

## Council Amends Outdoor Smoking, Preferred Parking Ordinances

By Ted AYALA

Following its approval last week of sweeping anti-smoking measures that banned smoking in all new residential units, the Glendale City Council continued on Tuesday to tweak its ordinances, this time increasing the distance between smoking and non-smoking areas in outdoor patios. The space between the sections increased from 10 to 15 feet.

The new rules, which will be effective in 30 days, follow debate among council members over what they felt was the arbitrariness of the original distance. The council voted unanimously for the change; Councilmember Frank Quintero was absent.

This new refinement of its standing anti-smoking measures is only a part of a broad effort by the city to curb smoking within its borders. The feedback from residents has been mostly positive, though many local smokers feel the city is engaging in an overreach of its powers.

It is a battle that was initiated in 2008 with the wide-reaching Glendale Fresh Air Ordinance. Since then, the ordinance has been augmented, though it has also been modified to reign in certain aspects. Hookah lounge owners scored a small victory late last year when the council opted to allow businesses with large outdoor areas to increase their smoking space.

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## Community Celebrates Graduation Day

*Hundreds of students across the Crescenta Valley said goodbye to those they've known for the last several years and prepare to move on to the next level in their lives.*

By Mary O'KEEFE

Many foothills kids slept in on Wednesday after a Tuesday that marked the beginning of summer break as graduation/promotion ceremonies were celebrated across the Crescenta Valley.

Seniors at Clark Magnet and Crescenta Valley high schools walked across the stage, received their diploma (well, at least the cover for the diploma) and toward their future.

David Khachatryan was named Clark's valedictorian, one of 254 graduates who ended their four-year academic career at the high performing magnet school.

At CVHS, it was all about new traditions beginning, including a change in leadership.

Richard Cho was selected as the CVHS valedictorian and was part of history that started with the Class of 2013 commencement ceremony taking place on the school's Osborne Field. Though having the school graduation on the school field may have seem like a natural choice, for years CVHS seniors and their families had to travel



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley High School commencement ceremony was held on its own track and field on Tuesday allowing seniors to walk the stage for the first time in a long time on their own campus.

from home in order for graduates to walk the stage.

Principal Michele Doll credited seniors Jillian Kauffman and Taylor Berns with bringing the commencement to the home field.

"They came to me with a [request] that brought tears to my eyes," Doll said of the pair's appeal for the ceremony to be brought onto the campus.

However, the student body had to raise a part of the money – which was about \$10,000 – to bring in the bleachers, barricades and chairs in order to host the affair. It is actually cheaper to have the event off campus, but the seniors wanted to

have it at home, like other schools. The funds were raised and the rest, as they say, is history.

Blue skies greeted graduates, families and friends.

"The weather was perfect," said Lisa Reed, assistant principal who was also in charge of organizing the new tradition. "I think it went well."

This being the first commencement celebration on the field and the first one on campus in years, there were some hiccups. The general consensus was a more controlled audience area was needed. During the ceremony, some parents wandered onto the field to

take photos of their senior and some stood in front of those who were sitting in the stands, obscuring their view.

Security asked the visitors to move away from the front of the bleachers and, Reed said, for the most part they followed the request without issue.

There was a bit of an issue at the end of the event, though, when graduates attempted to line up to exit the field and parents and onlookers mingled with them.

But the fact that it was on the home field was worth the few issues.

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## CVHS Cycling Makes History

By Brandon HENSLEY

The Crescenta Valley High School cycling team wrapped its finest season to date last month, winning its first ever championship in northern California.

As part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Federation (NICA), CV's win on the weekend of May 18 and May 19 up state at Stafford Lake Park gave the school its first – but hopefully not its last – state championship to go along with its first Southern California League title. The win came against 51 other teams from state.

"Ecstatic," said Coach Jim Rowton, when asked about his feelings

after the race. "We made history. No team from SoCal had ever won."

Indeed, this is the fifth year in existence for the SoCal mountain bike league – compared to the 15 for northern California – and Crescenta Valley is the first SoCal team to take home the big prize.

"We weren't expecting to [win]," said freshman Brenna Pratt. "We just wanted to do the best we could. When they called our name, it felt amazing. Like, the best feeling I've ever felt."

CV won its Division II title with 1,940 points, ahead of the 1,775 points from second-place finisher South Orange County (1,775 points). The third place team was

from Redlands, which made the top three teams from state all from Southern California.

Some teams, like South Orange County and Redlands, are composite, which means teams consist of riders from two schools because participation may be low from a specific school.

The number of riders also determines which division schools are put in. Rowton said Division I schools have at least 12 members. Crescenta Valley had 11 members for its 2012-13 season, including Rowton's sons Lucas and Adam.

CV dominated all year, winning

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For the first time in the CVHS cycling team's short history, the team won the state championship at Stafford Lake Park, bettering 51 other teams.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

## A Different Graduation

Graduation is such an exciting time. It's actually more of a season, starting with prom, followed by scholarship distribution (for the lucky ones), finals, then finishing with the big walk across the stage.

This year I had the chance to attend the Glendale Latino Association's scholarship distribution breakfast on Thursday morning. I did arrive late, but was able to hear some descriptions of the achievements of a few of the recipients, which were awe-inspiring. On Saturday morning, the Community Foundation of the Verdugos also held a breakfast for recipients of several of the scholarships that the Foundation oversees. I sit on the board of one of the organizations that gives scholarships every year and had the privilege of reading the applicants' essays. Learning of the challenges these students have overcome, from health issues to poverty to fractured families, is truly inspiring. I wish we had more funds to give!

On Tuesday afternoon, I was sitting on the field to shoot Crescenta Valley High School graduation photos for the paper as I have for the past several years. This was a unique year, though, for many reasons.

This was the first year that I was seated on the CVHS campus field. As most know, graduation has traditionally been held on Stengel Field in Glendale. The bleachers have been determined

to be unsafe and in disrepair, so last year the ceremony was moved to Glendale Community College. This year that option was not available because GCC finals were being held. Because of the efforts of two graduating CV students, it was decided to try holding graduation on the school's Osborne Field.

With few exceptions, everything went well. One suggestion for future events would include having better crowd control so the students could actually make their way to and from their seats without being accosted by eager family and friends. But bless music director Mat Schick who, like the trio on the Titanic that played until the ship went down, kept the music going until the bitter end.

Another unique quality of this year's ceremony was the soon-to-be departure of principal Michele Doll, who made a point of trying to give a hug to all the graduates, many of whom were students of hers while she was principal at Rosemont.

A couple of key acknowledgements were lacking as well. Missing was the Falkon robot built by F.I.R.S.T. team 589. Usually the robot makes a presentation to the school administration during the ceremony. Also missing was the announcement of those students who

earned a medallion for completing 100 volunteer hours while at CV; the students who completed health academy; the thespians who earned their cord; the directive for the students to move their tassel from one side of their mortarboard to the other; and finally the congratulatory message that signals the tossing of caps into the air.

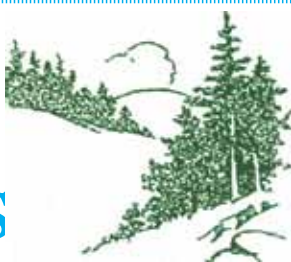
Hopefully these absences did little to dampen the mood of the graduates. After all, this is a once in a lifetime achievement, and every one of them have reached a milestone in their journey.

Our Youth section includes photos from several graduations/promotions across the foothills. Who knows? You may see some one you know!

A little note to say thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts on the launch of Discover Crescenta Valley that was distributed last week. The staff here at the CV Weekly is so pleased that so many of you love the publication and we are already writing down ideas for next year's issue.

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## Weather in the foothills



"When nature made the blue-bird she wished to propitiate both the sky and the earth, so she gave him the color of the one on his back and the hue of the other on his breast."  
~ John Burroughs

Warm spring days, an invitation to opened French doors. Let the fragrant and mild breezes into your home, filling every room with the very essence of the season. June has arrived with mild temperatures including foggy nights and mornings. The sun breaks through to warm the day. Perfect weather for our gardens and resident creatures ... especially the birds.

Our backyard has become the neighborhood aviary. Included are their tiny incubators (nests), safely built by highly skilled feathered architects. The sites are strategically located under house eaves, atop outdoor lights and speakers. So with an abundance of available building materials, heat from almost-summer weather conditions and a little mood music, birds lay their eggs and welcome their new hatchlings into the world.

This year especially the birds have wanted to join our family. Maybe not quite to the extreme as Alfred Hitchcock's classic, "The Birds." [Our dog] Abby was the first to experience an avian encounter.

One morning she journeyed out to take a look over her domain and get a drink (outside water tastes best). She immediately returned, whining as if trying to tell me something. Reminded me of Lassie! She led me to her bucket where a baby bird had fallen from its nest. We were too

late. Being a retriever, Abby felt a failure at her job. Fortunately, a few days later she was able to save one. She carried it gently to us, and we in turn returned him to the nest.

The week progressed, as did bird encounters. One morning I came into dining room with coffee in hand. Yes, a perfect spring day; even the birds were chirping louder in appreciation. Three of them had slipped in (without reservations) and had found seats – with a view – perched on our chandelier. Startled, two flew out the door and the other took a wrong turn. Doug came from the living room with that one clinging to his finger. A vision of St. Francis of Assisi came to mind.

The French doors are now closed to visitors. We have our house and they have "free fly" of the yard. Peace returns to the animal kingdom, for now.

In two weeks the summer solstice arrives. The weather is right on schedule to meet this day.

Daytime temperatures in the 80s and the nights in the low 60s continue into next week.

To see a picture of birds nesting on the Kilpatrick door, visit [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com).

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NEWS

# City Kids Gear Up for Summer Camp

By Tyler BIDDLE

The wilderness of Glendale awaits! Camp Max Straus held its Gear Up for Camp Day on Sunday, providing over a thousand disadvantaged kids with all the gear they will need for its upcoming summer camp programs. Located in the Glendale Verdugo Hills, the camp aims to help at-risk children in the community have a fully featured summer camp experience regardless of income.

Camp Max Straus is owned and operated by Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles. It originally began in 1937 as a camp for children of Jewish immigrants. Max Straus donated the money for the first 50 acres of the camp, which has been expanding ever since. Now the camp is in its 76th year and stretches over 112 acres. Most importantly, about 50 years ago the camp opened its doors to children of all faiths and colors.

The camp takes on about 1,000 kids every year from the ages of 7 to 12 from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“Some of these kids have been living in L.A. and have never seen the ocean before,” said Barry Vigon, the camp director. The kids often come from inner city homelessness, foster care or families at poverty levels. Camp Straus works closely with foster programs and social service agencies to find children who will benefit the most from the programs. Parents can pay a fee for their child to attend camp or can have it waived based on need. No child is turned away for financial reasons.

On Sunday, future campers were treated to a whole host of supplies such as toothbrushes, sleeping bags, flashlights, towels and sun block. The kids went home with laundry bags full of essential supplies that most families would otherwise



Photo provided by Camp Max Straus  
Prospective campers gear up at Gear Up for Camp Day, sponsored by Camp Max Straus.

not be able to afford. The day included a variety of attractions including a DJ from Disney, games and activities, and a free lunch.

“I can’t tell you the feeling I get,” said Vigon. “Not only are we giving these kids experiences they have never had, we are also trying to make better citizens. It’s providing another world for kids right here in the middle of Glendale.”

The campers get to partake in many outdoor activities such as horseback riding, swimming, rock climbing and navigating ropes courses. Other activities include archery, arts and crafts, baking, and drama. The camp also brings in farm animals for the kids to meet up close and personal, and even has two deer that live on the campus.

The camp counselors are also an experience in themselves. Most of those who make it through the rigorous selection process are young people working in the fields of sociology and education and many of them are from countries overseas such as England, Australia and South Africa. Contrasted with this eclectic group are the counselors who were once campers themselves and are from the same inner-city communities as the kids they help. This gives campers

a social balance between those they can connect with on a familiar level and those they can connect with on a level beyond the boundaries of their own communities.

“We really try to invest in the kids,” Vigon said, explaining that Camp Straus is not just about one summer of fun. They are in the business of changing lives for the long haul.

The camp invites kids back every summer until they are old enough to move on. But it doesn’t stop there. At the age of 16, returning campers can become a part of the counselors-in-training program that lasts until they are 18. If they stick with it, trainees are almost always hired as full-fledged counselors for the camp at the professional level. In addition, for those wishing to attend college who took part in the program, the camp offers partial scholarships.

Those wishing to make a donation to Camp Straus or to enroll their own children in upcoming summer programs can visit [www.jbbbsla.org](http://www.jbbbsla.org).



## IN BRIEF

### GWP’S PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATES

Community Meeting Information  
Glendale Water & Power is proposing an electric rate increase phased in over five years. The approximate system average increase proposed begins at 8% for fiscal year 2014 and ends with an average increase proposed of 2% for fiscal year 2018. GWP is planning on taking the proposal and Cost of Service Analysis to Glendale City Council in August 2013.

Over the next few weeks, GWP will be in the community engaging customers through a series of interactive public meetings. A meeting was held last night, Wednesday, at Dunsmore Community Center in Dunsmore Park. Another meeting is being held tonight, Thursday, June 6 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sparr Heights Community

Center at 1613 Glencoe Way, (north) Glendale. Additional meetings are being held throughout Glendale.

For all information on the proposed rate increase as well as community meetings, visit [www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](http://www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com) and click on the tab at the top of the page labeled “Rates.”

### SHARE THE RISK – SHARE THE REWARDS

Volunteers are needed for the Fourth Annual Briggs Terrace Work Day and Block Party on Saturday, June 7 from 7 a.m. to noon. The event is sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Fire Safe Council, the Upper Canyonside Community Assn. and Briggs Terrace Community Partners.

It is a way for neighbors to help neighbors. Residents join together to clear brush from hillsides and

near homes while identifying neighbors in need that require assistance in completing the brush clearance.

There will be a potluck block party later from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Phyllis Street in Briggs Terrace. For information, email Judy Turner at [briggsproject@gmail.com](mailto:briggsproject@gmail.com).

### GLENDAL CHAMBER PRESENTS GALA

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce presents a Masquerade Gala on Friday, June 7 at The Plaza at 801 in Glendale. The event begins with a reception and silent auction at 6 p.m.; dinner, dancing, entertainment and program is at 7 p.m. Tickets begin at \$125 for individuals.

Those interested in attending can contact the chamber office at [www.glendalechamber.com](http://www.glendalechamber.com).

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# USFS Now Equipped for Night Flights

Rep. Adam Schiff and Senator Dianne Feinstein announced this week that the U.S. Forest Service now has available a specifically equipped helicopter to combat wildfires at night. Four years ago, during the Station Fire – the largest wildfire in Los Angeles county history – the potentially critical night flying tool was not available to the Forest Service. As a result, questions remain as to whether such a capability might have helped contain the fire on the critical first night. Due to a restriction put in place by the Forest Service in the 1970s following a tragic helicopter crash in the Angeles National Forest, the agency had not employed night flights, and instead has relied upon other local agencies to supply these firefighting tools when available.

“We will never know for certain if night flying could have extinguished the Station Fire in those critical early hours, but adding this capability will give us a better chance in future wildfires to protect residents’ houses, precious natural resources and, most importantly, lives,” said Schiff. “The restoration of this capability by the Forest Service – though

long overdue – could not come at a more critical time, with one wildfire burning across Southern California and more expected throughout the summer. Also, sequestration will mean that 200,000 fewer acres are treated with hazardous fuel mitigation and will be even more vulnerable to fire”

After the Station Fire, Schiff and other legislators requested that Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on the federal response. That report indicated that the use of night-flying aircraft may have allowed the Forest Service to suppress the Station Fire on the critical first night and concluded that the Forest Service both failed to use all potentially available aircraft early in the blaze and needed to develop a strategy for when night missions should be flown. In response to the report and Station Fire, the agency took steps to expand night flying, including the use of turbine-powered single-engine night-flying aircraft, including helicopters, which had previously been prohibited.

“With California suffering through a severe drought, this year’s wildfire season could be especially dangerous,” said Feinstein. “That’s why I told Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell at a recent Senate hearing that he must make every firefighting resource available. Attacking wildfires at night from the air – when temperatures and winds are down and humidity is up – is an important tool, so resumption of Forest Service flights comes not a moment too soon. As California grows hotter and dryer, we must make every effort to quickly contain wildfires, and nighttime aerial firefighting is a big part of that effort.”

Other agencies, including Los Angeles City and County fire departments, and agencies in San Diego, Ventura, Santa Barbara and Kern Counties, have employed night flying tactics to great success and routinely use aircraft to douse flames at night, including the use of helicopters and planes.

“The re-introduction of Forest Service night helicopter firefighting operations in Southern California further establishes the agency’s commitment to protect lives and property in the region,” said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. “California has already experienced wildfires this season, and is projected to continue to have a challenging summer. Night flying operations will provide an aggressive agency initial attack while better ensuring public safety, minimizing overall fire costs and lessening impacts to communities.”

Since August 2012, the Forest Service has conducted training of its pilots, crew and support staff for night-flying, and the process is now complete.

Starting this week, the agency will begin employing a helicopter at night in order to battle blazes across the Los Angeles area. The helicopter and its crew will be based out of Fox Field in Lancaster.

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# Montrose Arts and Crafts Festival the 'Most Successful of All'

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Montrose Arts and Crafts Festival was held this past weekend and by all accounts was one of the most successful events to date.

"Everything went really well," said Dee Ovenden, Arts and Crafts coordinator.

Despite the heat, an estimated 25,000 people strolled along Honolulu Avenue enjoying the 300 vendors and food booths that participated in the annual event.

"It is really growing," Ovenden said. "We had a steady crowd. It was less on Saturday but on Sunday we almost doubled [the visitors]."

"One of our fellow volunteers said it was the smoothest [Arts and Crafts Festival] we had ever had as far as getting everyone [set up]," said Dale Dawson, Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) executive director.

MSPA sponsored the two-day event. It sponsors several special events that bring thousands of people to Montrose each year. This year – Montrose's 100th anniversary – association members are making a concentrated effort to invite and encourage shoppers to go beyond the special event to get to know the brick-and-mortar-businesses as well.

"We tied in a merchant

promotional offer," Dawson said as a way to entice visitors.

Customers who brought receipts from local stores to the MSPA information booth received a gift. The item given was dependent on how much was spent locally.

"It went really well. In the two days we saw from 60 to 75 people who received promotional [gifts]," said Linda McMenamin, events coordinator/marketplace manager for MSPA.

She added that a few customers brought receipts of over \$600, making the event positive for both the vendors and local merchants.

The importance of keeping it local and having a standard of what defines "arts and crafts" is something all coordinating parties agree on. Ovenden will now begin planning next year's event, including making sure vendors that are invited are not commercial and keep with the arts and crafts style.

"Some vendors that are too commercial will not be invited back," Ovenden said.

The event highlighted the small town and community that are important to MSPA. That feeling spread not only to visitors, but also was shared by vendors.

"As the vendors left, they said, 'See you next year,'" Dawson said. "That's nice to hear."



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# Glendale Unveils Two New Trails

By Jason KUROSO

Two hiking trails were officially opened to the public on Saturday morning in a ceremony at the Glendale Sports Complex attended by hikers, bikers and representatives from the city of Glendale. While soccer games and baseball practice proceeded on the fields, a red ribbon hung before the trail that winds around the San Rafael Hills that overlook the complex.

The date of the grand opening was not selected frivolously, but rather to celebrate National Trails Day, which falls on the first Saturday in June.

Jeff Weinstein, Glendale Trails and Open Spaces specialist, said at the ceremony, “I’ve been involved with trails for about 25 years. At first, trails were just thought of as a recreational amenity, then people started looking at trails for alternate transportation, safe routes for school and

environmental education. Now it’s an opportunity to get out, have a quality life experience and enjoy what we have in Glendale’s great outdoors.”

The Mountain Do Trail, the shorter of the two at 0.75 miles in length, is made of decomposed granite and is ADA accessible thanks to three bridges and a reduced slope. Rest areas posted along the trail feature benches and fitness equipment.

The Catalina Verdugo Trail begins at the south end of the complex and completes a two-mile loop around the hills, returning at the north end. Named after the first lady of rancho San Rafael, the trail contains signage describing the history of the San Rafael Hills.

The trails have been in the works for years, backed by city programs seeking to expand trail and open space usage. The Catalina Verdugo Trail was funded as part of the 2009 Competitive Trails Grant Program, which aids projects

that improve existing trails and develop new trails while the Mountain Do Trail was funded by the Recreational Trails Program, a federal assistance program.

“It’s projects like this that really help us expand opportunities for using our open space,” Glendale City Councilman Ara Najarian said at the ceremony.

Rodney Khan, a board member of the Glendale Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, emphasized the accessibility of the trails.

“That [ADA accessibility] in and of itself is very unique for this area,” said Khan of the Mountain Do trail. “It’s the only trail that’s ADA [accessible] and set in a natural environment.”

The trails are also intended to accommodate all who want to access them: hikers, bicyclists, dog walkers, children and seniors – all of whom tackled the trails directly after the ribbon cutting.



Photos by Jason KUROSU  
TOP: Councilmembers Laura Friedman (holding scissors) and Ara Najarian (holding ribbon) were among the dignitaries who attended the official opening of the Mountain Do and Catalina Verdugo Trail on Saturday.  
ABOVE: The Mountain Do Trail is the easier of the two trails that were opened on Saturday.



# Good News for Foothills Schools

By Jason KUROSU

Recently adjusted Academic Performance Index (API) rankings place several local schools within the top percentile of scores according to the California Dept. of Education’s data for 2012. La Cañada Elementary placed ninth among all California schools with a Base API score of 975, while five other Montrose and La Crescenta schools received scores within the top 100th percentile of all Californian schools. Those schools include Rosemont Middle School, Mountain Avenue Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary, Valley View Elementary and Anderson W. Clark Magnet

High School.

API scores are calculated from test results on statewide exams such as the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) and the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). Each of the aforementioned schools, along with receiving a high base API, also received a ranking of 10, the highest possible which indicates that a school is “well above average for elementary, middle, or high schools with similar opportunities and challenges,” according to a Dept. of Education summary regarding API.

Since 1999, the California Dept. of Education has used these scores to rate

both schools and school districts on a scale from 200 to a high of 1000. A score of 800 represents the general target range for a school or district. Schools that fall below 800 are assigned growth targets to be met until a score of 800 is reached, while schools that meet certain criteria of API participation or increased scores may become eligible for accolades such as Blue Ribbon or California Distinguished School acknowledgment.

District-wide, the Glendale Unified School District received a base API of 862, with 75% of its schools meeting their targets. The statewide rate was 56%.



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# Cement is Poured, Bricks are Laid

By Mary O'KEEFE

The first in a series of cement bricks was laid this week for the new Two Strike Park War Memorial. The long road to a new memorial wall began in 2007 when members of the American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 wanted to add the name of Nick Steinbacher to the existing memorial wall.

Steinbacher, a Crescenta Valley High School graduate, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Calvary Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. He was killed on Dec. 10, 2006 when a bomb exploded near his vehicle.

It was discovered the memorial wall was not stable enough to add any names so veterans started a campaign to build a new wall. The money was raised this year and the construction has begun.



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

# We Survived

By Jason KUROSU

On Friday, May 31, an asteroid avoided colliding with the Earth, missing it by a healthy margin of 3.6 million miles. At 1.7 miles across, a direct impact with the asteroid known as 1998 QE2 would likely have caused massive, global destruction. In this case, however, those with telescopes could witness the event Friday night from a safe distance.

Near-Earth asteroids are somewhat common on a smaller scale, according to Don Yeomans of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program, with an object around

60 meters approaching Earth every few months. The chance of an object the size of 1998 QE2 coming this close to Earth is much less likely.

"QE2 is quite large for a near-Earth asteroid (about 3 km in diameter) so one would not expect an object of this size to pass this close (15 lunar distances) but every seven years or so," said Yeomans.

After passing by Earth, QE2 has traveled back into space, returning into an orbit with the sun. Though the orbits of both the Earth and QE2 will eventually sync up, this will bring QE2 no closer than 3.75 million miles to

Earth within the next 200 years. This distance, known as the point of closest approach, is about 15 times the distance between the Earth and the moon.

This is fortunate for the planet's inhabitants, considering that 1998 QE2 is large enough to have its own moon orbiting it, measuring about 2,000 feet across.

According to data from the Near Earth Object Program, another asteroid of approximately the same size will be passing by Earth on June 12, about six million miles further than the approach of 1998 QE2.



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# Anniversary Party Planned for Preserve

By Jason KUROSU

After a long period of fundraising and reclamation of the 7.75 acres residing at the top of Rosemont Avenue, the Rosemont Preserve has reached its one-year anniversary. The Friends of the Rosemont Preserve, a committee of the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, purchased the land last June after concerns mounted over the potential development of the land. Since June, the property has been transformed into a sanctuary for the native plants and animals.

On the morning of June 8, the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve will be celebrating the anniversary of the preserve's purchase with a series of tours of the surrounding wildlife.

Volunteers (like those pictured at right) have spent the months since the purchase of the property removing invasive plant species from the area, such as the Castor bean plant and the Arundo. Those volunteers will be honored and thanked in a presentation held at the onset of the celebration. According to Barbara Goto of the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve, the first trail of the preserve will be dedicated to the people of La Crescenta.

Tours will then commence under the guidance of expert docents.

"We are fortunate to have access to several docents with areas of expertise pertinent to the Preserve such as earth sciences and local history," said Goto.

Other docents leading the



walking tours were trained by Ethnobotanist Richard Toyon. Goto said there is still a need for volunteers and docents.

"We are seeking interested docents for our next docent training to be held in September," said Goto.

The Friends of the Rosemont Preserve recommend that all those who want to attend park their cars at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., and walk up to the preserve. The gate will be open at 9:30 a.m. and the festivities begin at 10 a.m.

# High Cost of Water Service Prompts Rate Increase Proposals

By Jason KUROSU

The Crescenta Valley Water District has announced a proposed increase in water rates of 6.9%, effective on statements billed after July 1. The increase will vary from home to home, based on amount of water used and the size of the household, but CVWD estimates that the average household would see a \$4.57 increase per month.

A bulletin on the CVWD website indicates that, "The CVWD Board is proposing to raise rates to improve the aging infrastructure and to maintain the water system." Capital Improvement Projects cited in the rate increase bulletin include replacement of water mains, upgrading and installation of new pumps and a connection with the L.A. Dept. of Water and Power's emergency water supply, among other things.

According to the bulletin, funds to improve infrastructure will come not only from the rate increase, but also from settlement money received from lawsuits with Conoco Phillips and Exxon Mobil that allegedly leaked Methyl Tertiary-butyl Ether, or MTBE, into the groundwater.

A public hearing will be held at the CVWD office at 2700 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta on June 11 at 6:30 p.m., at which time CVWD customers can voice their opinion about the rate hike. CVWD also notes that letters of protest may be sent to CVWD's address until Tuesday, June 11. The letters will be presented at the public hearing on Tuesday.

Glendale Water and Power customers will also see their electric rates increasing, with increases planned over the next five years, starting with an 8%

increase for the 2014 fiscal year. According to Glendale Water and Power, these increases "will focus on aligning pricing with the true cost of providing service to residential and commercial customers while promoting better energy consumption decisions, smart and timely investments in renewable energy to meet state mandates, which are more expensive, and upgrading and modernizing our infrastructure for continued reliability, and reduce outages"

As with CVWD, GWP will be holding a series of public hearings to address the rate increases with customers. La Crescenta residents can attend the next meeting tonight, Thursday, June 6 at the Sparr Heights Community Center at 1603 Glencoe Way. Meetings will continue over the next three weeks.



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The action provoked an outcry from anti-smoking groups, which compelled the council to enact the present changes that widen the space between smoking and non-smoking areas.

Council also modified an ordinance relating to preferred parking space on city streets, enabling residents to acquire the permits more easily.

The parking issue has been a particular problem in South Glendale and along the Brand Boulevard of Cars where several multi-unit apartments and condominiums compete with local business owners for the very limited parking space available.

Through the council’s modification, residents in a particular district can petition for permitted parking. If 66% of the residents in an affected area vote in favor of it, the city will automatically accede to their vote.

“Most of those old buildings like mine are 100 years old,” said citizen Margaret Hammond, who spoke in favor of amending the ordinance. “They’re lucky if they have one parking space per apartment.”

Preferred parking permits would be obtainable by local residents for a price of \$25 each. Each household can obtain up to three permits.



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CRIME BLOTTER

June 3

Ocean View Boulevard and the Foothill (210) freeway in Montrose, a 29-year-old Montrose man was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after a deputy conducted a traffic stop at 3:39 a.m.

3100 block of El Caminito Street in La Crescenta, a 32-year-old Tujunga man was arrested for receiving stolen property and taking a vehicle without the owner’s consent. A deputy stopped the man as he was walking on the sidewalk; he apparently had left a home that had been known to have illegal activity in the past.

The deputy allegedly discovered the man to be in possession of several items that were not his including vehicle keys. After the arrest, the deputy returned to the area and began running license plates of vehicles parked along the street. One vehicle was found to be stolen out of Sunland. One of the keys found in the possession of the man belonged to the stolen vehicle.

The incident occurred at 11:04 a.m.

May 31

2400 block of Shields Street in La Crescenta, a 54-year-old La Crescenta man was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon after he threatened his roommate on April 30. The man was also charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment and criminal threats when another roommate reported that after he and the

man had gone to Ralphs market, he asked the man if he would drive him to his gym where he left his wallet. The man agreed, the roommate told him the gym was in Los Angeles and the man became extremely angry. He allegedly began driving dangerously. The roommate, concerned for his safety, told the man he did not need to drive him anywhere and attempted to get out of the vehicle by opening the passenger door. The man reportedly sped up causing the car door to slam shut. The roommate finally calmed the man down and he drove back to their home. The roommate went to the sheriff’s station to report the incident, still concerned for his safety because it was found the man owned two handguns. The man was arrested at 11 a.m.

2500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a 58-year-old La Crescenta woman was arrested after a deputy found her staggering down Foothill Boulevard. After an investigation it was determined she was under the influence of a controlled substance at 4:20 p.m.

May 28

2300 block of Montrose Avenue in Montrose, a woman discovered her vehicle had two dents on the rear left side door and quarter panel. She noticed the damage at 9 p.m.

5100 block of Glenwood Avenue in La Crescenta, a laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked garage between 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

2800 block of Altura Avenue in La Crescenta, a woman reported she found a purse containing two cellphones and personal information on a bench on the north side of Crescenta Valley High School. After an investigation, the owner of the purse was found. She stated that she had parked near a home at the location to pick up her daughter, went into the home for a short amount of time and then she and her daughter got into her unlocked vehicle and drove away. It was only after she went for ice cream that she noticed both her and her daughter’s purses were stolen from the backseat.

The theft occurred between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

May 25

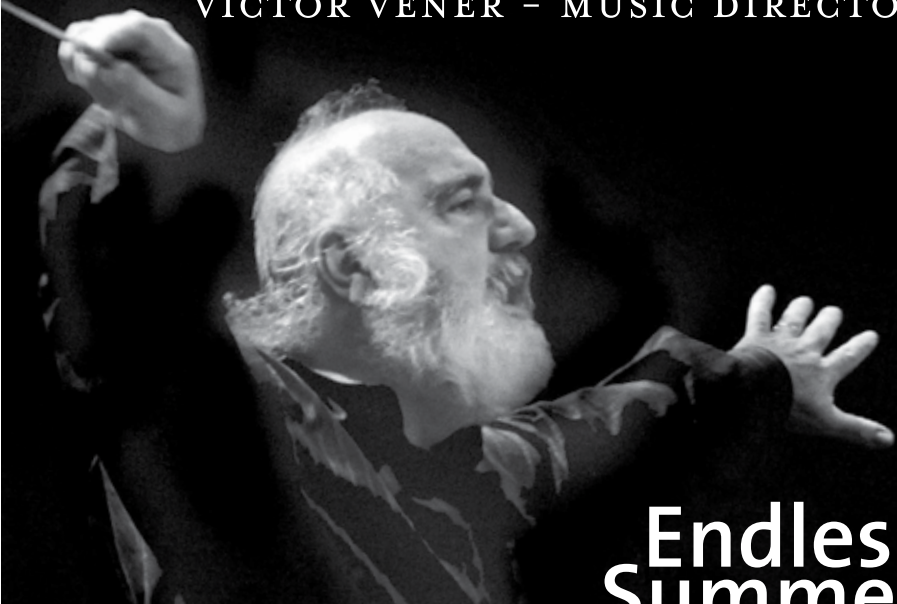
1900 block of Verdugo Boulevard in La Cañada, the interior of a vehicle had been ransacked and it appeared someone attempted to steal the driver and passenger side control panels and two side mirrors were stolen from a vehicle parked in the United Artists theater parking lot between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

May 24

5700 block of Catherwood Drive in La Cañada, a subwoofer, laptop computer, touch pad computer and iPod Nano were stolen from a home. The resident reported that a family member had a party without his consent that several people attended.

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MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY  
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Wait. What big day, you ask? Well, I'm not talking about today's anniversary of "D-day," although that's an important moment in history, to be sure. Nope, today is also the 80th anniversary of the opening of very first drive-in movie theater.

Go ahead, I'll wait while you catch your breath.

All better? Good. Okay, so way back on June 6, 1933 in Pennsauken, N.J., Richard M. Hollingshead Jr. welcomed locals to the world's first drive-in movie theater. He advertised this amazing new way to watch films with the slogan, "The whole family is welcome, regardless how noisy the children are." Not sure that brand message would draw a big crowd today, but 80 years ago it was breakthrough stuff.

Interestingly, the first movie shown on Mr. Hollingshead's revolutionary outdoor screen was "Wife Beware!" Um, okay. Doesn't exactly sound like family fare, now, does it? Be that as it may, the new movie-watching concept was an instant success and similar drive-in theaters soon sprang up from vacant lots all across the nation.

The new technology had the usual growing pains, of course – the most notable being that with speakers up front near the screen, the farther back

you parked your car, the more delayed the sound became when it reached your ears. Oops.

RCA solved this problem in 1941 by developing a bulky metal box of a speaker that hung on the partially rolled down driver's side window and had a single knob to adjust the volume level inside your car. Voila! Perfect audio. Or decent, at least.

During the heyday of drive-in theaters (the '50s and '60s), there were more than 4,000 of the venues all across America. Growing up in the Crescenta Valley in the '60s, we had a couple of great options when it came to drive-ins. The biggie, of course, was the Picwick Drive-In with an 800 car capacity on West Alameda in beautiful downtown Burbank. Slightly smaller, but a whole lot closer, was Crescenta Valley's very own Sunland Drive-In Theater.

Opened in July of 1950, the Sunland Drive-In on Foothill Boulevard could accommodate 650 cars on its 10-acre site. The theater's 75-by-80 foot screen was later widened with extended side panels when wide-screen CinemaScope films were released.

In my mind, I can still see the towering, neon-lit mid-Century style marquee whenever I drive by the now-abandoned and shamefully decaying K-Mart facility which was built on the site after the Sunland Drive-In closed and locked its gates for good in September of 1976.

In addition to being a place where entire families could go – even with crying

babies – without bothering the movie-goers next to you, drive-in theaters allowed you to watch the latest and greatest feature films (double features, I might add!) in the comfort and convenience of your own vehicle. Kids would often wear their pajamas or they could play on the swings, seesaws and teeter totters in the playground directly in front of and below the massive screen while waiting for the sun to go down and the movie to begin.

Because you were charged by the number of people in your car (although much less than a typical movie theater), it became a game with some folks to hide a kid or two under a blanket, or down on the floorboards as you drove through entry gate to pay your admission. Oh, and you could also bring your own food and drinks with you to save even more money – one more reason drive-ins were so family friendly.

For obvious reasons, drive-ins were an instant favorite date night destination for teen couples. Let's just say, these venues didn't earn the nickname of "passion pits" without good reason.

At least, that's what I've heard. I'll see you 'round town.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY  
» MIKE LAWLER

## Development History in the Western Verdugo Mountains

As I've written about many times in past columns, we are privileged to have the mountains on both sides of our valley largely undeveloped. In contrast, two mountain ranges nearby, the San Rafael's above La Cañada and the Hollywood Hills, have seen significant development. They are both transected by numerous residential roadways and both contain large landfill operations. The Verdugos are similar in topography to those two urban mountain ranges, yet have no roads across them, no landfills, and very limited housing development. But that wasn't what was planned. City and county master plans in the past show that the Verdugos were slated for massive development in the '60s and '70s.

Glendale's plan I've written about before, a system of roadways through the Verdugos and mountaintop communities for 15,000 residents. That plan was fought to a standstill by several grassroots community groups.

In 1969, the City of Los Angeles formulated a similar plan for its half of the Verdugo Mountains. That half stretches from the Verdugo Hills Golf Course west to Sun Valley, both sides of La Tuna Canyon, and north to Sunland/Tujunga – 12 square miles. Since the 210 Freeway from Lowell Avenue to Sunland Boulevard was at that time being bulldozed through the mountains, L.A. planners naturally assumed ambitious development would occur in the Verdugo Mountains on both sides of the freeway. They planned for tens of thousands of homes to be

built.

Plans were drawn up for Oro Vista Avenue in Tujunga to be extended south through the Verdugos, intersect with the 210 with a dedicated offramp, and continue to La Tuna Canyon Road. At the 210 offramps for both Oro Vista and La Tuna Canyon, large retail shopping centers were envisioned. The housing was to be in clustered developments, in tune with the many large private properties in the Verdugos owned by a variety of landholders. The land around La Tuna Canyon was the area expected to be developed first. Their lowest estimate of future population in the Verdugos was 32,000, with a high range estimate of 72,000, all by 1990.

Their plans did propose approximately half the 12 square miles to be dedicated open space, in four separate parks with equestrian and hiking trails, picnic areas and institutional camps. But the planners acknowledged the difficulty of acquiring the land, as it was nearly all in private hands. They were pessimistic about that part of their plan, for as the housing developments progressed the surrounding privately owned open space prices would rise well above the reach of public funding. Nonetheless, visionary planners still encouraged the city to begin acquiring open space now, before the land rush. In the 1969, document it was stated:

"Two Basic choices are apparent. The majority of the land can be preserved in its natural state through the establishment of a large

publically owned conservation area, or the area can be developed for residential use accompanied by smaller, privately owned open spaces."

Fortunately for us, it was the former prospect that came to pass. Starting in the 1980s, a state agency, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, began purchasing large undeveloped properties around urbanized Los Angeles as dedicated open space. One such purchase was 1,200-acre La Tuna Canyon Park on the south side of La Tuna Canyon, and the adjacent 565-acre Verdugo Mountain Park to the west, which has been enlarged by the City of Los Angeles as recently as 2007. On the north end of the Verdugos, Rosemary and Charles Fond, through the Fond Land Preservation Foundation, purchased 500 acres in 2007 as dedicated public open space.

That brings the planners' original vision of significant open space in western Verdugos closer to reality – about three square miles of the 12 square miles total. As for their plans for residential development, that hasn't happened – yet. The hundreds of homes in the Canyon Hills development on the north side of the 210 has only been delayed by the economy, and the Verdugo Hills Golf Course has a similar development proposed.

For now the Verdugos are still a beautiful wilderness. We'll see what the future brings.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Disillusioned with Prayer Breakfast

I left the Crescenta Valley Prayer Breakfast not feeling uplifted nor joyful, but upset and confused. It was my understanding that we had gathered to pray for the youth as well as the unity of our community. Looking around the room, I realized that not only was there a large turnout of people of political stature, but sadly I was one of the only youth in the room who was not there because I was scheduled to perform or otherwise obligated to attend.

Who was this event really for? It couldn't have been for all of the community's children; none of us were there. The inspiring words given by the many distinguished speakers were not heard by the very people they were intended for, but by a group of people who were there only to be seen. I witnessed a few people introduce themselves to the very few children there, only after shaking hands and rubbing elbows with the "important"

people of the community. I even watched one school official attempt to connect with a small group of children, but when he realized that a child did not attend a school that was in his school district, he rudely turned his back and walked away.

It's acts like these that do not make me proud to call the Crescenta Valley my home. My peers that I have grown up with and attended school with are not heard by our community leaders; our "leaders" assume what is best for us without any input from the people that they are directly affecting. If our community is so concerned for its youth, then why are we charging them \$5 to attend the first five minutes of this breakfast before they have to leave in order to get to school on time?

None of the kids around here could have even told you that this event was taking place. I have attended both of the prayer breakfasts and I do not plan on attending any more. The true cause has been lost, and it is very upsetting that so few people can

look past themselves to see why we are really gathering in prayer.

I attended Mountain Avenue Elementary School for seven years, Rosemont Middle School for two, graduated from Crescenta Valley High School, and I am now attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. I know this community better than most; regrettably I can say that the youth of the Crescenta Valley are not heard [and] we all feel as though we do not matter around here. Things need to change in our community. There is a huge disconnect between the generations of people that call this place home.

Patrick Arnold  
La Crescenta

### Recognizing Flag Week

Dear President Obama,  
The Congress of the United States, by Joint Resolution on June 9, 1966, approved H.J. Resolution 763 proclaiming the week in which the 14th occurs as National Flag Week,

and the same resolution requested that the President is to issue every year a proclamation and also to call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

The origin of Flag Week is also very special to me because I am one of few people alive that was involved originally with Bill Bailey of Montrose, the Crescenta-Cañada Rotary Club, Don Carpenter, the editor of the Ledger Newspaper, and Congressman H. Allen Smith, on the successful accomplishment of Flag Week.

Every year since 1967 I have sent a letter to each of the Presidents, and sometimes the White House sent a copy of the Proclamation to me. But no publicity is given. This causes me anger and shame because 47 years after the original proclamation, the majority of the people with whom I speak remain in ignorance of Flag Week.

Mr. President, at this critical time in our nation, I would like to make

a request. As an immigrant and a proud citizen of this country, I ask you to please make it your business to see that more publicity and public instruction is devoted to Flag Week. Proper recognition of the week is needed for Old Glory to receive proper respect, which our flag richly deserves.

It is my hope that this year, President Obama, you will give some publicity to Flag Week and maybe in the near future we will include in our national calendar this event as a reminder to everyone to display their flag that week.

This is my hope and a reminder to everyone in our communities to put the flag out that week, regardless of what is going to be done nationwide and help to demonstrate that there are still enough good Americans and that patriotism is still alive in our communities.

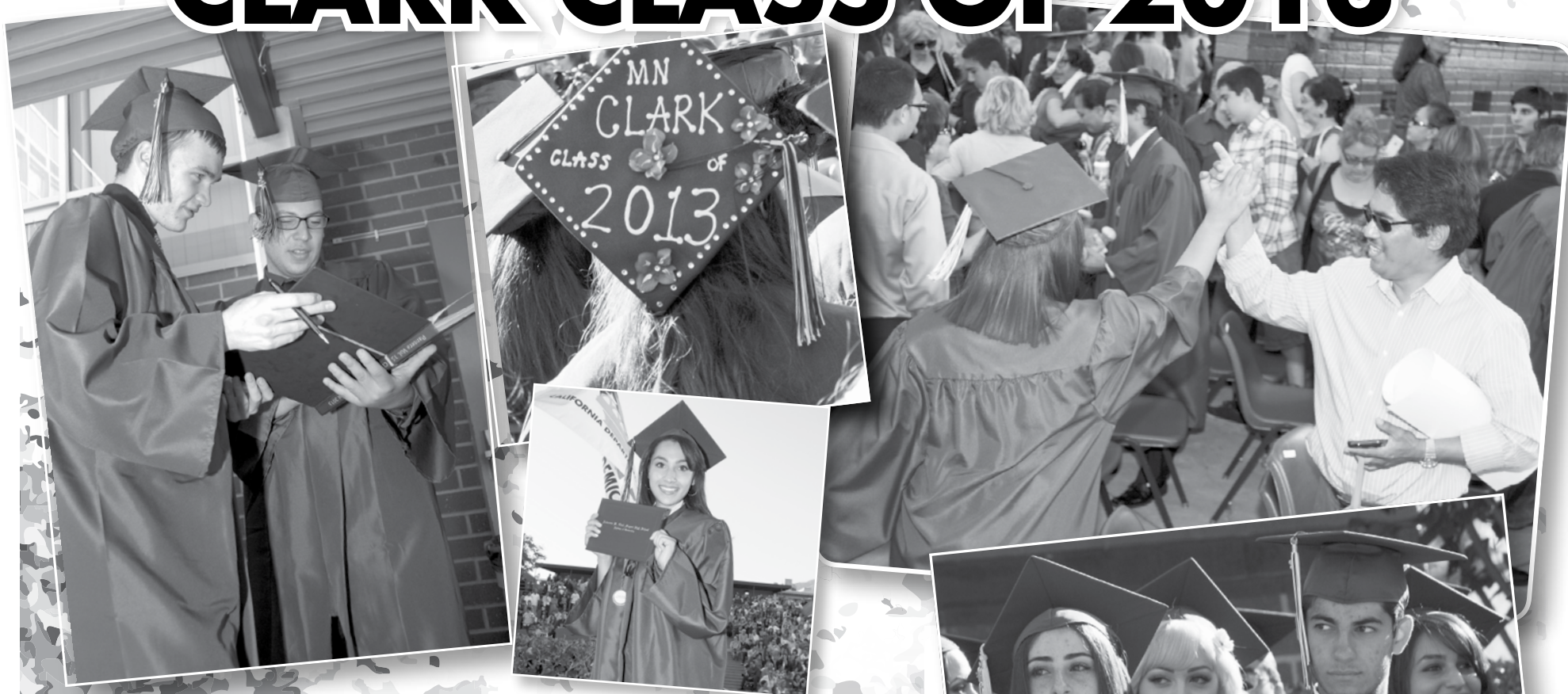
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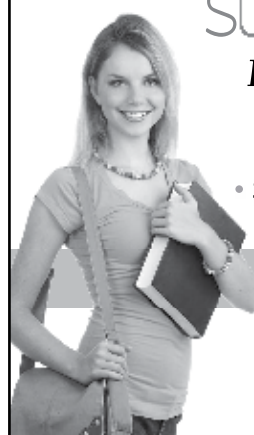
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"We know how beautiful our campus is," Reed said.

The commencement setting highlighted the field surrounded by mountains and trees.

"This is such a beautiful spot, it was a perfect evening," she said. "You can't help but be happy."

This was also the biggest class of seniors the school has graduated, Reed said. The class had 760 graduates with 756 attending the ceremony.

Reed hopes that future commencements will be held at the school. To help ensure this, the senior class gift was funding to be applied to future graduation costs.

"Each year a class will have leftover money in their account," Reed said. "This year the class

gift is to roll over that money into a graduation account and [hopefully] begin a foundation for next year's class."

It is hoped that future classes will contribute year after year to help with the fund.

"It would be lovely if we could have the [commencement ceremony] here every year," Reed added.

As the new tradition began, the Class of 2013 said goodbye to their principal of three years.

Doll said the ceremony for her was bittersweet as it was the last commencement she would oversee as the CVHS principal. She had a long history with the Class of 2013 as many were in eighth grade when she was principal of

Rosemont Middle School.

Doll hugged each senior as they received their diploma and walked down the stairs back to their seat.

There was also a bit of bittersweet emotion at Rosemont Middle School as well. Ann Amrhein, assistant principal for 18 years at Rosemont, will be leaving.

"She will be going to another Glendale school," said Dr. Cynthia Livingston, Rosemont principal. What Glendale school she'll be going to has yet to be announced.

"Ann has been a pillar in the community and has put in 18 years of hard work, love and dedication at Rosemont. She has earned the respect of parents, students and teachers," Livingston said.

Whatever school Amrhein will end up in should be decided by the June 18 Glendale school board meeting. She, along with new principals at Monte Vista Elementary and Crescenta Valley High schools, are expected to be in place by July 1.

Rosemont's promotion ceremony was held Tuesday morning and although students who addressed the audience shared their excitement of moving on, they also expressed a sadness at leaving the staff and principal of their school.

Over 600 kids were promoted and are on their way to high school. The eighth grade class presented the class gift to Principal Dr. Cynthia Livingston – a mascot

costume for their Spartan teams.

Livingston has been a strong proponent of school sports that are funded through donations. She happily accepted the gift then joked with Assistant Principal Ron Sowers.

"Ron, they got a costume for you to wear," Livingston said. "Isn't that great?"

Overall, those who were promoted or graduated were happy to move forward and yet were reflective. CVHS Lauren Lee's senior address expressed it best.

"Before you walk across the stage and the rest of our lives, just stop and enjoy this moment and take a deep breath," she said.





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On Sunday, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Cañada Flintridge held its commencement ceremony on the campus that overlooks the city below. The traditional white dresses and red roses created a picturesque image as the 106 graduates celebrated their accomplishments and looked toward their college future.

Tara Kawai-Daniels was the class valedictorian and the salutatorian was Lauren Kean; both girls plan on attending college to major in engineering.

Photos by Leonard COUTIN



## St. Francis HS Class of 2013



St. Francis High School graduated 141 students at its commencement ceremony on May 25. Shown above from left are tri-valedictorians Niles Wilson, J.D. Kieffer III and David Yoo.

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## SPORTS



## Samford to Leave Falcon Softball

*After taking on the role of softball head coach just two short seasons ago, Mark Samford decides to move on.*

By Brandon HENSLEY

Crescenta Valley High School softball coach Mark Samford stepped down from that position last week, citing personal reasons that he declined to detail.

"Everything's fine," said Samford, who resigns after two years of leading the program. "I need to invest time and effort elsewhere."

Samford said it was an easy decision to make when he was confronted with it, and was something that weighed on his mind during this season.

The Lady Falcons went 14-10-1 in the 2013 regular season and lost their opening road playoff game to La Salle. The team went 20-6 in the regular season in 2012 and also lost its playoff opener to Notre Dame.

Including playoffs, Samford's record as coach was 34-18-1 (.641 winning percentage). The program hasn't won a playoff game since 2009, when it won two postseason games.

After longtime coach Dan Berry passed away in October 2011, Samford stepped in as interim coach for the 2012 season. The interim label was removed last summer when he accepted the job as head coach, working with assistants Ashleigh Viers-Gordillo

and Zarah Montes.

He said he wasn't thinking long-term when he accepted the position just that he enjoyed the players and the makeup of the team.

Next season, the Falcons will be loaded with talent and experience. From the starting lineup, only outfielder Brady Sanford and catcher Jessica Morena graduated this year, and just five players were seniors overall.

CV will have both pitchers back in Olivia Thayer and Chloe Fairbrother (although Fairbrother mainly plays first base). Most importantly, the Cookson sisters, centerfielder Hannah who led the team with seven home runs, and shortstop Hailey, will return to play for the Falcons.

The Falcons were 10-4 this season in the Pacific League. The four losses came at the hands of Arcadia and Burbank, led by pitchers Monica Baerg and Caitlyn Brooks for each team. CV will have to face both of them again next season, which would seem to be the biggest obstacles to earning a high enough seed to host a playoff game.

Samford would be willing to help the search for a new coach with girls' athletic director Peter Kim.

"I would give them my honest opinion," he said. "I'm open to it, but if they don't [ask me to help with the search], I completely understand that."

Samford will still be busy. He's an assistant coach for the junior varsity football team, and is head



coach of the freshman basketball team as well as assistant to the varsity squad. His freshman team won league this past season with a perfect 14-0 record.

Viers-Gordillo, a 2008 CV graduate, was a standout first baseman for the Falcons in her time. Samford said she is finishing up a degree in college, and that any decision about her becoming a possible head coach would depend on her future goals.

"I think she has a future in it for sure, if that's the way she wants to travel," he said. "We talked a little bit about it and what her plans are, and maybe it makes more sense in the future."

In any case, the program will once again have to transition into a new era, its second in three seasons.

"Crescenta Valley softball was here before I got there, and it's going to be around long after I'm gone," Samford said. "People like to think they're important ... I was just a guy holding a flame. There will be another person to do that."

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TOP: Samford walks with his players last August after a game.

RIGHT: Brady Samford gets a hug from Samford during CV High School Softball Senior Recognition.



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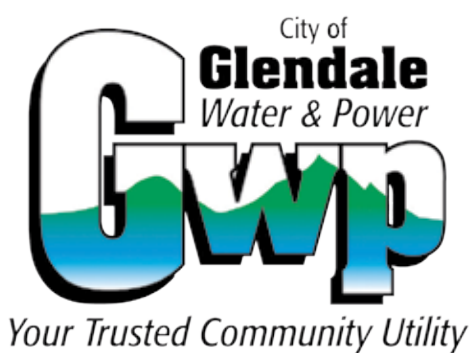
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**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way, 91208

**Wednesday, June 12, 2013**  
**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

City of Glendale, Police Community Room, 131 N. Isabel St., 91206

**Thursday, June 13, 2013**  
**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Grandview Ave., 91201

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013**  
**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

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## Reflections Held at CVHS



Photos by Michael J. ARVIZU

TOP: Kiana Tom admires Harry Cho's medals before the start of Senior Reflections 2013 at Crescenta Valley High School on Sunday.  
ABOVE: Crescenta Valley High School graduating seniors mingle before the start of Senior Reflections 2013.  
LEFT: Tyler White gets a hug from his sister Aliyah Baldrige during Senior Reflections.

By Michael J. ARVIZU

Crescenta Valley High School senior Maya Alvarez would like to announce that her senioritis support group will meet every Thursday. Senioritis is the end-of-the-school-year affliction that strikes many outgoing seniors. Symptoms include decreased motivation for schoolwork and study, watery eyes, and feelings of being burned out. As such, she plans to do something about it, Alvarez revealed in remarks to her fellow students during Crescenta Valley High School's Senior Reflections 2013 held in MacDonald Auditorium on Sunday evening. "It's kind of bittersweet, to be honest," said Alvarez of her "affliction." Of course, no such support group really exists. It was all just for fun. Alvarez will be attending University of San Francisco in the fall, majoring in communications. "I'm definitely going to miss high school, but I'm ready to make that transition," she said. "I'm happy where I am at right now, but I'm excited to see what happens in college." About 100 students dressed in their caps and gowns, and with their families attended Senior Reflections, which featured faculty and student speakers. It was organized by a group of Crescenta Valley High School parents as an opportunity for seniors to reflect on their high school careers. It is a descendent of the popular baccalaureate that was formerly held at the school but was canceled due to the event's religious qualities. Friends Tyler White and Eric Garcia will both be attending Pasadena City College. For

both, high school gave them the opportunity to blossom as students and individuals. "It feels achieving," said White, who will be majoring in film. "I'm proud that I started from the bottom, now I'm up here. Bottom meaning being the person that didn't really have a lot of friends and didn't really want to socialize at all, and finally deciding to give it a try." As a freshman, White's day was pretty much the same routine: going to school and coming home. The past four years, he said, have allowed him to "break out of his shell" and pursue interests such as dancing. "It's the same thing for me," said Garcia. "I was shy [during] freshman year, not really talking much. Then I met this guy our freshman year. We've been together as friends." "We have spent four years watching you grow up – a lot," said Crescenta Valley High School Assistant Principal Lisa Reed in her remarks to students on Sunday. "We've seen you in your journey and progress to become the adults that are going to go forward and do amazing and great things." Crescenta Valley High School graduation ceremonies took place on the school's Osborne football field on Tuesday night – the first time in the school's 50-year history that commencement ceremonies have taken place on the school field. "It's nice to know I won't really have to drive anywhere far," said graduate Mayreni Abajian on Sunday. "I think the school spirit will come out more, now that we will be on the school field. I'm looking forward to it."



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## Davis Takes the Podium at State



By Leonard COUTIN

The California CIF State track and field championship was held in Clovis over the weekend with prelims on Friday and finals on Saturday. The pressure was on the athletes Friday to make qualifying times to advance the next day to finals.  
For Glendale Nitro Michael Davis (shown

at left above), he again proved himself ready to compete with the best. Davis placed second in heat one running 21.47, racing against top sprinter Khalfani Muhammad (20.94) of Notre Dame who was expected to be faster this year in both the 100m and 200m.  
*To read the whole story and see more of Leonard's photos, visit [www.cvweekly.com/SPORTS](http://www.cvweekly.com/SPORTS).*

### CVHS CYCLING from Cover

five of its six regular season races. The team took first place at Vail Lake, Lake Perris, Keyesville and Los Olivos before winning at Stafford Lake. It was runner-up in its second race of the season to South Orange County.  
"It was really nice because the first couple of years no one was really focused," Lucas said of his team. "This year everyone had more focus and dedication."  
Pratt became the team's first ever female winner of a race when she placed first in the third race of the year at Lake Perris.  
"I wasn't going to jump ahead [of the leader] until I knew I could keep the pace," Pratt said. "That's what my coaches always tell me: stay on people's wheels."  
Pratt is one of just three girls on the team, Ellis Cobb and Dee-Anna Lopez being the others. She said after winning her race, she was tired and breathing hard like after every race, but joy took over as the overriding emotion.  
"All my family was there, my team [as well]," she said. "I couldn't have been happier."  
It's performances like Pratt's that has helped CV and other SoCal teams be more competitive at the state level.  
"We've been slowly closing the gap on the NorCal teams," Rowton said. "We're five years in now. The competition level is very high."  
While the competition is tough, understanding how the teams win may also be difficult, at least for those not familiar with sports that have point-based scoring systems.  
The combined score of the top four finishers of each team is added up at the end of the race. The highest score wins. There are three levels. Varsity points are worth more than junior varsity and freshman points (varsity races are also the longest, coming in at four laps as opposed to three and two for the other levels, respectively).  
For instance, varsity riders received 550 points for winning races this season opposed to 525 for JV winners.  
The top four must include a member of the opposite sex. So if CV's top four riders in a

race were boys, it must substitute the fourth boy's time for whatever place was CV's best girl.  
But that doesn't mean the team members that place outside of the top four don't matter, because as high as they can finish, "They take points away from other teams that covet those positions," Rowton explained.  
Rowton, a former U.S. Mountain Bike team member, is one of five coaches for Crescenta Valley, and he's gone through extensive training just like every coach who is a part of the organization. Requirements include training at a leadership summit, learning risk management and CPR.  
Some of the coaches are volunteers, and that's impressive considering each race is miles away from CVHS, as opposed to a basketball or football game where a road game often means driving 10 minutes to Glendale or Pasadena.  
The team either camps or stays at a hotel near the race site, and riders try out the course a day before to get a feel for it.  
Lucas said high school courses are more safety friendly, making them technically easier. But some tracks have climbs that are at a 40% grade, "which is basically straight up," he said, so it's not like the average bike rider on Foothill Boulevard could roll out of bed and do it.  
All of the factors for a successful team – traveling, training and diet -- equal one tough job for riders and coaches alike.  
"It ends up being a pretty intense season," Rowton said.  
Rowton also said interest in the team has increased, so much so that it's a possibility CV could move up to Division I soon. All he asks from his team is effort and consistency, and the winning and respect part will take care of itself. This year was a perfect example of that.  
"Somebody had to break that barrier down, and we've finally done it this year," Rowton said.  
"We were super happy," Lucas said. "To see the turnaround from our team from five years ago, that was really cool."





## BETWEEN FRIENDS

### Las Candelas Installs New Board



Las Candelas, which celebrated more than 50 years of service, held its final meeting of the 2012-13 year. During the meeting was the installation of the new Las Candelas president and board of directors. The event was held at the hilltop home of Fran Buchanan and celebrated the end of Monica Sierra's two year term as president. Under Sierra's leadership, the group donated \$90,000 in programs

and services to organizations that serve emotionally disturbed children.

Included in those organizations are Hathaway-Sycamores, Hillside, Glendale Healthy Kids, Glendale YWCA and the Didi Hirsch Center. Las Candelas members volunteered nearly 400 hours to these facilities during Sierra's term.

Cathy Keen installed new officers that include President Jeannie Flint; First Vice-

President Monica Sierra; Second Vice-President Ellyn Semler; Third Vice-Presidents J.C. Byr and Ginny Simpson; Fourth Vice-Presidents Patti Baker and Carolyn Beaton, Fifth Vice-Presidents Jeri Benton and Margaret Steenken, Recording Secretary Anna Brewer; Corresponding Secretary Cathy Keen, Treasurer of Business Ann Jones; Treasurer of Philanthropy Karen Whyte; and Parliamentarian Joan Anderson.

### New Officers Elected for Reciprocity

The Reciprocity Organization, representing the 15 chapters and over 700 members of P.E.O., met and elected officers for 2013-14. They reside in Glendale, La Cañada, Burbank and foothill communities. True to the mission of promoting educational opportunities for women, education continues to be the primary philanthropy of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Pictured above from left are Linda Rose, chapter GD president; Karil Drake, chapter KD vice president; Debbie Steffens, chapter JI recording secretary; Charlene Carnachan, chapter IH corresponding secretary and Emily Whytock, chapter FF treasurer.



### Ahead With Horses, Inc. Holding 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Photo Fun Day



On June 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in nearby Shadow Hills, Ahead With Horses, Inc. will hold its 32nd Annual Photo Fun Day.

Ahead With Horses is California's number one center for developmental therapeutic vaulting. The Annual Photo Fun Day is a day when all of the children in the program showcase the miracles they have accomplished while riding a horse. Friends and family will cheer them on as they receive outstanding achievement awards.

In addition to the pictures taken of the kids, there will be a barbecue lunch, games, arts and crafts, a silent auction, T-shirt sales, special gifts for all youngsters in attendance, and the best part of all: watching all of the children showcase what they have learned to do while on a therapy horse.

Purchase tickets in advance or at the door (tickets include the barbecue lunch): \$12/adults, \$6/children, kids under 3 are free.

The Photo Fun Day Event is at 10157 Johanna Ave., Shadow Hills.

For more information on how to purchase tickets, make

donations and get involved please call: (818) 767-6373 or visit: <http://www.awhla.org>.

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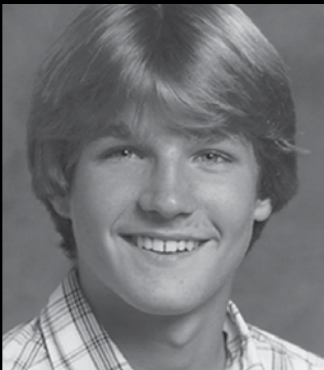
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# Food and Folk Dancing at ARS' 12th Annual Armenian Festival



On May 4-5, the Glendale Civic Auditorium hosted the 12th Annual Armenian Cultural & Food Festival. The event included Armenian singers, folk dance performances, costume shows, delectable foods and pastries, cultural exhibits and activities for people of all ages.

The annual festival, organized by the Armenian Relief Society (ARS) of Western USA, celebrates the richness of Armenian culture, allowing guests the opportunity to

enjoy first-hand many deep-rooted traditions. Alongside costume shows, folk dancing and singers, the auditorium's lower level featured displays of regional costumes and artwork.

"For this occasion, we published a HOME Remedies Book, which will incorporate a collection of traditional remedies and time-tested techniques that will help treat and heal various ailments," said Seta Tarpinian, co-chairperson of the ARS

Regional Festival Committee. "It is our aim to ensure that our cultural traditions remain alive outside our homeland and that local community members become better acquainted with them. As always, we entrust our organization's success to our supporters."

Proceeds from the annual festival support the ARS of Western USA's various local and international programs benefiting individuals and communities most in need.

# AFS Programs Offer Opportunity to Learn Abroad

AFS Intercultural Programs offers opportunities for high school students to learn and travel abroad for a summer, semester or academic year. AFS is now accepting applications for the next academic year.

Students live with a family abroad and learn the culture of that society while they make life-long friends with the family and community members. Summer programs depart in June and return in August while semester programs depart in August or January and return at the end of

the semester, and year programs last one academic year.

AFS encourages early application because popular countries and programs fill up early in the academic year. Students and their parents can learn about and apply to AFS exchange programs at [www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org), or can contact local representative Kent Frewing at (818) 790-0671 or at [kfrewing@gmail.com](mailto:kfrewing@gmail.com).

Each year, more than 2,300 international high school students from more than 90 countries come

to the U.S. with AFS-USA to study in high school and live with host families. Host families in the CV community are needed. AFS host families welcome new members into their home, share everyday lives, and learn and grow as relationships grow. Anyone interested in hosting a student can visit [www.afsusa.org/hostfamily](http://www.afsusa.org/hostfamily) or contact local representative Mardi Breckheimer at (818) 790-5938 or at [mardi1999@hotmail.com](mailto:mardi1999@hotmail.com).



## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

*Coordinating your next move*

*Dear Phyllis,*  
*After reading your column, for years, I have my own real estate dilemma for you. Ten years ago I bought a small (800 sq. ft.) home. I was single and just happy to own a place of my own. Not too long after moving in, I got married; then we had twins. We are living on top of each other and it's adversely impacting our marriage. I keep reading that it is very difficult to find a home because they are selling so quickly. I am afraid if we sell our home we won't be able to find another.*

*Do you have any suggestions?*  
*Pinkie*

Dear Pinkie,  
Your housing situation is definitely impacting your quality of life and you need to make a change. You can and should make a move. Here are some thoughts:

- 1) Rent your home and then find another larger home to rent. You can become both a landlord and a tenant.
- 2) Contact a real estate agent. Determine how much your home will sell for in today's market, how much equity you have and how large of a loan you can qualify for. You may be in a position to sell your home and buy another.

If you do decide to sell, your Realtor® will likely elect to use some precautions in your contract which will hopefully avoid the need for you to move twice. You may decide to sell your home contingent upon you finding another home or you may opt to rent it back from the buyer after closing.

- 1) Selling your home contingent: It's quite simple – the purchase contract will state that it is subject to you finding a home

of your choice within a specific period of time. If you don't find a home, you are not obligated to complete the sale.

- 2) Selling your home with a rent back: Negotiate with your buyer the option of you renting back the home from them for several months. It's not easy being a contingent buyer in today's competitive real estate market. By closing escrow and then renting your home, you are no longer a "contingent" buyer and will be in a stronger negotiating position.

Pinkie, don't feel you are stuck. Life is full of big decisions, this is just one of them, make your move and you and your family will be happier.

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



# Glendale Chamber Hosts Ribbon Cutting



Steve Iskenderian (holding scissors) is the owner of Ara's Tacos and is shown at the company's ribbon cutting with family members Ara (in pink shirt) and mother Rita. He is surrounded by representatives from the offices of Assemblymember Mike Gatto and Supervisor Antonovich and members of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce. Ara's Tacos is located at 901 W. Glenoaks Blvd. in Glendale.

# Kiwanis Scholarships Awarded

The Kiwanis Club of Montrose-La Crescenta with President Lynn McGinnis hosted its annual scholarship awards dinner on May 9. The Montrose-La Crescenta Kiwanis Foundation funds the scholarship program that awarded 11 scholarships, totaling \$5800, to graduating high school seniors from Crescenta Valley and Clark Magnet high schools. This year's awardees included Helen Mushegian who received the Alvena & Les Dobbings Memorial Scholarship; Anahit Khachatryan and Kristen Ampig who received Kiwanis Key Club scholarships; Porter Hansen and Amber Zdravec who received Kiwanis Scouting scholarships; Kirk Wilson and Daniela Kim who received Norm Avril scholarships; Yae Rin Cho and Gloria Han who received JROTC scholarships; and Brenda Rocha Barrata and Margot Wollenweber who received Kiwanis Community College scholarships. In addition, Celeste Lau-Ch, the Kiwanis Educator of the Year, received a Distinguished Service Award for her work with the CVHS Key Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Montrose-La Crescenta supports the charters and activities of the Key Clubs at Crescenta Valley High School, Clark Magnet High School, Verdugo Hills High School, and Village Christian School, as well as the Builder's Club of Rosemont Middle School, K-Kids of Pinewood Avenue Elementary, and five local girls and boys Scouting troops. Proceeds from fundraising projects throughout the year, including a quarterly Bingo night, help to fund community activities such as Prom Plus, the Wheelchair Division of the L.A. Marathon, the La Crescenta Library's Children's Section, the Montrose Christmas Parade, the Salvation Army Food Bank and the Firehouse youth center that is also supported by St. Luke's Episcopal church. Future activities, meeting and membership information, regarding the Kiwanis Club of Montrose-La Crescenta, can be found at [www.montroselacrescentakiwanis.org](http://www.montroselacrescentakiwanis.org). Meetings are held at St. Luke's every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:15 p.m.



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New Stage Show Revealed at Disneyland



Photos by Charly SHELTON

By Charly SHELTON

It's been one year after Cars Land opened, a great new land for everyone to visit but targeting mainly boys now it's the girls' turn for some new attractions. This summer sees the opening of Princess Fantasy Faire, which we discussed in last week's article, as well as a new show in the Fantasyland theatre, "Mickey and the Magical Map."

This new show is not necessarily a girl-specific show like so many of the past productions that have occupied this space: "Snow White: An Enchanting Musical," "Beauty and the Beast Live on Stage," "The Spirit of Pocahontas" and for the last six years, "The Royal Processional" featuring all the Disney princesses when Fantasy Faire was located in the foyer of the Fantasyland theatre, just to name a few. This new show combines amazing stage and Disney technology with a story that seems to have been ripped from the screen of Epic Mickey.

The show follows Mickey,

apprentice mapmaker to Sorcerer Yensid, as he does the one thing that the "Sorcerer's Apprentice" always does – he meddles with magic he can't control and unleashes it in the wrong way. In the 1940s cartoon movie "Fantasia," he unleashes a horde of broom zombies that cannot be killed, only multiplied, and they very nearly sweep everything away in a torrent of water. In the popular video game "Epic Mickey," he sneaks into Yensid's workshop and, using a magic paintbrush that is meant to create a world for forgotten characters, Mickey unknowingly unleashes the Phantom Blot, an ink blot bent on absorbing all the ink of every character in the world, as well as a torrent of thinner that thins the painted world to near nothingness. It's a great game and its sequel is even better.

The reason I emphasize this video game when reviewing the stage show is that the two seem to share a very similar plot – one is just toned down to an appropriate level for an audience of children at Disneyland.

"Epic Mickey" is very dark and it

deals with the humanity of Toons, whereas the new show is just lighthearted fun. Yet the similarities shine through – Mickey, using a magic paintbrush, accidentally uses too much ink and paint on a magical map world full of Disney characters. He is swept off on an adventure following an ink blot that he created but must stop before it does harm to the world of Toons in the map.

This stage show has some favorite Disney characters including King Louie from Jungle Book, Pocahontas, Princess Tiana, Rapunzel and, of course, Yensid and Mickey, plus many more. This show has new music and old favorites, remixes and updates on classic songs like, "I Wanna Be Like You" and a princess medley that leaves the jaw hanging.

"Mickey and the Magical Map" is good for all ages – with no hint of the dark motifs found in the game – suitable for anyone who happens to be in Fantasyland looking to get out of the heat and just sit down for a bit.

Not a bad idea for the summer ahead.

I give this show 4 out of 5 stars.

Basketball Great Phil Jackson Coming to Alex

By Michael YEGHIAYAN

While many Laker fans were hoping to see Phil Jackson rejoin the team on the sidelines, the legendary coach will be at the Alex Theatre this month as part of its ongoing Live Talks Los Angeles series. The event, to be held on Wednesday, June 12, will feature Jackson discussing his memoir, "Eleven Rings: The Soul of Success."

As the head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Chicago Bulls, Jackson's 11 titles make him the winningest coach in NBA history and place him in the company of John Wooden and Vince Lombardi as one of the most celebrated coaches in American sports. "An Evening With Phil Jackson" will explore the mind and past of one of basketball's most private and intriguing figures.

"He is given lots of credit with how well he managed the egos of basketball stars, and made some star players more team oriented," said Live Talks producer Ted Habte-Gabr. "As fans, we all want a winning team, and we also want exciting athleticism and star players. He has balanced both probably better than anyone."

Joining Jackson onstage will be former NBA player and talk show host John Salley, who will interview the coach. Salley, who won four championships over his career, played for Jackson on both the Bulls and Lakers in title winning seasons.

"An Evening With Phil Jackson" is the second event by Live Talks L.A. in a three part series at the Alex Theatre. Burt Bacharach spoke at the historic venue last month and novelist Neil Gaiman will make an appearance on June 27.

Jackson's memoir "Eleven Rings" will also be available for purchase at the event. The book caused some controversy earlier this month because it draws comparisons between Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan, two of the most prolific scorers in NBA history and the leaders of all one championship teams.

While Jackson found plenty of on-court success, much of his intrigue is related to his philosophy and approach to leadership.

"The idea of having a successful team making star players better team players is something every business and corporate setting strives for, so you have the business world interested in him as a management and leadership philosophy," said Habte-Gabr. "The books he has recommended his players read over the years has always intrigued me."

The "Zen master" may have coached his last game for the Lakers, but he will always hold a place in Los Angeles sports lore. Perhaps certain members of the Laker organization would be well suited to hear what he has to say.

"An Evening with Phil Jackson in conversation with John Salley" is on June 12 at 8 p.m. at the Alex Theatre. Tickets begin at \$20. Information on purchasing tickets is available online at [www.alextheatre.org](http://www.alextheatre.org) or by calling (818) 243-ALEX (2539) Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. There is a service charge for phone orders.

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# Pacific Serenades Season Ends

By Ted AYALA

Turning away from the overripe romanticism that had formerly held the reigns on music – a romanticism which was to a large extent invalidated in the eyes of many by the mechanical horror wrought from World War I – composers of the 1920s instead found their inspiration in the classical era of Haydn and Mozart. With Igor Stravinsky leading the way, composers of the time were drawn to 18th century order and discipline – albeit tweaked with a very modern sense of irony.

Francis Poulenc’s “Trio for Piano, Oboe, and Bassoon,” which was played on Sunday by members of Pacific Serenades at Pasadena’s Neighborhood Church, was emblematic of that time. Classical melodies and cadences whirled about giddily with youthful insouciance, spiced with a heady voluptuousness that teeters away from the Rococo drawing room and into the smoky dank of a Paris cabaret.

That yearning for classical order and civilized musical discourse was also grasped at by Stephen Cohn in his “Bellscape” for winds and piano, the 110th work

commissioned by Pacific Serenades. But where Poulenc explicitly based his music on classical form, Cohn instead is drawn to an inner elegance, the idea of elegance rather than its outward manifestation.

“My own idea in this composition is to carry forward this type of [civilized] dialogue into the 21st century,” he said in a brief introductory preamble that explained the piece’s roots in Mozart’s “Quintet for Piano and Winds.” “I wanted to spend a bit of time with Mozart.”

Beginning with a lonely, rising scalar motif, winding itself tightly throughout the piece, which then is answered with a chorale in the winds, “Bellscape” was a piece of luminous, if frosty, beauty that recalled Samuel Barber in a twilight mood. A fascinating, if somewhat inscrutable, work.

Mozart’s Quintet, around which Sunday’s program gravitated, made an appearance, its radiant, sparkling joy conveyed effortlessly by the Pacific Serenades players.

Opening the program was Camille Saint-Saëns’ late “Sonata for Clarinet and Piano,” a piece heavy with nostalgic yearning for the

world that Poulenc and his contemporaries sought to bring down. The melancholy of the work gives it an autumnal glow, streaking it with a wistful sadness that never descends into darkness. The past is gone, the work seems to say, but its memories remain to cherish and haunt us.

The musicians assembled by Pacific Serenades were uniformly excellent, brimming with technical virtuosity that was carefully tethered to a mature and sensitive musical vision. Unifying the program was pianist Joanna Pearce Martin, who serves as the Los Angeles Philharmonic’s principal keyboardist. Her warm playing and careful attention to coloring and shading of harmonic modulations were a pure delight. In the Poulenc and Mozart she could be rambunctious and impish, producing a lustrous, sparkling tone.

Her colleagues – Jennifer Johnson (oboe), Gary Gray (clarinet), Judith Farmer (bassoon), and Richard Todd (French horn) – were equally brilliant. Gray’s clarinet playing poured over the listener’s ears like molten chocolate, seducing the listener with his pliant expressiveness and poignant vulnerability.

# Salastina Society Pays Tribute to Britten Centenary

By Ted AYALA

The citywide celebration of the centenary of English composer Benjamin Britten continues with the Salastina Society’s end of season concert on Sunday, June 9.

Featuring a program comprised of music by Britten as well as colleagues who influenced or were influenced by him, the music presents an incisive cross-cut of a 20th century musical discourse at odds with the avant-garde of its day. Instead these composers – Frank Bridge, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Aaron Copland, as well as Britten himself – sought to remake tradition into something vital and contemporary, seeking to find the new in the old, demonstrating that tonality had yet to exhaust itself.

Britten’s song cycle *Les Illuminations*, based on texts by Arthur Rimbaud, serves as the program’s centerpiece. Of note will be its presentation in a rarely heard chamber arrangement that strips away the larger forces of the better-known version. Soprano Adrienne Pardee will be performing the vocal part.

Also of note is Shostakovich’s early “Two Pieces for String Octet, op. 11,” its two movements immediately preceding and following his breakthrough “Symphony No. 1,” composed when he was 17. Its angry and spiky “Scherzo” looks forward to the manic, angry Shostakovich of later years.

The concert takes place at Thayer Hall in the Colburn School of Music in downtown Los Angeles. To obtain tickets and more information, go online to <http://www.salastinasociety.org/>, or call (323) 332-6874.

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June 3, 2013 - June 9, 2013

Dare to dream big when Mercury trines Saturn on Monday. Don't set any limits on what you can achieve. Get in touch with nature on Tuesday. Buy a potted plant for the kitchen table. Spread a little love around when Venus trines Neptune on Friday. Call someone special to say how much you care. Mental energy will be extremely scattered on Saturday. It isn't the time to make an important decision. Domestic matters will take center stage on Sunday.

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Cheerfulness will be your middle name on Monday. Your upbeat mood will inspire others to smile! The temptation to overeat will be strong on Tuesday. Stock up on low-calorie foods in case of a snack attack. It won't be easy to separate fact from fiction when your ruler Mars squares Neptune on Friday. You could become embroiled in a confusing scenario. Create a new goal list on Saturday. Don't waste your time in pursuit of outdated ambitions.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Your practical side will be on display when the Moon enters Taurus on Tuesday. You will listen to your head rather than your heart in all circumstances. You might come into a financial windfall on Thursday. Think about investing some of the extra cash. A lover will be eager to make future plans on Friday. If single, you could meet a very dependable new partner. A friend may relocate on Sunday. Technology will help you to keep in touch.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The boss will ask for your advice on Monday. Think carefully before opening your mouth! You could have a very prophetic dream on Tuesday. Write down your reveries for future reference. You might decide to take your life in a completely different direction when the New Moon takes place in Gemini on Saturday. Walk on the road that makes you happy. Mingle with others on Sunday. You might interact with someone who will become a lifelong friend.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Inspiration will be on tap when Mercury in Cancer trines Neptune on Monday. Follow your creative muse wherever it may lead. A loved one will resort to emotional blackmail on Tuesday. Don't allow this person to manipulate you! A colleague may ask you to start a business partnership on Friday. Consider all of the pros and cons before saying yes. You might feel under a lot of pressure on Saturday. Find a quiet place in which to unwind.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You will be pulled in different directions on Tuesday, but you can only walk on one road at a time. Share your thoughts and feelings with a companion on Thursday. This person wants to get closer! You might join a self-help group when Neptune turns retrograde in your transformation zone on Friday. Finding out what makes you tick will be a priority. Get ready to be the flavor of the moment on Saturday. Your social calendar will fill up quickly this weekend.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You could become overly sensitive on Tuesday. Don't imagine that others are ignoring you - they may just be busy. A loved one will require a helping hand on Wednesday. You'll generate good karma if you offer assistance. Life will flow smoothly for you on Thursday. Problems will vanish as if by magic! Think outside the box regarding a particular matter when your ruler Mercury squares Uranus on Saturday. The same old methods just won't work any longer.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Industriousness is the key to your success on Tuesday. Putting in the extra effort will get your employer's attention! Catch up on your personal accounting on Wednesday. Avoid late fees by paying bills on time. Your sense of personal power will activate when your ruler Venus trines Saturn on Friday. You'll be eager to take charge of your life. The urge to splurge will hit you on Sunday. Leave your credit cards home before going out to shop.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You'll be on top of your game on Monday. No one will outsmart you. A health issue might need your attention on Tuesday. Shore up your immune system by getting plenty of rest. An old flame might contact you when Neptune turns retrograde in your love zone on Friday. If you aren't interested in reigniting the flames of passion, say so! You'll feel caught between a rock and a hard place on Saturday. Don't worry. You'll find wiggle room soon.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Daydreaming will be your favorite activity on Monday. Look busy when the boss is watching! Your powers of perception will kick up a notch on Wednesday. Pay heed to your inner guide in all scenarios. A misunderstanding could arise with a family member on Friday. Try to look at the issue from this person's viewpoint. Positive vibrations will surround you when the Moon conjuncts your ruler Jupiter on Sunday. Capitalize on the favorable energy coming your way this weekend.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your living situation could alter suddenly on Monday. It's possible a roommate might decide to move out. Don't rush to judgment regarding a certain matter on Tuesday. You don't have all the facts yet. A wonderful new work opportunity could appear on Thursday. If you're unemployed, it's a great time to schedule job interviews. A project may be put on hold when Mars is quincunx your ruler Saturn on Saturday. The timing isn't right for this particular endeavor.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Having fun could be your goal when the Moon conjuncts your ruler Uranus on Monday. Get ready to let the good times roll! A friend might ask you for a financial loan on Tuesday. If you agree, put the agreement in writing. You'll get mixed signals from a lover on Friday. Have an honest discussion if you aren't sure of where you stand. Call on your common sense on Saturday. Let logic lead the way in all circumstances.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Go slowly while doing an important task on Monday. You could make a costly mistake if you hurry. Life's little frustrations could get you down on Tuesday. Remember that it isn't wise to sweat the small stuff. You might deal with unfinished business from the past on Friday. Think about putting this matter finally to rest. Stop being a couch potato when the Moon enters your zone of sport activities on Sunday. Play golf, tennis, or volleyball this weekend.

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DOCENT CLASSES OFFERED

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

JAZZ AT GCC

There is another opportunity to experience the wonderful jazz program at Glendale Community College. Today, Thursday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium, three GCC jazz combos will perform music by jazz masters as well as original pieces and arrangements by students. The combos promise to provide an outstanding musical experience.

This concert is free by emailing ckupka@glendale.edu with the number of tickets requested. Tickets will be placed at "Will Call" in the auditorium foyer.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP OFFERED

Mountview Retirement Home sponsors a monthly free Alzheimer's Support Group on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next group will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. Mountview Retirement Home is located at 2640 Honolulu, Montrose and can be reached at (818) 248-6737. All are welcome.

AED HEARTSAVER CLASSES OFFERED AT VHH

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

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

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

RAMONA: THE MOST IMPORTANT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMAN IN HISTORY WHO NEVER LIVED

In 1884, Helen Hunt Jackson published "Ramona: A Story," a tragic love story about a half-Indian beauty raised on a rancho. When railroads opened Southern California up to inexpensive travel, a tourism and real estate boom of unheard of proportion struck the region, and Jackson's novel became a handbook for sightseeing. Tourists in droves visited landmarks identified with Ramona's fictional life - her birthplace, her home, the site of her wedding, and her grave. And at most of these locations, vast array of souvenirs commemorating their visits were available for purchase. It was these souvenirs that led Dr. Dydia DeLyser to rethink the craze for all things Ramona as initiated not by region-al boosters, but by the tourists themselves. In her book, "Ramona Memories: Tourism and the Shaping of Southern California," DeLyser traces the myth's emergence within the context of the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century tourist industry and explores how the heroine of a

nineteenth-century romance novel pervades southern California's regional identity.

This program on June 8 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum will explore how a fictional work - and the real places and products that it inspired - helped to shape an idealized past.

Light refreshments served after the presentation. Free admission; everyone is welcome.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga (corner of Valmont & Commerce). Parking available uphill at the Elks Lodge www.LittleLandersHistoricalSociety.org

GAA HOSTS "GLENDALE REAL AND IMAGINED"

Glendale Art Association's June exhibition is "Glendale Real and Imagined," which has the 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.

BOND COMING TO TIME & SPACE GALLERY

The next major exhibit for the Time & Space Gallery is titled, "The Art of Bond." The exhibit ushers the gallery into the summer with a celebration of 007. Opening reception will be held June 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with musical guests "That's Not My Baby" and featuring a Bond inspired Aston Martin. A special fund raising event for the Pasadena Dance Theater will be held June 29 from noon to 9 p.m. with live dance by students and company members. The exhibit will run through August.

Featured artists include Jordan Danes, James Lopez, Christine Luchetta, Peter Wilson and Lesley Fontanella.

The Time & Space Gallery 838 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge and curated by local artist Christine Luchetta.

MC GROARTY ARTS CENTER HOLDS ANNUAL CERAMICS SHOW

McGroarty Arts Center is continuing its 10th Annual Ceramics Show through June 15. This free exhibit begins with the opening reception on June 1 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. that includes live music, refreshments and an incomparable view of the foothills from the Center's terrace.

This event has built a strong reputation for artistic excellence, highlighting the work of 39 professional ceramic artists as well as McGroarty Arts Center's own ceramic students. The center's new executive director Candace Sorensen will be available as well.

McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga

TOPS OFFERS LOCAL MEETINGS

T.O.P.S. - Take Off Pounds Sensibly - is a self-accountability group meeting held every Monday. Weigh in is from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

An hour meeting follows in the education building of Center for Spiritual Living, 4845 Dunsmore (at Santa Carlotta). For more information, call and leave a message for T.O.P.S. at (818) 957-8442.

A meeting is also held in Sunland on Thursdays. 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, Friedman 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 by calling (818) 951-6104 or (818) 317-5602. Cost is \$25 per person; event begins at 9 a.m. at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Dr. in Glendale.

MONGOLIA PRESENTED AT SIERRA CLUB

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club presents Fred Dong's, "Mongolia" on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m., at the Los Angeles County Public Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (please enter at La Crescenta Avenue for parking and the meeting room).

Join world traveler Fred Dong as he presents his explorations of Mongolia including the vast expanses of the Gobi Desert, the Steppes and Mountains. Beautiful wildlife will be seen including the endangered Przewalski's Wild Horse and many other animals native to Mongolia.

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

GLENDALE QUILT GUILD IS MOVING

The meeting on June 12 of the Glendale Quilt Guild will be held at First Congregational Church of Glendale, 2001 Cañada Blvd, Glendale at 7 p.m. Social hour at 6:30 p.m. The program includes mini demonstrations of quilting techniques and a Table-Top sale in which members of the guild rent table space and bring quilt-related items to sell.

The Glendale Quilt Guild meets the second Wednesday of the month. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Refreshments served at the break. Meetings are free to members and \$5 for visitors. For more information, visit www.glendalequiltguild.org or phone Brandi at (818) 541-9983.

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SHOES ON PARADE

Shoes on Parade luncheon and program will be presented by the Pasadena Women's Connection on Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 am. at the Altadena Country Club. All are invited to attend a show of shoes from local DSW Shoe Store. The latest fashions with a little history of the shoes will be featured. Special songs will be sung by talented vocalist Lori Berg. Motivational speaker and public relations specialist Lisa Toney will speak on the proper footwear in her talk, "Steps of Confidence: Becoming a Woman of Purpose." Tickets are \$23. For reservations, call Darlene (818) 353-2212 or Carole at (818) 790-1907. Altadena Country Club, 2200 Country Club, Altadena

'CARING FOR FAMILY' TOPIC VHH FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of the Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) Foundation presents a special luncheon and program, "Caring for Family: Women as Caregivers – Balancing Work, Health and Family" on Thursday, June 13. The luncheon features Donna Benton Ph.D., assistant professor and director of the Family Caregiver Support Program at USC Davis School of Gerontology. The luncheon will take place at VHH in Council Rooms A/C (fourth floor lobby) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dr. Benton is also a commissioner on the California Commission on Aging. She has worked in the field of aging and psychology for over 30 years. Luncheon fee is \$15/person. Lunch is sponsored by Montrose and Alameda Healthcare. RSVP to the Foundation Office at (818) 952-2226. VHH, 1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale/La Cañada.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR AWH

Music for Charity Events is presenting a benefit concert at St. George's Episcopal Church on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. to support Ahead With Horses, an organization whose mission is to "maximize potential of disabled/disadvantaged/special-needs children providing developmental therapy, education and recreation through horses and the environment, with measurable improvement physically, mentally, socially and/or emotionally resulting in increased self-sufficiency and the ability to lead better and more independent and productive lives capable of contributing to society." Admission is free. All donations are tax-deductible, and accepted by cash or check. Reception follows. For more information, call Connie at (310) 963-1480. St George's Episcopal Church, 808 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada Flintridge

FASHIONS BENEFIT YWCA GLENDALE

The YWCA Glendale is holding a pre-summer fashion sale. On Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the YWCA will host a fun boutique to raise money for YWCA Glendale programs and services. The boutique includes brand-new fashion attire and accessories from vendors such as Treasured Accessories, Poetic Potions, Classy Bag Lady, D.J. Giles, Bath and Body Works and Buddha Jeans as well as trendy thrift store bargains. Jeri Benton, community member and "volunteer extraordinaire" organized this first time event. The National Charity League Tick Tockers will volunteer their time at the event. For more information, contact Virginia Ruiz at the YWCA Glendale at (818) 242-4155 x221. Parking located behind building off of Geneva. YWCA Glendale, 735 E. Lexington Dr., Glendale

SHAKESPEARE ON OPERA PASADENA ROSTER

Opera Pasadena will present "Sing A Song Of Shakespeare" on Sunday, June 16 at 2:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall at the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena. The program will include solo songs found in many of the plays, as well as operatic

settings from "Romeo and Juliet," "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Admission is \$15. Call Barbara Ebert at (626) 398-0658 for reservations. The museum is handicapped-accessible. Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena

ARC PRESENTS FINE WINE, CHOCOLATE AND CHEESE TASTING

The Glendale-Crescenta Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a fundraising event on Thursday, June 20 at the Forest Lawn Museum from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event offers an opportunity to compare an array of selected wines from California and around the world. In addition, imported cheeses, an array of Mignon fine chocolates, and light appetizers by Chin Chin Catering will be available. This year's special guest emcee is Fritz Coleman, popular Channel 4 weatherman, talented standup comedian – and longtime supporter of the Red Cross. Live musical entertainment will also be featured, as well as an art exhibit by Nathan Sawaya, "Art of the Brick" that features sculptures made entirely out of Lego® bricks. Adding to the festivities is a drawing and a silent auction of many gift items and entertainment events contributed by local businesses and community members. All proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross, furthering its ability to help communities in Glendale and the Crescenta Valley in times of unexpected emergencies. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 for two people. To purchase tickets, call (818) 243-3121. Online ticketing is available at www.GlendaleArts.org (\$2 per ticket surcharge applies for online purchases). Questions may be directed to chapter executive officer Ron Farina at (818) 243-3121, ext. 115 or at Ronald.Farina@redcross.org. Forest Lawn Glendale Museum, 1712 S. Glendale Avenue, Glendale

SCANDINAVIAN MID-SUMMER HOLIDAY PLANNED

The Foothill-based Sons of Norway, Edvard Grieg lodge, will celebrate the Scandinavian mid-summer holiday with a day-long Viking Fest, featuring authentically clad Viking re-enactors, Viking sports such as kubbb, Viking crafts and runes. Open to the public of all ages, there is no admission charge. The event will take place from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 on the grounds of the Lutheran Church of the Foothills, site of regular Edvard Grieg lodge meetings and activities. There will be crafts and activities for all ages, including playing of kubbb, the Viking lawn bowling game, making Viking whipcord, and learning to write your name in runic letters.

Viking re-enactment troupe, the Ravens of Odin, will bring Viking times to life with demonstration of weapons, weaving and daily life. Refreshments will be available, including "Viking dogs" – pølse med lompe (a hot dog wrapped in special Norwegian flatbread) – as well as Danish ice cream from Paradis in Montrose. Authentic Viking music will be presented by vocalists Kari Davis of Altadena, Cara Clove of La Crescenta and Stephanie Krystad of Altadena with drums and pipes. There will be multi-media illustrated talks on Viking ships, Vikings in Ireland and Vikings in the Middle East. Vendors offering Viking and Scandinavian wares will be on site. For further information, call Judith Vinje, Viking festival artistic director, at (818) 563-2526, or Jo Ness, Edvard Grieg Lodge president, at (818) 249-8102. Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 1700 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada

LOCAL BUSINESS WOMEN TO HOST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Verdugo Glen Chapter will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 22 with a luncheon at Burbank's Castaway Restaurant. Special guest speaker will be ABWA's National District VI Vice President Bryna Dambrowski of Long Beach. Chapter past presidents will be honored in addition to the nine student scholarship recipients and the National Board of Directors Impact Scholarship winner Arpa Shahijanjan of Burbank. Special recognition will be presented to the chapter Woman of the Year and Top Ten Business Woman candidate Lori Hartwell of Glendale. The chapter Business Associate of the Year will be announced. The mission of ABWA is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others to grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. The luncheon cost is \$45. For reservations and information, call (818) 547-1422.

SENIOR EXPO AT CRESCENTA-CANADA Y

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

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

VILLAGE POETS OF SUNLAND-TUJUNGA

The Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga have their next monthly poetry reading series on Sunday, June 23 at Bolton Hall Museum in Tujunga from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The featured poet is Alex M. Frankel. His chapbook is "My Father's Lady, Wearing Black." Frankel will have a full-length book out later this year, called, "Birth Mother Mercy." His book reviews appear regularly in The Antioch Review. Frankel has been nominated by Judith Hall for "Best New Poet" for his poem, "SoccerStud16 I Need to Leave This World Come Back as You." Open reading! Light refreshments! Admission is free! Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga: http://www.villagepoets.blogspot.com Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga,

READY TO DO THE TWIST?

21st Annual Family Music Festival with Chubby Checker, Ben E. King, and Jay and The Americans is on Sunday, June 23 at 4 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Admission is \$20 for general public, \$14 for members of the Arboretum, Descanso Gardens, South Coast Botanic Garden and Virginia Robinson Gardens. Children under 12 free and must be accompanied by an adult. For information

and details, call (626) 821-3222 or visit www.arboretum.org. Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

FIRST CVHS CLASS OF '63 PLANS 50-YEAR REUNION

A 50-year reunion is being planned by the members of the first class to graduate from Crescenta Valley High in 1963. The "First and the Best" will celebrate June 22-23 at Angeles National Golf Club nestled at the base of the Angeles National Forest just 15 minutes from Burbank Airport and numerous hotels. Planning committee members are seeking addresses and email addresses of classmates to notify them of the event. Former Falcons are asked to contact Denice "Pruden" Heatherington at d.prudenheatherington@yahoo.com or Gene Wilcott at gwilcott@charter.net. Plans include a Saturday night "Buffet of Memories: An Evening with Old Friends, Fine Food & Good Spirits," and a Sunday brunch. Area residents might remember when the "old" Clark Junior High campus was converted into a high school in the fall of 1960, and there was only a sophomore class. Those students were the first to graduate from the new high school, and they established the school mascot, school colors, school song (written by class faculty advisor Shirley Nute) and many other traditions. Class president Tim MacDonald heads a committee composed of Heatherington, Wilcott, Miles Olin, Kathie "Schreck" Olin, Susie "Schunck" Gorman, Merry "Delbridge" Shelburne, Terry "Wudke" Baugh, Donna "Gammer" Didden, Gayle "Hasselschwert" Kemper, and class advisor Nute, with special thanks to the "Keepers of the List," Dennis and Mary "MacArthur" LeBlanc.

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Nutritionist	_____
Pediatrician	_____
Pharmacist	_____
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Veterinarian	_____
Other	_____

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Accountant/Bookkeeper	_____
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Attorney	_____
Auto Mechanic	_____
Barber	_____
Bartender	_____
Hair Stylist	_____
Caterer	_____
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Clothing Store	_____
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Comic Store	_____



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Day Care	_____
Day Spa	_____
Dry Cleaner	_____
Electronic Game Store	_____
Electronics Store	_____
Elementary School	_____
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Massage Studio	_____
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# RELIGION

## NOTES & NODS

**Movie Night at Center**

The community is invited to attend the movie, “What is New Thought?” on Saturday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living in La Crescenta.

Although its influence has been widespread throughout our culture, most people have little knowledge about this far-reaching spiritual movement. Get a closer look at how New Thought has had an impact in the world and find out more about what our Center’s philosophy is based on.

Love donation.

Also at the Center, Dr. Mark Anthony continues his Wednesday night Ayurvedic Perfect Health classes.

All are invited at 7 p.m. Classes can be taken individually for \$50.

Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. at Santa Carlotta.

**Getting Ready for Summer at CV-CHURCH**

It’s time to celebrate the lazy, hazy and hot days of summer with some excellent music! Crescenta Valley Church presents “Summer Nights,” a concert on Sunday evening, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. Come and bring your whole family to enjoy summer songs by Swedish House Mafia, David Guetta, Keith Urban, Rihanna and more. Special guests include Kesha Shantrell and Aaron Encinas who will perform their YouTube hit “Stay” with Whitney Wood! The CVCHURCH band includes people from the American Idol finals choir and Dionne Warwick’s band, among others.

A food truck, free childcare (4 and under), and a whole lot of fun for everyone! A portion of the food sales will go to support the Walter Hoving Home, a Pasadena rehab center for women who struggle with addictions.

The event will also feature Barnabas Clothing, a cool company with some great clothes for the summer.

CVCHURCH is located at 4001 La Crescenta Ave. at the corner of Piedmont between Montrose and Honolulu avenues in La Crescenta.

**Spiritual Self-Worth Explored**

International speaker Rob Gilbert will give a talk on a core element of mental health in all stages of life – self-worth – on Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at Church of Christ, Scientist, in Montrose. His address will explore how an understanding of God’s nature, and our own, “encourages and empowers us to assert our God-given dominion and to embrace the natural worth of being a child of God.” His topic, “Spiritual self worth heals and transforms human character,” is suitable for youth and adults. There will be childcare for very young children. There is no admission fee.

The sponsoring organization, the Church of Christ, Scientist in Montrose, recognizes the community’s need for events that support social and spiritual progress in the wake of two teen suicides in two years, while also considering the needs of friends, parents, grandparents and those who live alone and those who may feel alone even in a crowd. This event offers practical support for all ages to find meaningful life purpose, and to help others identify a secure basis for worthiness.

Gilbert, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science, served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, fulfilling assignments in military prisons and hospitals including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He has worked closely with clergy and soldiers of many faiths, and with people who do not identify with a religious practice.

“It requires something more than human will to bring about needed change and silence a deep discontent with our lives,” Gilbert said of what his experiences indicate.

**Harrison to speak at LaCresPres**

La Crescenta Presbyterian presents a special guest speaker for its Distinguished Lecture series. David Harrison will offer a seminar titled, “Raising Financially Responsible Children in a Financially Irresponsible World” on Wednesday, June 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the chapel.

In this one time seminar, Harrison will address some of the major issues facing parents today in regards to materialism and wealth.

Harrison has been practicing estate law for 18 years in Orange County and has served as assistant vice president for Endowment Development for California State University at Long Beach and also as senior executive director for Gift Planning for World Vision. He currently serves as the director of Planned Giving at Hume Lake Ministries.

Admission to the presentation is free.

For more information, contact the church office at (818) 248-6137 or visit online at lcpc.net.

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

These ideas are based on the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Bible, and as discussed in “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures” by Mary Baker Eddy. Gilbert is a member of the Christian Science board of Lectureship.

Church of Christ, Scientist, in Montrose is located at 2406 Honolulu Ave.

**Come One and Come All!**

The Tujunga United Methodist Church is hosting its annual rummage sale on Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (each day). Wonderful deals on quality second-hand items will abound! For additional information, call (818) 473-4185 or (818) 353-3669.

The Tujunga United Methodist Church is located at 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga.

## Eaves Says Goodbye



Photo by Michael J. ARVIZU  
Paige Eaves, pastor of Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, shown at work in her office. Eaves will leave her post of seven years on July 1 to become pastor of University United Methodist Church in Irvine.

By Michael J. ARVIZU

For the past seven years, the Rev. Paige Eaves has held the reigns as pastor of Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church in La Crescenta (CVUMC). On July 1, Eaves will officially take on a new pastoral assignment at University United Methodist Church in Irvine, replacing lead pastor Rev. Eric M. Smith.

The Rev. Steve Marshall of Walnut United Methodist Church in Walnut will take Eaves’ place as pastor of CVUMC.

University United is a larger church over her present assignment in terms of church population, Eaves said. She and her husband, Forrest Robinson, will eventually move to Orange County.

As her last days in La Crescenta wind down, Eaves can be found moving about her office, conducting “tedious administrative stuff,” she said, in order to leave everything in order for her successor.

Paige describes her transfer as a common occurrence among Methodist Church leadership.

“In the Methodist system, they reappoint us, they move us around,” said Eaves. “This part of the farewell is pretty difficult and tearful. A lot of what I’ve been doing is disengaging in a way that leaves things as stable as possible – not just the tedious administrative things, but keeping things stable for everybody else.”

As a wrap-up to her time at CVUMC, Eaves is planning a summer program event for the end of June as well as a “greatest hits” sermon series made up of her best sermons.

“Not only the best of me, but the best of us. Here are the good things we have done together,” said Eaves of the sermon series. “That’s part of who you are. Who you are transcends me with you – you did that work; it’s not dependent on me anymore.”

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# BUSINESS

## Pura Vida Montrose Travel

Montrose Travel negotiates exclusive Costa Rica familiarization trip for its team of independent contractors.

Earlier this month, a team of independent contractors from Montrose Travel's MTravel.com Hosting Division traveled to Costa Rica on an educational familiarization trip to explore numerous properties and local excursions. Montrose Travel currently hosts 500-plus independent travel professionals nationwide.

Teamed with representatives from participating supplier partners, their team of independent contractors and Montrose Travel associates traveled to San Jose, Arenal, Monteverde, and Guanacaste on a seven-day trip that included 23 hotel and resort visits.

For the second consecutive year, Montrose Travel has worked with Pleasant Holidays to organize an exclusive event for their independent contractors and associates to experience a destination firsthand. These unique experiences provide their knowledgeable travel professionals the opportunity to immerse themselves in the country and gain valuable insights as they visit numerous resort properties. By experiencing Costa Rica in person, their travel professionals will be able to give better customer service and vacation suggestions to their clients embarking on their own Costa Rican vacations.

Jim O'Brien of Achieve Your Dream Travel, an independent contractor of Montrose Travel, heard of the friendliness of the Costa Ricans



and the country's diverse beauty.

"Gaining firsthand experience with Pura Vida was a fabulous experience," said O'Brien. "Participating on the trip enabled me to speak authoritatively with my clients about Costa Rica, our travel partners and the hotels and resorts we visited."

While in Costa Rica, Montrose Travel associates were able to also experience local excursions such as ziplining above the Cloud Forest canopy, hiking to waterfalls and enjoying the Costa Rican cuisine.

In addition to giving their independent contractors the opportunity to gain valuable destination knowledge, Montrose Travel, as a host agency, provided many benefits that further secured

their position as a top competitor in the host agency arena.

As a family-oriented company, Montrose Travel's MTravel.com team works to get to know each independent contractor personally, and tailors their support to the agent's needs.

Each independent contractor also has access to the mentoring support of the Business Development team, as well as award-winning programs in training, technology, and marketing.

"I don't know any agency that comes close to matching what Montrose Travel does," said O'Brien. "That's the primary reason why I'm very glad to be a part of the Montrose team."

### » NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Listen Up!

"If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear." *Winnie the Pooh*

Listening is one of the most important skills you can learn. Top employers give regular listening skills training for their employees. It is the ability to accurately receive messages in the communication process. It is different than hearing. It is actually receiving the message being given by the person who is talking. In the midst of business, good listening skills can lead to better customer satisfaction, greater productivity with fewer mistakes and an increased sharing of information that can lead to more referrals.

In the midst of a social event or mixer, good listening skills also has benefits including making people feel connected to you because they feel listened to and, more importantly, you will be remembered among the crowd. One way to practice this skill is at our monthly mixer at Caspian Services on Wednesday, June 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Here are a few tips on how to make the most of your two hours.

Many people freeze up walking into a crowded event. They don't know what to say. They think they do not have anything interesting to say. First things first: smile. Be the friendly face in the crowd. Smiling puts others at ease and will draw people to you. If no one approaches you right away, there is usually that one other person who is also there alone and looking for someone to converse with.

Then you can use the obvious as

conversation openers: Who you are, what you do, the nice weather we have been having, etc., but the thing you want to do is create a foundation for further conversation. Best ways to do this are: 1) *Come prepared.* Before you walk into an event, make sure you are prepared. Have business cards ready and think about a few interesting facts about your business and about your life that you could share. When someone asks, "What's new?" don't ever say, "Not much. Same old thing." Respond with recent successes, and something, that will make you seem more intriguing. 2)



» JULIA  
RABAGO

*And of course listen.* Active listening greatly contributes to creating positive energy between you and the other person. People don't feel heard these days. If you make each person feel sincerely heard, then you'll make a good impression. Whatever you do, make sure you meet and thank the hosts of any event.

The host of our next business mixer is Caspian Services, Inc. They have over 10 years of experience and have over 300 projects completed. You can visit their website at [www.caspianservices.net](http://www.caspianservices.net) to find out

more about them or you can join us for the CV Chamber mixer they are hosting on June 12. The mixer will be in the upstairs courtyard of their new offices in the Hollywood Production Center Building at 401 N. Brand Blvd., second floor. There will be free parking at the Hollywood Production Center that you enter on Orange Street. This mixer is going to have food, refreshments, a DJ, prizes and great networking, along with the chance to speak to the Caspian Services team about your website or marketing needs. They will also have a regulation craps table and Blackjack table with dealers. Participants to the mixer will each get \$200 in funny money. At the end of play, we will tabulate the chips; the top three winners will receive prizes.

At this mixer we will also be delivering scholarships to four well deserving local seniors who will be attending college this fall. Hope you join us at this mixer on June 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Important dates: June 12 – 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](mailto:crescentachamber@aol.com) / [www.LaCrescenta.org](http://www.LaCrescenta.org) / 3131 Foothill Blvd., Ste. D.

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

### » MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK NEWS



» MARY  
DAWSON

## Major Movie Shoot in the Montrose Shopping Park



"Murder of a Cat" on set in the Montrose Shopping Park.

The studios love the quaint setting of the Montrose Shopping Park and we love having them! Once again, we welcomed a major movie shoot spicing up our streets. "Murder of a Cat" has a slate of famous and talented producers, directors and actors and will debut in 2014. I was thrilled to have some of the filming happen right in front of my store. I got to meet many of those involved and sit in their midst while they did their creative thing. I hope in this article to convey the excitement I felt.

So pretend it's you and imagine what it was like to see famous film producer Sam Raimi ("Spider Man," "Oz the Great and Powerful" and many more) in his trademark jacket that he wears on set, working from the circle in front of Revelation Tops! Certainly not a sight you get to see everyday!

He was joined by his lovely wife, director Gillian Greene, daughter of "Bonanza's" Lorne Greene. They arrived with cast and crew and would be filming all through the night ... for several nights.

Now for those who don't know, I am a big "Twilight" fan. I watched every movie, read the books and play the CDs in my store. Who would ever guess Nikki Reed (she played Rosalie) would be doing take after take right near our front door! We also got to watch Greg Kinnear ("As Good As It

Gets," "Little Miss Sunshine"), J.K. Simmons ("The Ladykillers") and Fran Kranz ("The Cabin in the Woods") all do fascinating scenes.

I can't wait 'til this movie comes out so I can see the final result. From what I hear, the script made last year's black list, which means it's on its way to being a big success. The story line is clever, too. It's about a 30-something man, Kranz, who lives with his mom and loves his cat. When the cat is found dead, his quest to find the killer leads him to the discovery that the cat was leading a double life. In the movie, the young man was a small business owner, which we can all relate to in good old Montrose.

In talking with location manager Michael Neale, I discovered he was involved in two other famous Montrose movie shoots: "The Wedding Singer" and "Old School." Not only that, his family used to live in Glendale! Small world, huh? By the way, one of our Montrose Shopping Park Facebook fans posted that he just saw "Hitchcock" and you can really see Faye's and Montrose in the movie.

Can't wait to see "Murder of A Cat." Oh boy!

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



The Revelation sisters and actress Nikki Reed.



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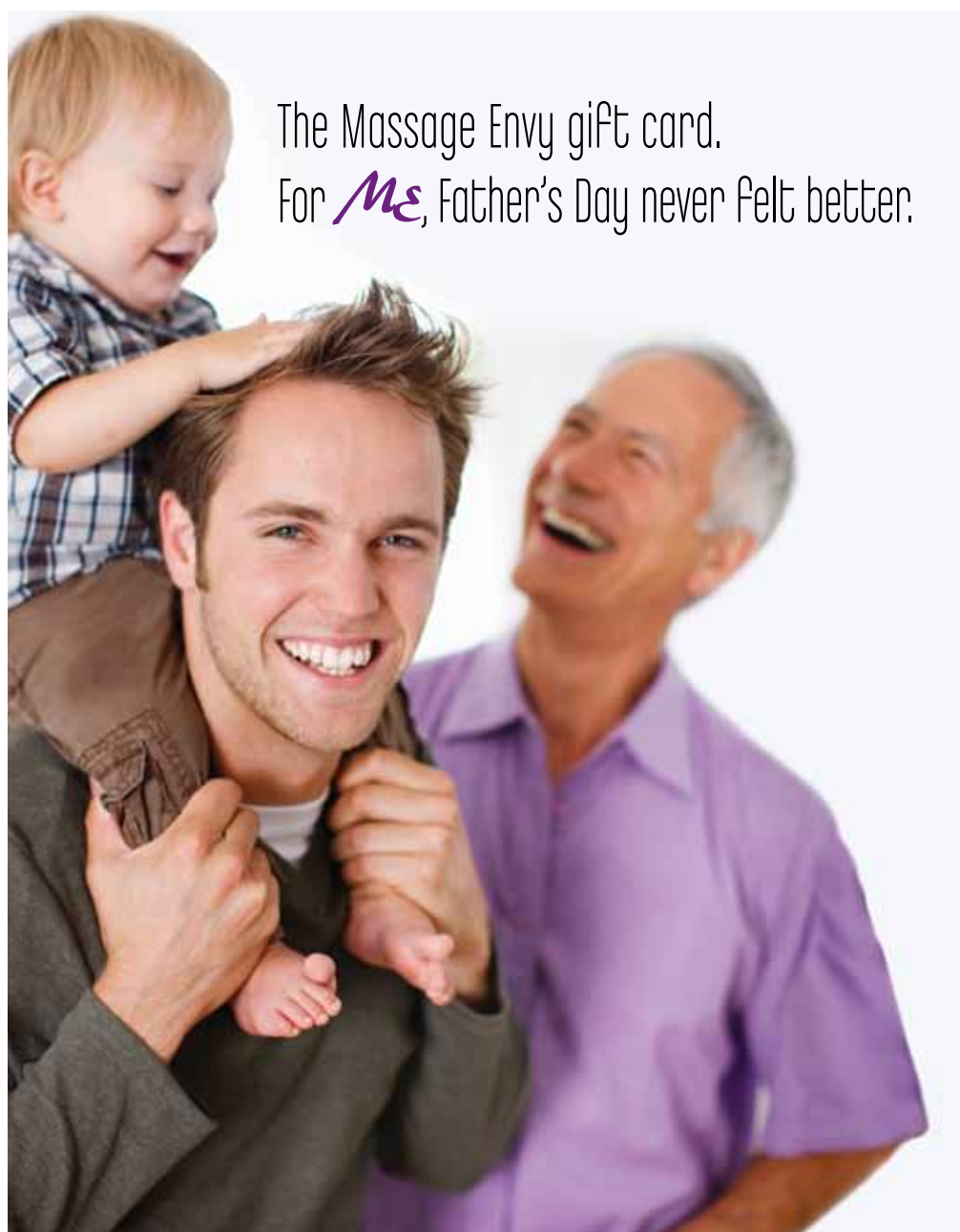
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