper crew cut. He drew from LACO playing of pellucid luminosity and civilized poise that once again demonstrate that it occupies an exalted place among the world’s chamber orchestras, one in which it is helping to define the standards and push them even further.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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May 20, 2013 - May 26, 2013

Keep your temper in check when Uranus squares Pluto on Monday. Count to ten before venting your frustration on others. Dance to your own rhythm on Wednesday. It isn't wise to follow the crowd. Unexpected events might derail your agenda when the Full Moon Eclipse occurs in Sagittarius on Saturday. Strive to be flexible. You'll be tempted to overindulge your appetites on Sunday. Set a strict limit on the amount you want to eat or drink, and stick to those guidelines!

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Safety first should be your motto when Uranus in Aries squares Pluto on Monday. Don't leave the house without locking the door. A lover will want to make future plans on Thursday. This person may suggest moving in together! You'll discover there aren't enough dollars in your bank account on Friday. Consider taking a part-time job to generate extra income. Powerful energy will surround you on Saturday. Put the potent vibes to good use by ending a bad habit.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Be a team player on Tuesday. Show the boss that you work well with others! Your vitality may hit a low point on Wednesday. Build up your strength by eating more healthfully. Making a decision will be easy when Mercury conjuncts your ruler Venus on Friday. Your heart and mind will be in sync. A loved one may ask you for a loan on Saturday. Consider if this person can repay the debt before you write out a check.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Break out the balloons and noisemakers when the Sun enters Gemini on Monday! Invite some friends over for a party. A unique opportunity will come your way on Wednesday. You'll regret it later if you let this prospect slip through your fingers. Your self-confidence will kick up a notch on Friday. Don't be afraid to test your limits. An associate could have a hidden agenda on Sunday. Look beneath the surface when dealing with others this weekend.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

A partner might be angry on Monday. Give this individual plenty of personal space. Put on your detective hat on Thursday. You'll need to dig for the truth regarding a certain matter. You may decide to change your job when the Full Moon Eclipse occurs in your employment zone on Saturday. Look for a position that utilizes your abilities. Generate good karma by visiting an elderly neighbor on Sunday. This person could be lonely and in need of companionship.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Your timing will be off on Monday. It wouldn't be wise to ask the boss for a raise. Take charge of a certain situation on Thursday. Don't be afraid to demonstrate your leadership skills to others. A friend may ask to make amends for a misdeed on Saturday. This individual regrets offending you. The urge to escape reality will be strong when your ruler Sun squares Neptune on Sunday. Remember that you can't stay in fantasyland forever!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You might confront a life challenge when your ruler Mercury is quincunx Pluto on Monday. Don't worry. You'll overcome any obstacle you encounter. Communicating with others will be a breeze on Thursday. It's a great time to share your thoughts and feelings. You may arrive at a fork in the road on Friday. Choosing one path over the other will be difficult. Household repairs may be needed on Saturday. If you can't fix a leaky faucet, call the plumber!

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Go slowly on Monday. If you zoom through a red light, you'll get a ticket. If you're single, you may fall in love at first sight when the Moon in Libra trines Venus on Tuesday. If you're attached, your lover will shower you with affection. Create a new priority list on Friday. Make time for activities that interest you. You might decide to spend time alone on Sunday. Look for a quiet place to reflect on your hopes and dreams.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

An earthshaking event could rock your world on Monday. Be prepared to go with the flow. Take a different approach to a longstanding problem on Thursday. The same old tactics just aren't working! An associate may press your buttons when the Moon in Scorpio opposes Mars on Friday. Don't let the antics of others provoke you to anger. A friend will give you a hot stock tip on Sunday. Do your homework before investing in any financial enterprise.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Open your eyes wide on Tuesday. You could be looking at a certain situation through rose-colored glasses. There could be some office politics to contend with on Thursday. Avoid conflict by keeping a low profile. A relationship will need your attention on Friday. An honest talk with your loved one might put the partnership back on track. You may become overly dramatic when the Full Moon Eclipse occurs in Sagittarius on Saturday. Don't turn a minor dilemma into a catastrophe.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your social calendar will fill up when the Sun enters your activity zone on Monday. Get ready to be inundated with invitations. Don't delay doing an important task on Wednesday. If you don't do the laundry, you'll soon run out of clean clothes. A friend might take advantage of your good nature on Friday. It's time to set boundaries with this person. You may get cabin fever on Sunday. Going for a leisurely walk will banish claustrophobia.

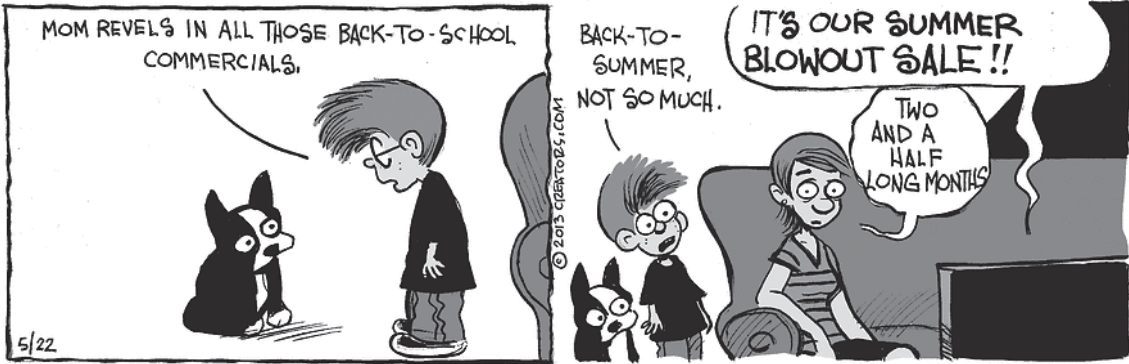
♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Call on your inner guide when Mercury sextiles your ruler Uranus on Monday. You might receive the answer to a very perplexing problem. You'll radiate charm on Tuesday. It's a great time to mingle with others. Be discreet at work on Thursday. If you share personal details with a colleague, that person could blab them around the office. Choose your battles wisely on Saturday. Don't waste energy in a fight that you can't possibly win.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You'll undergo a mystical experience on Monday. Feelings of déjà vu may occur when meeting a new acquaintance. Look at the funny side of life on Wednesday. Go to a comedy club and laugh for a while. You'll be asked to a family reunion when Mercury conjuncts Venus in your home zone on Friday. Get ready to greet your nearest and dearest! Sugarcoat your words to a friend on Sunday. This person can't handle the blunt truth.

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CASINO NIGHT BENEFITS LCFC

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.

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Online registration has already ended, but participants can register at the Y until Saturday, May 25 at 2 p.m. or on race day.

To find out more about this event, contact the YMCA Membership Office at (818) 790-0123.

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The Autry in Griffith Park, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles

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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>.

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GAA HOSTS 'GLENDALE REAL AND IMAGINED'

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city of Glendale as the subject of the works presented.

ANZO Art Gallery is partnering with GAA by providing gallery space. Through sponsorships of GAA, the association attempts to distribute five scholarships to high school seniors in Glendale majoring in art this year.

"Glendale, Real and Imagined" opens Friday, June 7 with a 7 p.m. reception featuring a string quartet, and catered wine and hors d'oeuvres. The exhibition runs through Thursday, June 20, Tuesdays through Sundays.

The exhibition is at ANZO Art Gallery at 1125 S. Central in Glendale.

FUN DAY PLANNED WITH AHEAD WITH HORSES

Ahead With Horses is having a fundraiser and open house on Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be games, arts & crafts, silent auction, T-shirts, pictures taken of the AWH kids, free toy with every kids ticket, music and featuring hamburgers, veggie-burgers, and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Price, including barbecue, is just \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 3 years of age and older, kids under 3 get in free.

Tickets can be purchased at the event or online at the website awhla.org.

Ahead With Horses is located at 10157 Johanna Ave., Shadow Hills. Phone (818) 767-6373.

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.

FRIEDMAN GUEST OF AAUW

AAUW Glendale branch meeting June 8 at the Oakmont Country Club will feature Glendale City Councilwoman Laura Friedman. Newly re-elected, Laura will talk of the extensive partnerships between city agencies and local non-profit organizations, all intended to maintain the exceptionally high quality of life in Glendale. In addition, new officers for the 2013-14 year will be installed, featuring co-presidents Nancy Ellyson and Patricia Wilson.

Reservations to (818) 951-6104 or (818) 317-5602 by June 5. Cost is \$25 per person; event begins at 9 a.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive, Glendale.

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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 dessert and discussion at about 8:30 p.m.

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

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

Sister Sasse at Center

Sister Joan Marie Sasse and the healers will be back at Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta on Saturday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a lunch break from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All are invited to take part in an insightful Saturday with Sister Joan as she shares her wisdom about what the heck is going on in the world and how to shift your own life with some simple techniques.

Love donation of \$30.

Please RSVP so the center can properly plan attendance for lunch hour.

Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta

By Mary O'KEEFE

Unity was the theme of the Second Annual Crescenta Valley Prayer Breakfast, held on Tuesday morning at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints in La Crescenta.

The event represented not only different churches, but also different faiths including Christian, Jewish and Islamic.

Master of ceremonies Arick Gevorkian spoke of the diversity of the Crescenta Valley community and the need for unity. That desire for unity was echoed by event speakers.

“We are gathered here today to show we have more commonalities than differences,” said Marwa Abdelghani, president of the Crescenta Valley High School Muslim Student Association.

She shared a story about a prophet who stood when a funeral procession passed. Someone asked why he stood because the deceased was not Islamic. He replied that he stood because the deceased was a fellow human being.

“I think of that [often],” she said. “There is no reason for us to disrespect one another.”

Abdelghani added that she has partnered with a Christian club at CVHS in an effort for members

to better know each other and to learn from each other.

Keynote speaker CVHS teacher Jim Smiley relayed how diversity was embraced within his own family.

“My mom was Catholic and my dad was Baptist,” he said. He told about having friends from different religions and then “finding the love of my life who is Muslim.”

The breakfast was also a chance to focus on foothills youth. There were several youth representatives from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as well as a few from the Prom Plus Club at CVHS. Though Tuesday was a late start for students at the high school, it appeared that most preferred to stay in bed rather than attend the early morning breakfast. However, the CVHS Charismatics were on hand to perform, as were the Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Explorer’s Color Guard.

Smiley blended the unity of the community with support for youth.

“There was a troubled youth Indian brave who was in great turmoil,” Smiley began.

The young brave went to the wisest man in the tribe, his grandfather, and described a terrible fight between two wolves. One was evil representing greed,

regret, anger, envy, arrogance, self-pity and ego. The other was good, representing joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, faith, truth, compassion and humility.

The young boy, Smiley said, was conflicted and asked his grandfather which wolf would win.

“His grandfather said, “The one that you nourish,” Smiley said. “Nourishment is the choices we make.”

Smiley added that this type of unifying event is something that helps nourish kids in a positive way.

Focusing on the youth was the topic Cheryl Davis, president of CV Town Council, commented on.

“I just spent two weekends of 24-hour events with kids with Relay for Life and Prom Plus,” she said. “We have raised a wonderful group of kids in CV ... Get to know them. They cherish the time we spend with them.”

She also had a request for all those in the room: “Stay involved.”

The prayer breakfast was sponsored by the CV Town Council with support from numerous local organizations. It was chaired by CVTC member Harry Leon and co-chaired by fellow member Danette Erickson.

It was an early morning and about 200 people were in attendance. Organizers were pleased with the turnout and are

planning a third prayer breakfast, however after waking up early to get to the event, Gevorkian had a suggestion.

“Maybe the next one could be a prayer brunch or maybe even a prayer lunch would be nice,” he said.

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

1: Master of ceremonies Arick Gevorkian welcomes the crowd to the Second Annual CV Prayer Breakfast held on Tuesday.

2: Keynote speaker Jim Smiley, a teacher at Crescenta Valley High School, shared personal stories of celebrating diversity.

3: Cheryl Davis, president of the CV Town Council, encouraged attendees to get involved with local youth.

4: About 200 people attended the breakfast hosted by the Church of Latter-day Saints.

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Montrose Summer Fun!



Join us at the Vietnam Memorial this Monday as we honor those who have given their lives in military service for our country.

Night blooming jasmine and geraniums abound as we head into summer in the Montrose Shopping Park. We have lots of festivities planned and invite you to visit often and meet your neighbors.

Here are some good reasons to mark your calendars. For those on Facebook, you will want to keep up with us on the Montrose Shopping Park page and share it with your friends.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Join us this Monday, May 27 at 8 a.m. at the Vietnam War Memorial at the corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. This time to honor those who have given their lives in military service to our country is so meaningful. Join city officials, local dignitaries, Boy Scouts, neighbors and friends as we gather together to pay tribute. My heart is so touched by this every year as yours will be also.

30th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday & Sunday, June 1 and June 2. This festival promises to be our best yet with over 300 artists, craftsmen, and vendors, featuring 50 brand new ones. Admission is free and includes live entertainment, international food court and shopping galore. Our one-of-a-kind stores and cafes are geared up for this event, too, so you may want to spend the whole weekend!

Summer Sunday Harvest Market

This is peak Harvest Market time. To add a little newness, as of Sunday, June 9 we are moving the market to the entire 2300 block for the summer. This is the block with Paradis Ice Cream and the Montrose Bakery. This will give us more space to feature all of the fresh produce, which is in abundance, and crafters we are known for. Lots of good music, new additions to the Kids Zone, a hot barbecue vender, and something special for the vegetarians are all in the plan.

National Flag Week

Started right here in Montrose, National Flag Week is celebrated June 9 – June 15. Let’s go for a record and fly Old Glory all over town!

Summer is also prime patio and outdoor dining time! On that note, our newest restaurant, Casa Cordoba, has a lovely patio featuring little white lights, a waterfall and soothing Spanish guitar. They serve the food of Spain, fabulous sangria, and are now open for dinner. I might also suggest you give Montrose Wine & Kabob a try. You can enjoy healthy Mediterranean fare as you overlook the scenic mountains.

We have so much to offer here in Montrose. Thank you for supporting our small, but very special, businesses! www.shopmontrose.com

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

» NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

C’ing Your Way To Success

“To win in the marketplace you must first win in the workplace.”

– Doug Conant, CEO of Campbell’s soup

Is your workplace a winner? Are your employees working to the best of their abilities and in the best interest of your business? The five ‘C’s: clarity, connection, compliment, concern, and collaboration in the workplace can help you win in the marketplace.

Clarity. When an employee knows why they are doing something and can relate it to the company’s goals, it just makes more sense to them. Then they are better able to not only get their job done but also most likely do it better than expected. Make sure you are clear on expectations and what specific steps the employee will need to take to complete each task. Help employees understand the bigger picture. You will see the majority of employees want to be a part of a compelling future. Employees want to feel good about where they work, the products they sell and the reputation of their company. If they are clear about their goals and the company goals, then it is a win for the workplace. Ask the questions, “What do you want from your job, me as your manager, the business/organization?” in order to help your employee identify their clarity and satisfaction. Let them in on what is going on within the company as well as how their jobs contribute to the big picture. When you keep your employees informed, they tend to feel a greater sense of worth.

Connections. Having connections with your employees builds rapport and trust. Make the extra effort to

connect on a personal level. Carve out some one-on-one time and offer your undivided attention. Keep lines of communication open. Engaged and connected employees are innovative. They’re always looking for a better way. Set attainable goals for your employees and let them know along the way how it is going.

Compliments. Complimenting your employees and providing consistent feedback to them should be almost a daily occurrence. Employees want the opportunity to develop and improve. Make sure you highlight the positive. Always be on the lookout to catch them doing something right. Pay attention to which employees excel in certain areas and help them foster that growth. Simply by paying closer attention to each employee’s performance, you will find opportunities to praise them. When people know what they’re doing well, they’ll keep doing it and do more of it. Providing someone with a little recognition on what they’re doing well can go a long way toward boosting morale. You do not ignore the weaknesses; you just don’t make the weaknesses the only focus area of feedback. Just make sure you are giving more positive feedback than negative. For every one negative comment you make to an employee, make sure there are at least four good ones. The moment employees understand that they are appreciated and that their efforts matter beyond earning a paycheck, performance will

normally increase. Employees need to feel validated and that they are a valued part of your workplace.

Concern. Listen to employees’ opinions and treat their concerns seriously. Ask them, “Is there anything I could do more of, less of, or differently that would improve your job satisfaction?” Make sure the workplace has a good atmosphere. “Is there anything I can do to make your job easier here?” Show care, interest and concern for your employees. Ensure employees have everything they need, from training to supplies, to perform their jobs to the best of their ability. Be open-minded and encourage them to express their ideas and perspectives without criticism.

Collaborating. Encourage team members to take responsibility and work through problems or issues collaboratively. As they say, “There is no I in Team.” Working together can only multiply your company’s goals and your bottom line.

As a business owner, make sure to stock up on your ‘C’s as it will go a long way to ‘c’ing your employees and business suCCEED!

Important dates: 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

Memorial Day Service Monday – Bring Flowers

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.” ~

John F. Kennedy

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. What history tells us though is a much more poignant story of love and loss covered in flowers.

Those who began leaving the flowers on the graves were the women and children that were left behind. What they lovingly did to remember their loved ones also reminded those around them of the sacrifice these men made for our freedom. The tradition of leaving flowers continued year after year in towns all over the country. Lt. Colonel John McCrae, a soldier, physician and poet, wrote a poem called, “In Flanders Fields” after his close friend died next to him in a horrific battle in Canada. Here is an excerpt: “In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky, the larks still bravely singing, fly, Scarce heard amid the guns below ...”

In 1915, a woman named Moina

Michael replied with her own poem: “We cherish too the poppy red, That grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies, That blood of heroes never dies.” She then conceived the idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day to honor those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear a poppy, and sold them to her friends and co-workers with the money benefitting service men in need.

On a trip to the United States, Madam Guerin from France learned of this new custom. When she returned home, she began selling artificial poppies as well. This tradition spread to other countries. By 1922 the VFW championed this idea and started the “buddy” poppy program that sold artificial poppies all over the nation made by disabled veterans to benefit the widows and orphans left behind by the war.

I would personally like to invite you to join us on Monday for our annual Memorial Day service at 8 a.m. and to bring flowers in memory of those who gave their lives. Your small act of kindness may seem so simple to you but will bring great joy to those who remain. The service

is at the Vietnam War Memorial at the northwest corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

Our June centennial mixer is going to be a “rip-roaring” time. Wells Fargo Bank in Montrose is hosting our western-themed mixer catered by our very own Zeke’s BBQ in Montrose. There will be a live DJ playing all your country favorites, so be sure to dress in your favorite western outfit and join in on the fun. This is a great way to connect with other local business owners in the area and promote your own business. It’s on Wednesday, June 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27 at 8 a.m. Vietnam War Memorial, northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.

Centennial June business mixer on Wednesday, June 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wells Fargo, 2434 Honolulu Ave., Montrose.

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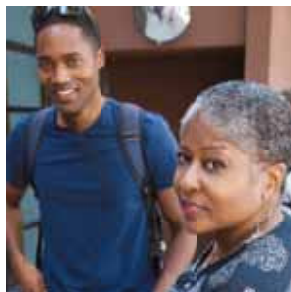
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