

## City Council Deadlocked Over Mayor Selection

By Ted AYALA

Glendalians seeking an answer as to who will be the city's new mayor were left teetering on a cliffhanger Tuesday night. City Council was unable to reach an agreement on who would be selected for mayor in the coming term. Mayor Laura Friedman, whose vote would have been the tiebreaker, was attending an exposition in Goseong, South Korea, one of Glendale's sister cities.

Councilmember Ara Najarian, who preceded Friedman as mayor, nominated Manoukian who served as mayor pro tem for the duration of the meeting, while Weaver and Quintero nominated themselves. The vote deadlocked with two votes each for Manoukian, Weaver, and Quintero. Candidates for the job need to earn a majority of three votes in order to gain the position of mayor.

Council protocol has established that candidates who are running for reelection are barred from serving as mayor, as the position may serve to unfairly augment their candidacy in an election. This would have eliminated Quintero, though Weaver asked him to publicly address rumors about his political future before proceeding further with the selection process.

"Just to clarify the rumors, Mr. Quintero—you're not running [for reelection] again?" asked Weaver. "No, I will not run for City Council again," replied Quintero.

Weaver also asked Manoukian to dispel rumors that he is considering running for the city treasurer position.

"I have not made that decision," said Manoukian. "I've always made it clear to everyone that I am interested in that position. But at this point there has been no decision."

Because of the deadlock, the selection of the new mayor will be carried over into next week, pending Mayor Friedman's tiebreaking vote.

"In my 15 years on the Council, we've never voted without a full Council," said Weaver.

The procedure came under fire from Najarian for its complicated nature.

"We really need to clean this up for next time, once we have a new mayor seated," he said. "We always have this issue."

## Playing Out the Possibilities: CVDAPC Prevents 'Scenes from Teens'

*Three skits and a debate explore solutions to underage drinking.*

By Jason KUROSU

The Crescenta Valley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition held a seminar regarding underage drinking which covered the topic in a variety of ways, including situations from both teenage and parental perspectives and various strategies for prevention. The CVDAPC often features guest speakers at their meetings, but a different approach was adopted for Monday night's occasion, entitled Stop Underage Drinking: What Every Parent Needs to Know. This approach consisted of a three act play depicting different scenarios involving underage drinking and a moderated debate on how best to combat alcohol consumption amongst minors.

As attendees entered the Center for Spiritual Living, they were handed agendas for the night's proceedings that were designed to look like playbills. The performers were teens and parents from the community, some of them members of the CVDAPC, and the scenes were scripted by high school students.

Act 1 depicted a pair of kids obtaining alcohol from their home, then joining a friend of theirs who had taken beers from his older brother. Act 2 depicted



Photo by Jason KUROSU

CVHS freshman Omar Trad gave a compelling argument that in part said that of the top 10 punishments that discouraged teens from drinking getting in trouble with police and/or the law was number one.

parents who felt underage drinking was safe as long as it occurred in their home while they supervised. Despite their presence, one of the teens left the home when they hadn't noticed and drove drunk. The final act consisted of a series of statistics regarding alcohol usage rates among teenagers and touched upon how early alcohol use leads more frequently to persistent alcohol abuse later.

The meat of the seminar, however, was the debate. A

team of students assembled by New Hope Academy Educational Director Hanna Oh and coached by New Hope's Elizabeth Sutlian argued over two primary methods for preventing underage drinking.

The students, ranging from seventh graders to high school sophomores, were from Crescenta Valley High, La Cañada High, Valencia High, Flintridge Preparatory, La Cañada Middle School, Holy Redeemer Catholic School and

Rancho Pico Middle School. They debated whether enforcing social hosting laws or developing parental involvement would be more effective in preventing underage drinking. The debaters were split into two five-member teams.

Team 1 argued the effectiveness of social hosting laws, which would hold parents and other liable for any dangers which would befall minors drinking in their presence. This

see CVDAPC on page 8

## Walters Named GUSD Board President

By Mary O'KEEFE



Christine Walters, above, has been named the new GUSD board president.

With the banging of the gavel, Glendale Unified School District board member Christine Walters ushered in a new administration.

This is the first time since being elected to the school board in 2009 that Walters will take the reins as president.

The educational system in California has never been simple. The governor releases a budget in January, it is discussed/debated/revised in May and then something completely different is voted on in later months. School boards struggle with an ever changing bottom-line from the state however must make certain their budgets are balanced three years in advance.

"The area of a lot of concern is

finance, and with the November elections and potential results," Walters said.

She added that the GUSD school board members work as a team and she is certain they will be prepared, whatever the outcome.

Another area of interest for Walters is technology and Measure S.

"We have laid the ground work for Measure S. Technology is a particular interest of mine," she said. "I work in a technology group."

Measure S is a voter approved bond measure that is dedicated to bringing technology into the classroom.

Higher education is also another issue of concern especially with the recent tuition raises

and possible enrollment freeze at California state universities. The district has set the stage to work on a high school/college program with Glendale Community College.

"We are continuing those college conversations," she said. "There is so much uncertainty it is hard to find where to start."

Walters has two sons, one who is in college and the other graduating this year from high school. She had served as PTA president at Hoover High School.

Fellow boardmember Nayiri Nahabedian will take the board's vice president seat. This is her first time in that position since she was elected in 2007. Mary Boger is the newly named clerk and members Greg Krikorian and Joylene Wagner.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# Easter, Passover Reflections

In December after I had written my commentary on Christmas, a lady called me inquiring about the paper and asking if I had an agenda, citing my Christian-based column. I told her no and said I wrote the column because it was Christmas time. She pointed out that it was also Hanukkah.

For the record, I don't have an agenda, but her comments did give me pause. Yes, the season celebrated Christmas and Hanukkah – and don't forget Kwanzaa. But the fact is that I am Christian and know about Christmas. I feel it would be irresponsible for me to opine on Hanukkah or Kwanzaa when I only have peripheral knowledge of these holidays.

Which brings us to Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday – and Passover, which begins Friday evening, April 6.

My best friend Amy is Jewish and over the almost 40 years (gulp!) that we've been friends, her family has invited me to a couple of Passover Seders. The presentation of the different foods, the

prayers spoken so melodically in Hebrew and the gusto in which the holiday was celebrated left me with a warm understanding of Passover traditions.

Traditionally, a Seder table is set with a kiddush cup placed in front of the Seder leader for the ceremonial wine that will be drunk four times during the meal. Additionally, a Seder plate is also placed in front of the leader containing a roasted shank bone, karpas (a green herb or vegetable, usually parsley), a roasted egg, charoset (a paste-like mixture of fruits, nuts and wine) and maror (a bitter herb, usually horseradish, though some use romaine lettuce). Each food has a meaning – for example, the maror represents the bitterness of slavery that the Jews suffered.

The entire meal is a ceremony of remembrance and honor.

After the Seder meal is presented, the "real" dinner is served. I've enjoyed matzo ball soup, brisket, potato latkes and much, much more at Passover dinner.

This year, along with the celebration

of Passover in Jewish homes, Christians are preparing for the greatest event in their history – the resurrection of Jesus Christ celebrated on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday – the Sunday prior to Easter – kicks off Holy Week. Holy or Maundy Thursday is the anniversary of Christ's Last Supper with his apostles. Good Friday follows with the commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus. I remember growing up Catholic attending Good Friday services and observing three hours of silence in respect for the hours Christ suffered on the cross.

Holy Saturday is a day of preparation for Easter Sunday, which could be celebrated after sundown on Saturday or on Sunday.

Even in our Catholic household, Easter morning brought colored candy eggs that were hidden in our home plus an Easter basket. I know that the bunny and eggs are symbols of fertility, but how they became connected with the risen Jesus is a mystery. However, I did read that eggs were forbidden during Lent,

the 40 days of fasting leading up to Easter, so maybe that's why they were introduced.

Growing up, Easter Sunday included new church clothes for my sister and I – hats, gloves, purses, and patent-leather shoes. It was a time to bust out everything beautiful and new.

Whether you celebrate the resurrection on Easter, the tradition of Passover or the arrival of spring, my wish is that you feel the excitement and wonder that is shared by so many.


These events are reminders of the hope given to us and the promises that so many have placed their trust in. I hope your holiday – whatever you celebrate – renews that spirit within you.

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# Weather in the foothills



"Twas Easter-Sunday.  
The full-blossomed trees  
Filled all the air with fragrance and with joy."  
~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As the last days of March fell from the calendar, mild "like a lamb" they were not. Especially on the 31st, the early morning resembled a scene from a Sherlock Holmes mystery. Fog blanketed the foothills and by evening a light rain began to fall. Let's call it a mild spring rain. This season's rain total now stands at 11.02 inches, and a promise of an April shower.

April dawned in stellar beauty on Sunday. North winds cleared the fog, revealing robin-egg blue skies. No one could doubt spring's arrival. This week also brings the religious celebrations of Passover and Easter. Their histories are intertwined, but they commemorate very different events. Both occur in the spring and have a common theme of renewal and rebirth. Easter commemorates, for Christians, the renewal of life as Jesus rose from the dead – eternal life is revealed. On Passover, the Jewish people fled Egypt and the bondage of slavery. Their freedom is renewed and they are reborn into their faith at this time.

At some point in my religious training, I was fascinated by the idea that Jesus was actually Jewish – what a concept to a 6-year-old! And the Last Supper was a Passover Seder. What next?

Well, if you shift slightly away from the religious aspects of Easter, you literally head straight down the rabbit hole...

Favorable weather with highs in the mid 70s is expected this weekend. No umbrellas needed while hunting for eggs this year. So with Passover being observed this weekend, I wondered ... do Jewish children dye and look for hidden eggs also?

I consulted with my dear friend Leonard Coutin (photographer and writer for CV Weekly) on this matter. This is what he shared, as a Jewish boy growing up in Glenoaks Canyon: "I did enjoy egg hunts and remember coloring eggs with dye. Great fun! My parents never associated any real religious meaning or emphasis to it. All the girls wore cute outfits during this time. We always had to wear nice clean clothes. A good Jewish boy will attend a Seder or two to hear the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Reading the story and following the traditional chants was always important at our house. The best thing after a large meal was the hiding of the afikomen."

This is where Leonard left me – on my own to research. Afikomen, which literally means dessert, is one half of the matzo broken off and saved until after Passover dinner. It is then hidden for the children to find. Rewards of money and candy are given. It is said this tradition helped little ones stay awake during the long evening.

Two springtime holidays, both religious – we can appreciate and enjoy their differences and similarities. The weather conditions are also in agreement. Perfect!

"Chag Sameach" ~ "Happy Easter"

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## NEWS

## IN BRIEF

**EASTER CARNIVAL COMING TO SUNLAND PARK**

Sunland-Tujunga's Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Sunland-Tujunga's Easter Carnival, an event they've held for over 50 years, at Sunland Park. This year's Easter Carnival promises to be the best with newer rides, yummy food choices, vendors, Easter egg hunts on both Saturday and Sunday with the hidden golden egg containing a special treat. There will also be games and contests, outdoor entertainment, bands, an inside the park petting zoo, Easter Bunny and Ronald McDonald making guest appearances. Flexible entry pricing accommodates all family needs. A one price for "all rides all day ticket" is available for \$25 or there is a \$5 entry fee and individual ride tickets can be purchased at the booths. The carnival is on Friday, April 6, Saturday, April 7 and Sunday April 8. Check the website for hours and location, parking, map, list of food trucks, rules. [www.sunlandcarnival.com](http://www.sunlandcarnival.com)

For more information, contact Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce at (818) 352-4433 or Sonia Tatulian or Fran Loiselle, Tomi Bowling at (818) 353-9143.

Sunland Park, 8651 Foothill Blvd, Sunland

**TOUR OF PROPOSED PRESERVE**

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy will be conducting a public tour/hike of the proposed Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m. The Rosemont Preserve is located at the top of Rosemont Avenue in La Crescenta. It is requested all visitors park their cars at Two Strike Park (located ¼ mile below the Preserve site).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce is planning its Golf Classic fundraiser to provide scholarships to selected seniors at Crescenta Valley and Clark Magnet high schools.

This tournament takes place on Thursday, May 3 and includes great participant goodies, lunch, beverages (water, sodas, beer) on the course, and fun casual golf. This is a par-3 course that is comfortable for men and women, the beginner to the advanced.

The tax deductible fee is \$60 for an individual and \$200 for a foursome.

Merchandise sponsors opportunities available.

Contact the Montrose-Verdugo City chamber at (818) 249-7171.

**TICKETS ON SALE FOR TASTE OF MONTROSE**

Tickets for the annual Taste of Montrose fundraiser are now on sale. Tickets cost \$20 for the event that takes place along Honolulu Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 6. Tickets are available at the Montrose and La Crescenta UPS Stores, Merle Norman Cosmetics on Honolulu Avenue, the Montrose Verdugo City and Crescenta Valley chambers of commerce, CV High School and the offices of Crescenta Valley Weekly. All proceeds benefit Crescenta Valley High School's Prom Plus committee.

More than 20 restaurants are expected to participate.

To purchase tickets or for restaurants wanting to participate, contact Robin at (818) 601-2432 or Lisa at (818) 314-9810. To learn more about Prom Plus, visit [www.promplus.org](http://www.promplus.org).

**"SPLASH WEEK" AT THE "Y"**

During spring break, the Crescenta-Cañada and Verdugo Hills Family YMCAs will host their annual Splash Week. Children will learn water safety practices and basic swimming skills. Both pool time and classroom time will be incorporated with trained YMCA instructors. This exciting week of pool safety and fun is open to kids ages 6-12.

For those on spring break from April 2-6, the Verdugo Hills Family YMCA is offering Splash Week from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members for the entire week.

For those on spring break from April 9-13, the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA will be hosting Splash Week from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost is \$40 for the week.

For more information, contact Aquatics Director Heather Harris at (818) 790-0123, ext. 223.

## Bear



A bear has made himself at home in Glendale. He has been seen in many neighborhoods along the Verdugo Mountains and appears to have a fondness lately for the Mountain Oaks area.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Residents in Crescenta Valley understand they live in the mountains. There are deer, coyotes and the occasional mountain lion. But it is a bear that has been getting most of the attention – and press – lately.

The bear began gaining a real following after an appearance in the 3700 block of Beechglan Drive, a north Glendale neighborhood where he, or she, entered an open garage in mid-March and helped himself (herself) to some food in the refrigerator.

"The garage door was open and there was rotting meat in the refrigerator," said Andrew Hughan of the California Fish and Game Department.

The refrigerator was not working at the time and the smell of the spoiled meat was something the bear could not apparently pass up.

"It did get into the garage, but ran away when [approached]," Hughan said. "We don't know if it is a female or a male bear."

Since then the bear has made numerous appearances in the nearby neighborhoods.

"We have patrols in the area every day," Hughan said. "We don't hunt bears until they become a real problem."

That problem, according to Fish and Game, is determined by the bear's reaction to humans. At present the bear will run when he hears a noise.

"When there is the slightest bit of activity, the bear runs away," he said. "If he becomes brazen or just sits and looks at someone [instead of running then Fish and Game will respond differently]."

But it is how comfortable the bear seems to be in the local neighborhoods that concerns Della Maupin.

She and her husband Bill have lived in the Mountain Oaks area for 48 years and have dealt with mountain lions, coyotes and a lot of rattlesnakes. Bears are a new issue.

"[The bear] was here this morning (Wednesday). I heard him break the gate," Maupin said. "He pulled it apart. Pulled the screws out of the gate and then went in our backyard."

The Maupins had cleaned the

area with bleach, hoping that would cancel out any smell of garbage which attracts the bear.

"That didn't work. I called 911 and the Glendale police were out here fast and took a report," she said.

"We are patrolling the area but we can't do anything," said Sgt. Tom Lorenz, GPD.

The police can honk horns and make noise to scare the bear but, unlike the coyotes, bears are in the jurisdiction of Fish and Game.

Hughan said his department is working closely with GPD and are noting every time a resident calls in reporting the bear.

In Mountain Oaks, the bear does not seem to care whether he is under the jurisdiction of GPD or Fish and Game. He has found a home.

"He has hit every house here. Last week he was here Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Maupin added.

The bear has seemed to make the Maupin neighbor's yard his number one territory.

The neighbors are taking the suggestion of keeping the garbage cans in closed areas and not putting them on the curb the night before trash pick up. But the bear seems to be clever and determined.

One neighbor had two trash cans that he built a gate around with a latch to close the doors. Another neighbor watched the bear go to the latch, open it and pull the trash bins out.

What worries Maupin, however, is that the bear is not only active at night but has now ventured out during the day.

"Two weeks ago I was up and went outside to throw trash away around 2 p.m. I shut the gate and went back inside," she said.

About an hour later, she went outside and her garbage cans were once again tipped over and garbage thrown about – the bear's signature style.

Mountain Oaks is adjacent to Crescenta Valley Park, which is a popular walking/hiking destination.

"That is what concerns us. What if he decides to go down

instead of up [here]? There is a playground there," she said.

"Bears are tricky. We have to take it on a case by case [basis]," Hughan said.

"To the [residents'] credit, they have been taking care of the garbage for the past few weeks."

Lorenz added that for the most part people have taken heed of the Fish and Game warnings but there are still some who are making it easy for the bear.

"We have had some neighbors call and tell us that they not putting their [garbage bins] out but then tell us their neighbors [continue to put the bins] out," Lorenz said.

"The fate of the bear depends on the people up there," Hughan said.

Maupin is still concerned that the fate of the bear may be decided not by the neighbors but the bear himself.

"I just hope they aren't going to wait until someone gets hurt," she said.

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# Community Helps St. Luke's with Tree Debris



LEFT: Prom Plus Club kids worked together to clear the tree debris from the Fire House. RIGHT: Joe Allen, left, and Steve Pierce cut logs into firewood size as they cleared St. Luke's of fallen trees.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The old stone church on the corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard is a little more visible now after trees have been removed and cleared.

During a recent windstorm several trees at St. Luke's of the Mountain Episcopal Church toppled over.

"They fell during the big wind and rain," said Bryan Jones,

vicar of St. Luke's.

Part of the trees had dropped onto Rosemont Avenue. The church cleared those limbs and dragged them onto the property.

Then Jones contacted a tree specialist and found that the trees were diseased and had to be taken out, however the fee for clearing the trees was not in the church's budget.

That is when Warren Spayth and Steve Pierce decided to

help. Both men are volunteers at the Fire House youth center early Thursday mornings. The center is open for Rosemont Middle School students for their late start on Thursdays.

They begin to plan a "Fire House tree day" and gathered volunteers. On Saturday morning, Spayth and Pierce were joined by Steve Goldsworthy, Joe Allen and Eli Locke in addition to Prom Plus Club kids and the work began. Allied Waste donated a bin for the tree waste.

By noon, the dead and dying trees were cleared out and a pile of firewood was stacked at the side of a stone wall.

What the future holds for the now open area has yet to be determined.

"We are still considering our plans. In the last couple of weeks we have formed a Community Garden Group," Jones said.

The group has plans to create a community garden on the property and may plant fruit trees in place of those that have been taken out.

"Anyone who would like to join our Community Garden Group is welcome. Members of the church and [non] members can join us," Jones said.

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# Clark Magnet High Team Claims Lexus First Place Win

Lexus and Scholastic publishers, sponsors of the Lexus Eco Challenge, announced on March 20 that the Carbonators, an eight-student team from Clark Magnet High School, won a first prize in the fifth annual Lexus Eco Challenge.

Clark's Carbonators is one of eight teams nationwide to win a \$15,000 first prize with \$3,000 designated for the school, \$2,000 for the teacher advisor and \$10,000 in scholarships for the students, said Nancy Hubbell of Lexus Communications. Two additional teams won a \$30,000 grand prize.

The prestigious Lexus national contest encourages middle and high school students to develop and implement environmental programs that positively impact

their communities. In January, the Carbonators won \$10,000 from Lexus by demonstrating their project and qualifying for the final challenge competition.

The Lexus Eco Challenge, created by automaker Lexus, and children's publisher Scholastic was designed to educate young people about the environment and to inspire them to solve problems.

The Carbonators, under the direction of teacher-advisor Dominique Evans-Bye, used ArcGIS mapping technology to research the negative impact of ozone smog in Los Angeles County, the most polluted metropolitan area in the nation, and to address how smog negatively affects the environment. The Carbonators then identified

smog levels throughout California with data from the Environmental Protection Agency and used the data to create spatial analysis maps in ArcGIS mapping software.

With the spatial statistics tools in ArcGIS, the Clark students were able to directly correlate ground-level ozone smog to asthma incidents, using data from the Department of Health. To then illustrate an option for alternative energy, students utilized the Los Angeles Solar Map Project data to map potential energy savings from solar panels if they were placed at each school in the Glendale Unified School District.

The Carbonators partnered with the Alliance for Climate Education, a nation nonprofit dedicated

to teaching high school students about climate science, and held an assembly at Clark Magnet High School to promote alternative energy options to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

To take their project to a global level, the students mapped ozone smog levels in Europe with ArcGIS online. They created a "Wiffiti" site and connected to Twitter to display messages from around the world reporting on ozone smog issues. The team consulted with Dr. Yifei Sun, a geography professor at California State University, Northridge, for guidance on their project.

Clark is a magnet high school in the Glendale Unified School District with an emphasis on science and technology. Clark Magnet students send several project proposals to Lexus-Scholastic each year.

"The project-based group learning promoted by the Lexus Eco Challenge gives students a chance to put skills they learn at school to

work, using data and technology to identify problems and craft real-world solutions," said Clark Magnet High School Principal Doug Dall.

Another Clark student team, also under the direction of teacher Dominique Evans-Bye, won the Lexus Eco Challenge grand prize for land and water project in 2011 for their in-depth presentation on the dangers of pollution making its way through the local ocean food chain.

"For anyone who wonders if teens today care about the world, the Lexus Eco Challenge is proof that they do," said Mark Templin, Lexus group vice president and general manager. "Through this program, more than 25,000 participants have demonstrated that they want to make the world a better place. By coming up with real-world solutions to environmental challenges, students are learning how they can make a difference in the world around them."

## Windstorm Report Released

On Wednesday, Rep. Adam Schiff released the following statement after reports were released by the Davies Group and Southern California Edison (SCE) on the response to the windstorm of November 2011:

"I am pleased that SCE has responded proactively to the problems identified in its response to the recent windstorm by releasing both an internal report and a report from an outside firm. Both reports identify areas where SCE's response should be improved for future. Most importantly, the reports call for an improved damage assessment method that will integrate

information and produce more accurate final power restoration times. It will also be essential for power companies to better apprise consumers as those restoration times change, and better monitor their poles for potential overloading problems.

"The November windstorm was an unplanned drill for a more serious natural disaster in the future, and we can learn from the problems we encountered. There are many improvements to make, and all utilities can take the lessons of the Windstorm response to heart by implementing the

lessons learned."

The windstorm, which hit the Los Angeles area on Nov. 30, knocked out power to more than 400,000 homes and businesses and did tens of millions of dollars in damage to cities in the San Gabriel valley. Power restoration proved time-consuming and difficult, with thousands still without power almost a week after the storm hit.

Schiff previously hosted a roundtable discussion with federal, state and local officials, representatives from local utilities, FEMA, the CPUC and others focusing on the windstorm and how our region can be better prepared for a future emergency.

## YMCA Forms International Partnership with National YMCA Movement in Armenia

Local YMCA supporting opportunities for involvement by all.

The YMCA of the Foothills has launched an international partnership with the National YMCA movement in Armenia. The focus of the partnership at the outset is to provide technical support and encouragement to the creation of a strategic development plan for Y Armenia's national movement, which was re-started after the collapse of the Soviet empire in 1991. Tyler Wright, CEO/president of the local Y, recently visited and provided consultation to YMCA leaders in Armenia and envisions a broad involvement in the years to come.

"The local Armenian population is one of the fastest growing groups in the communities we serve locally," said Wright. "Our desire is to be a diverse and inclusive voice in this community, making life-changing impact, while also bridging any ethnic divides that may still exist. Our hope is to connect our local work with our global friends."

The existence of the Armenian YMCA movement in Turkey dates back to 1883. Unfortunately, all of these Ys were shut down after the Armenian Genocide of 1915.



Local Y CEO Tyler Wright (fourth from left) with a group of Armenia Y employees.

The return of the Y movement to Armenia in 1991 was the result of a local humanitarian aid organization, initiated in the southwest Lori province, in response to the devastating Armenian earthquake of 1988.

The YMCA of the Foothills is focused on engaging and involving those of Armenian descent locally and the residents of Armenia abroad. During Wright's recent visit, he met with national YMCA leaders and helped start the process of strategic planning for the movement. As a result of this, the YMCA of the Foothills invested

\$20,000 through contributions raised locally to help the Armenia Ys achieve their mission of "promoting positive social change through education, advocacy and direct service delivery that develop healthy spirit, mind and body."

"It is our goal through our partnership with our friends in Armenia to develop programs and activities that will support our families here in our community creating long-lasting relationships and life-impacting experiences," commented Wright.

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# Dr. Dawn Lindsay to Leave GCC

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale Community College has announced that superintendent/president Dr. Dawn Lindsay has accepted the position of college president at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland.

She will begin her new job on Aug. 1. The search for her replacement will be discussed at the next GCC board meeting on April 16.

Lindsay will work with the board of trustees during the transition process, said Wendy Grove, GCC spokeswoman.

The process of finding a new superintendent will take some time.

"It is [likely that] an interim will be named while the search continues," Grove added.

Lindsay served as interim superintendent/president

in 2009 and was named to the position on a permanent basis in 2010. Before serving as interim superintendent she was GCC vice president of Instructional Services beginning in 2007.

She is a native of Maryland.



# CRIME BLOTTER

## April 2

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a man and woman entered Rite Aide and stole several bottles of perfume. A store employee reported viewing a surveillance video tape and witnessed the women enter the store first and began looking around as if for security. The man then entered a short time later and walked toward the toiletries aisle and began taking cologne bottles. He placed them in the hood of his jacket, under his shirt and in his pants pockets. At one point the man and woman met each other in another aisle and apparently communicated with each other. They then walked out of the store without attempting to pay. The incident occurred on March 25, but reported on April 2.

4700 block of Hampton Road in La Cañada, a rear window was shattered and two gun cases and two guns were stolen from a vehicle that was parked on the street in front of the location overnight.

500 block of Houseman Street in La Cañada, the driver's side window was shattered and a briefcase was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

900 block of Crown Avenue in La Cañada, the front passenger side window was shattered and a purse was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

## March 30

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, a purse was stolen from a shopping cart at Sprouts market between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

## March 29

3100 block of Encinal Avenue in La Crescenta, jewelry was stolen and several rooms were ransacked in a home between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

1300 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, several plants were stolen from planters at the back entrance of Home and Garden overnight.

## March 28

3000 block of Encinal Avenue in La Crescenta, a 41-year-old La Crescenta man was arrested on possession of controlled substance. Deputies responded to calls concerning a man sitting in a white van for about two hours. They found the man in his car, leaning against his steering wheel, passed out. Deputies got his attention and after an investigation they found medication that the man did not have a prescription in his name. The incident occurred 6:55 p.m.

## March 27

Encinal and Ramsdell avenues in La Crescenta, a high school student had parked his vehicle at the location and went to school. When he returned he found several small dents and two large dents in the body of the vehicle. There were also shoe prints on the hood as if someone had jumped on the car. The incident occurred between 7:50 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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# Distinguished Schools Awarded



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ABOVE LEFT: Highlighting Focus on Results through reading comprehension and technology helped Monte Vista Elementary School gain recognition as a California Distinguished School.

ABOVE RIGHT: Mountain Avenue Elementary School received the distinction of being named a California Distinguished school. Shown above is Principal Rebeca Witt with CV Town Council President Cheryl Davis (at a previous school function).

By Mary O'KEEFE

Three elementary schools within the Glendale Unified School District have been notified they have been recognized as California Distinguished schools.

Monte Vista, Mountain Avenue and Balboa elementary schools received word of their award at the end of March.

The California Department of Education has set a standard criteria for the award that includes a high Academic Performance Index Growth score. Monte Vista and Mountain Avenue's API Growth for 2011 were both 939, Mountain Avenue's was 813. But for a school to be Distinguished it is about more than numbers. The community, teachers, students, parents and staff must all work together to support their school.

Schools are invited to apply for the award. The application is an in-depth look at what the school's strengths are, their goals and

how they plan to achieve those goals.

For Mountain Avenue, the focus was on student engagement and reading comprehension.

"We were very specific by what we meant by student engagement," said Mountain Avenue Principal Rebeca Witt.

The staff had visited other schools and received special training with Kagan Professional Development. The program specializes in research-based training for teachers and staff in areas like active engagement and cooperative learning. In addition Mountain Avenue emphasized their reading comprehension program.

Monte Vista also highlighted their Focus on Results through reading comprehension and technology.

"We engage students [by] using white boards, LCD projectors and every teacher has a laptop [computer]," said Monte Vista Principal Susan Hoge.

After the application was accepted, then a group of educators toured the school sites to validate the application.

"We had a Spirit Day that they attended," Hoge said of a portion of the tour. "I then met with the leadership team and they went to the classrooms for [most of the time]."

Hoge said the educators spoke with teachers, staff and students from each grade.

"Then after lunch we met with parent representatives and they asked more questions," she said. "And they met with classified staff."

The meetings were similar at Mountain Avenue with those that toured the school meeting with PTA and foundation representatives.

Both Hoge and Witt said they were notified of the award in the evening of March 23. Their students were all excited the following day when they were told of the awards.

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# ABC and GPD Check Out Local Bars

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday night, March 24, officers from the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) office and Glendale police visited several bars and liquor stores around the Glendale area in a proactive effort to educate and partner with local owners to make certain permits and other

requirements were in place.

"It is more of an educational [outreach]," explained ABC Supervising Investigator Joseph Perez Jr.

The program is titled IMPACT – Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies. The prevention program began in 1984 and uses the community

policing approach to involve local merchants in deterring crime.

Glendale police officers were being trained by ABC on what to look for and how to follow up on any violations.

"We are not here to arrest or [cite] specifically, but to make certain that the bar or liquor store is in [compliance]," said Glendale Officer Tino Saloomen, community lead officer South Command Center.

The officers were looking for variety of violations from bugs in the liquor bottles that had not been closed to posting of required signs, like only those 21 years old and older are allowed, and warning signs that pertain to the dangers of consuming alcoholic beverages during pregnancy.

Other areas the officers were looking at dealt with those bars that had security guards. According to California Dept. of Consumer Affairs, anyone acting as a security guard must have completed a 40-hour course of required training. Once they have completed the training, they must carry a guard card that indicates the completion of the course.

Some patrons found it

intimidating to have several uniformed officers walk into bars or liquor stores.

"We do make some people nervous," Saloomen said.

At one local bar in Crescenta Valley, a customer wondered why so many officers would be needed.

"In this economy, it seems wrong to have so many police for this and people will leave or not come in if they see this many police," the patron said.

However outside it did not appear that anyone had left and in fact several people entered the bar, pausing to ask officers if there was a problem.

The number of officers at the first two bars was intimidating.

"We met up here but are moving into teams of three," Saloomen said.

There are 150 ABC investigators statewide, with about 82,000 liquor licenses approved throughout the state. Partnering with local police departments is a way to stretch the investigation process.

The program's major objectives are to conduct visits and inspections of licensed premises, identify instances of non-compliance at licensed premises, take appropriate

enforcement action on any major violations observed and conduct follow up visits as needed to check for compliance.

Saloomen said the teams had visited 34 bars and liquor stores on Saturday.

"All the owners [and managers] were very nice and helpful," he said.

The teams did not find any major violations, but repeatedly found signs not displayed in public areas and also issues regarding security guards. The officers will return in 20 days to follow up on any violations that were cited.

"The bars have been very clean," Perez added.

In fact, the officers commented on how clean and well organized they found the bars visited in Crescenta Valley.

"I felt the evening went very well. The response from the merchants was pretty much what we expected," said Saloomen. "They were uncomfortable when we first walked in but we were able to put the merchants at ease upon explaining that we were just conducting a routine inspection and our goal for the evening was raising awareness and educating the merchants."

## Putting CV on the Map

Best of the Road® is back for round two, asking Americans to share their hometown pride and show road-trippers the best small towns America has to offer.

Rand McNally and USA TODAY are calling for friends, family, colleagues or coworkers to put their town on the map – literally – and be named the Best of the Road as most beautiful, most patriotic, friendliest, most fun and best for food towns.

Now through May 15, Americans can nominate and vote for their favorite towns and attractions to be named points of interest (POI) for the Best of the Road contest. The top POIs – whether the best beach, best chili dog or another attraction not to be missed – will land a permanent spot on Rand McNally's new travel website and a place in the 2014 Rand McNally Road Atlas, as well as on USA TODAY's travel web page.

To upload a nomination, visit

www.bestoftheroad.com now through May 15. Nominations can be shared on Facebook and Twitter and forwarded to friends and family to boost an entry's chances of winning.

To celebrate the Best of the Road, Rand McNally and USA TODAY are promoting a three-week, cross-country road rally this summer. Five teams of adventure-seeking travelers will depart from Washington D.C. on June 15 en route to Seattle, Wash. to seek out the most fun, most patriotic, most beautiful, best for food or friendliest town in America before the big finish on July 13. They will travel scenic routes and back roads to leave no landmark unturned and no local secrets undiscovered. Teams will be selected by Rand McNally and USA TODAY.

Submission of team applications starts April 23 and runs through May 15.

## Put Your Phone and Mascara Down – and Drive

By Mary O'KEEFE

As part of April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month campaign, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, along with over 200 other law enforcement agencies, will be participating in a "zero tolerance" program for those texting or using their hand-held cellphone while driving.

Participating law enforcement agencies will concentrate their efforts on April 18 to those drivers who "break the law and place themselves and others in danger," according to an LASD statement. However during the entire month law enforcement will be focusing their efforts on educating and enforcing the distracted driver laws.

"This is a statewide program," said Sgt. Gary Ogurek, LASD Crescenta Valley Station.

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station covers traffic issues in La Cañada and California Highway Patrol is responsible for any traffic issues within Los Angeles unincorporated area, La Crescenta.

"We will [give] citations for anyone texting or using cellphones without a hands-free device," said Officer Kevin Denmon, California Highway Patrol.

He added law enforcement would be looking for all types of distracted driving behavior.

"Anyone eating, putting on make-up or shaving," Denmon said of those behaviors that CHP will be looking out for.

"Studies show that there is no difference in the risks between hands-free and hand-held cellphone conversations, both of which can result in 'inattention blindness' which occurs when the brain isn't seeing what is clearly visible because the driver's focus is on the phone conversation and not on the road," according to the LASD statement.

Denmon said he has seen an increase in distracted drivers as technology use increases.

"They are on cellphones, texting, on their iPad or Facebook and [Global Positioning Systems]," Denmon said. "[All can be] a distraction."

Ogurek said the drivers in the La Cañada area are aware of the law, however there are a few who ignore it.

"We wrote 28 citations last month for texting and [not using] a hands-free device while driving," he said.

The hands-free law does not just pertain to drivers, but to bicyclists as well, Ogurek added.

"You are not immune to this law if you are on a bike," he said.

## Obituary

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# GWP Customers are Invited to Share and Compare

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) customers now have the ability to share and compare their energy use with friends on Facebook. The social energy app is designed to provide people with a better sense of their energy use while fostering friendly competition and provides new ways for people to discover savings opportunities. Consumers can use this new platform to share their experiences and tips on energy consumption. To get started, GWP customers should visit social.opower.com or search for the "Opower" app on Facebook and connect their utility account. People who sign up will immediately see how their energy use compares to others, providing context

for how efficient their home is versus comparable households. As friends are invited and join, people will then be able to compete against each other in savings competitions.

The social energy app is the result of a partnership between Opower, Facebook, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) offered by GWP as a new way for customers to get further engaged in their energy use and cut unnecessary energy costs. Millions of homes across the U.S. today can choose to connect their utility account with the app and start participating.

"The Opower social energy app is a new tool for energy-conscious consumers to connect

and share their knowledge," said Glenn Steiger, GWP's General Manager.

The initial set of features in the app include:

- Compare Energy Use to Similar Homes. People are able to benchmark their home energy use against a national database of millions of homes. All benchmarking will be done on an aggregate level, ensuring complete data privacy.
- Compare Energy Use Among Friends. People are able to invite friends to compare their energy use against their own, show how energy efficient they are, and share tips on how to improve.
- Publish Conversations About

Energy to the Facebook Newsfeed. People are able to share information about their energy use, rank, group participation, and tips.

- Group Development – Cooperation and Competition. Communities of people are able to form teams to help each other achieve collective goals, as well as compete against other groups.
- Automatically Import Energy Data. Customers of participating utilities, such as Glendale are able to import their energy data into the application automatically, if they so choose. (Customers from utilities that are not

participating will also have the option to input their energy usage into the app manually.)

According to NRDC, improvements in energy efficiency have the potential to deliver more than \$700 billion in cost savings in the U.S. alone. Understanding how people consume energy and their behavior around managing their use is critical to capturing this unlocked energy efficiency potential. Motivating consumers to take action – a longstanding challenge – is the key to unlocking this potential. The social energy app is one of the many things that Glendale Water & Power is offering customers to become more informed energy users.

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deterrence strategy also included using Neighborhood Watch units that would locate any parties or other occasions where they thought underage drinking was occurring, provide mandatory awareness seminars to be held at local schools every few months and instill strict punishments for hosting underage drinking, such as fines and jail time. Team 1 also argued for alcohol outlet density regulation, which would reduce the number of available points of sale for alcohol in a given area.

Team 2 argued that parental involvement played a much bigger role in preventing underage drinking. They

suggested the strength of the parental relationship would work best in communicating the dangers of alcohol abuse to kids. This would be strengthened by optional seminars and classes on drinking for parents, social media campaigns which would educate kids on drinking dangers and work on the parents' part to keep any alcohol locked away at home where, Team 2 argued, kids obtain alcohol most easily.

The debate was moderated by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Frederick R. Rotenberg, who had formerly participated in the "Every 15 minutes" program. The teams were allowed to make their cases

and then a rebuttal period was given for the other team.

"According to a study in 2003," said Team 1 member, CV freshman Omar Trad, "of the top 10 punishments that discouraged youth from drinking underage again, the number one punishment, with 68% effectiveness, was getting in trouble with police and/or the law."

CV sophomore Paul Lee of Team 2 compared the situation to an oil spill, and spoke on how Team 2's method of parental involvement was a more effective, preventative measure rather than enforcing social hosting laws, a reactionary one. Lee described Team 2's stance

as "fixing a leaky oil faucet rather than cleaning up the oil after the spill has already occurred."

Team 2's Victoria Huh of La Cañada Middle School said, "We believe our solution is a better approach because it is cost-effective, it strengthens family ties and it involves the whole community in solving the problem."

Team 1 refuted Team 2's arguments, saying that social media campaigns would prove ineffective, parental seminars would go ignored and that alcohol in the home, no matter if locked away, would eventually be obtained by children.

Team 2 argued that Team

1's methods would lead to punishing parents unfairly who are unaware of their child's drinking and that reducing the number of alcohol outlets makes the task of obtaining alcohol more difficult, but not impossible.

At the conclusion of the debate, neither team was necessarily considered "the winner," as Judge Rotenberg commended all the participants for their hard work.

"Thankfully, I don't recognize any of your professionally," Rotenberg said to the audience, drawing laughs, "and I also know I won't be seeing any of these kids in my court, unless they're arguing a case."

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# VIEWPOINTS



**MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY**  
» JIM CHASE

## Jesus vs. the Zombie Bunnies

I don't shock easily. Years ago, I could stand on the sidewalk in front of Monte Vista elementary school waiting for our kids and my grimaces and eye rolling were barely noticeable as I listened to the bleep-worthy language of some of their irrepressible young school mates.

Today, I can stumble across the latest online music/video assault by Cee Lo Green or Nicki Minaj and when I think about how many teens wallow in such classless, soul-polluting sludge I don't get mad, just terribly sad. But I haven't doused a computer monitor with toilet bowl cleaner in a long time.

That said, I was caught completely off guard last week when my wife and I were shopping at Target in Pasadena. Browsing one of their racks of Easter greeting cards hoping to find something to send to our out-of-town kids and grandkids, my gaze came to a screeching stop on a card that almost certainly was put in the wrong section.

The card showed two female cartoon eggs at a bar. "It seems like all the good ones are either married or gay," said the blond egg to the redhead. Inside, the payoff read, "Oh well, happy Easter, anyway." Yep, nothing says Easter like two pickled eggs on the prowl for a good man/egg.

Standing with my mouth agape, I suddenly realized that there wasn't just one inappropriate card, but an assortment of outrageously

irreverent cards with a similarly sick take on Easter.

For example, next to the card with the two hardboiled eggs was one with a photo of a fuzzy, newborn chick on the front under the caption, "It's Easter. WTF?" Honestly. Even in the deepest recesses of my mind, I never ever expected to see "Easter" in the same sentence with "WTF." I mean, seriously. How did we get here?

It gets worse. Another card had a photo of two contemporary 20-something women flashing their best phony smiles at the camera. The caption bubble over one of the women said, "Can you believe my new Easter dress is a size 2?" On the inside, her girlfriend answers with one-word: the "B" word.

Yet another card featured a cartoon of a maniacal rabbit with blood-red eyes and a headline that screamed, "It's the Zombie Bunny!" Touching.

Next to this was a card with a big, bold font that simply read, "Cluck you." How very special. Thanks so much for thinking of me at this special time of year.

I'd seen enough. The rest of our shopping trip I wandered behind my wife in an irritated daze. Days later, it's still on my mind. I mean, they actually did it. They took the one last vestige of sanctity and holiness and dumped a big ol' shovel full of faith-mocking mud on it. I don't know whether these

cards were created out of a disdain for Christianity, an ignorance of Easter or simply to sell cards. More importantly, I wonder who would buy such a crass slap at the sacred? And, for the love of God (pun not intended), who would want to receive such a thing? I just don't get it.

Then again, our culture has increasingly become one where some folks become equally offended at the mere mention of the true meaning of Easter – that of the historical death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Son of God and savior of humankind. His redeeming sacrifice and ultimate triumph over the grave is the entire point and purpose of the Easter celebration. Not chocolate bunnies. Not hunting for colorful eggs. Not feasting on spiral-cut hams. Not even tasteless greeting cards.

Now, I'll certainly enjoy my ham (and maybe a tiny piece of chocolate – or two) and fellowship with family this Sunday. But lest you receive a card featuring zombie bunnies or foul-mouthed fowls and wonder what the celebration is really about, I wish you a very happy Easter. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

I'll see you 'round town.

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» MIKE LAWLER

## Out of the Closet in CV – A Gay Teen's Story

This is the story of a local man I admire very much, Anthony LaCasella. In many ways I consider him among the bravest people I know because he accomplished the unthinkable: he "came out" – publically acknowledged that he was gay – in the emotional killing fields of high school. In an environment rife with bullying and derision, Anthony, with courage and grace, thrived and inspired others to accept the differences in others and really affected a permanent change in the culture at CVHS.

I recently asked Anthony about his life story so far. He grew up in La Crescenta in the '80s and '90s in a typical Italian Catholic household.

At about 12 years old, he began to realize that things were different for him than the other boys. Although he first suppressed his feelings, he soon realized that the die was cast, acknowledged who he really was, and at 14 had "the talk" with his parents. They reacted with the expected level of denial, punctuated with immense sadness from his mom and inappropriate jokes from his dad.

Soon after that, he began to answer his school friends' questions with honesty. It was not an "in your face" acknowledgement of his sexual orientation, but instead was an unwillingness to hedge the truth or tell white lies about who he was or what he was feeling. Anthony says he just wasn't going to live a lie.

Surprisingly, he didn't experience the hostility one

would expect. Yes, there was name calling and snickering, but no physical confrontations – no beatings. Overall, probably because of Anthony's natural likability and self-confidence, he experienced acceptance at high school.

Anthony was an unusual teen. His fearless nature and positive attitude carried him through the verbal assaults and difficult social situations. Some teens who struggle with their sexuality are not so lucky. For some, their communities or cultures are intolerant of gays and they're ostracized, or their families reject them. These are the ones that hide their misery, deny who they are, and sometimes descend to drugs and occasionally suicide.

A natural leader, Anthony saw an opportunity to effect positive change. With a friend, he formed the Gay/Straight Alliance club at CV High in 2001, a club that is still active today. The idea was to create a safe haven for students, both straight and gay, to talk about themselves and their lives without fear of ridicule. The first meeting was big, with 65 students and teachers attending. I spoke to someone (not gay) who attended those first meetings. They stressed it wasn't a "gay club," but attended by a wide variety of kids, all of them just trying to figure out life. It was a forum to learn about health and positive personal growth and to try to end fear and hatred of one of the last taboos in our society: homosexuality.

Anthony's parents finally came to terms with their son's lifestyle, due in part to his choice in boyfriends. His beaus were good honest people, from good backgrounds, and with good futures. His parents now have a great relationship with Anthony, and they brag about him like the proud parents they are.

Anthony told me that, "CV was a surprisingly safe and accepting environment to grow up in – even for a gay teen."

He said, "La Crescenta is very conservative, but not hateful." In the decade since high school, Anthony has built a successful life. He graduated college with a degree in horticulture and opened, and currently operates, a very successful local restaurant. Also impressive is his strong 10-year relationship with his partner.

There are several people in our local history that I consider my heroes: The artist Seymour Thomas for his devotion to his family, his community and his art. Agnes Richards, founder of Rockhaven Sanitarium where women with mental disabilities were treated for the first time with dignity and respect. Near the top of my list is Anthony LaCasella who, with incredible courage and optimism, has raised our community to a new level of acceptance and understanding.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Re-exploring NEV

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As for our NEV manufacturers, if you want to entice the general public into buying these small efficient electric vehicles you must do four things:

- 1) Increase the speed of NEVs to 40 mph.
- 2) Improve their design to make them more appealing

to women.

- 3) Reduce their cost.
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Do these four things and you will see a renewed interest in NEVs ... not before.

Maybe NEV manufacturers and our city planners could get together on this one so we could keep your SUVs and still save gas while keeping traffic moving.

*Stephen Balazs  
Panorama City*

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## YOUTH

## Racing to Raise



Photos by Leonard COUTIN

By Sammi SLAYBACK

Rosemont students could be seen racing all over campus on Thursday in competition for a number of possible prizes. In order to qualify for the festivities, students had to individually raise money for Heifer International, a non-profit organization that focuses on ending hunger and poverty throughout the world.

The Heifer projects give farm animals to poor families around the globe, offering recipients a chance at a better life. By giving an animal rather than a check, Heifer provides the family with an opportunity to support themselves rather than the organization acting as a temporary crutch. This idea, one of Heifer's mottos, was crafted from the Chinese proverb, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

In order to vivify its other slogan, "The gift that keeps on giving," Heifer requires that the animals' first offspring be given to the next poor family in the village.

Teacher and coordinator of the event, Lorena Leininger traveled to Honduras last June to get an up-close-and-personal look at one of Heifer's animal-giving ceremonies.

"What I love about Heifer is they don't just throw money at the problem," explained Leininger.

To give Rosemont students some insight into which animals Heifer donates to certain countries, Leininger set up a relay race on the campus. Students formed teams and ran from location to location, needing to complete specific tasks at each stop before moving on. Every stop was given the name of a particular country aided by the Heifer projects and each partnering activity was related to the animals given to that region.

Approximately 400 students participated in the fundraiser to help the Heifer projects in hopes of winning the relay race and any of the many prizes. Prizes included Disneyland tickets, "Principal for a Day" passes, Rocky Cola gift certificates, and



many more rewards donated by Rosemont parents and La Crescenta and Montrose shops.

Prizes weren't the only incentive, however. When asked why she participated in the fundraiser and race, seventh grader Sabrina White confided, "I used to have a friend who had family in the less fortunate countries; they had trouble affording food and Heifer helped them." She added that she convinced her family to start recycling in order to help Heifer's efforts to care for the Earth.

After all was said and done, the students managed to raise a total of over \$20,000, a considerably higher amount than in previous years.

"I'm really excited," said Leininger. "It took us eight years to earn \$30,000, so the fact that we earned almost that much in one year is pretty amazing."

More information on Heifer International and how to get involved can be found at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

## Scout Awards Presented at Ceremony



Pictured on the Arrow of Light Bridge are (bottom) Dylan Ventura, Sean Russell, Ethan Sharp, Joey Brown; center are Kyle Schmidt, Aaron Leucht, Evan Doloszycki, Alex Aceytuno; at top Den Leader Nate Brown, Kevin Melko, Cole O'Bryan, Colin McClure and Den Leader Michael O'Bryan. Not pictured: Jack Breckow.

Twelve boys from La Crescenta Cub Scout Pack 360 have earned Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light, which was presented to them on

March 30 in a ceremony held at Dunsmore Auditorium. Calling themselves

"The Phoenix Patrol," the boys, under the guidance of den leaders Nate Brown and Michael O'Bryan, completed up to 20 different activity badges in skill areas such as outdoors, community, technology, mental and physical skills.

The Arrow of Light Award displays a universal symbol for the sun and, below it, an arrow. The seven rays of the sun stand for each day of the week and remind each boy to do their best each day as they follow the arrow that leads to Boy Scouting.

Upon receiving their Arrow of Light, each boy walked across a wooden bridge, embossed with each word of the Scout Law, and "bridged" to representatives from Boy Scout troops 319, 303 and 317 who welcomed them into their new Troop.

## Chamlian Students Shine at AESA's Science Olympiad



On March 18, the Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America (AESA) held its 11th Annual Science Olympiad at Woodbury University's main campus in Burbank. The competition, organized by AESA's Science Olympiad Committee, promotes engineering and sciences to middle and high school students through mentoring programs and the annual Science Olympiad.

Eleven Chamlian Armenian School students participated in this year's AESA Science Olympiad where, once again, the school garnered several top prizes. Matthew Hartounian and Lara Rostomian won first place in the Life Science and Physical Science categories respectively. Patrick Begian won second place in the Physical Science category. Talar Kassabian won third place in

the Life Science category. Sevag Keosseian won an honorable mention in the Physical Science category.

During the awards ceremony, Chamlian's science teacher and department chair Lida Gevorkian received a Teacher Appreciation Award for her many years of commitment and for her work mentoring and inspiring Chamlian students as they prepare for the Olympiad each year.

On behalf of Chamlian Armenian School, Principal Vazken Madenlian received the distinguished School of the Year Award of Excellence in Science.

"I am extremely proud of our students and faculty members for their exceptional work and accomplishments, and appreciate the tremendous parent support we receive in all our endeavors," said Madenlian.

## SPORTS

## Keeping his Winning Ways

*CV soccer coach Grant Clark reflects on the most school's most dynamic season – yet.*

By Timithie NORMAN

Since he began teaching Spanish at Crescenta Valley High School five years ago, first-year varsity soccer coach Grant Clark has also coached baseball and football. But after leading his team to a record-breaking 23-1-6 season (12-0-2 league) during which his team earned the Pacific League Championship, CIF Southern Section Division IV Championship for the first time in program history, and competed in the CIF Southern California Division I Regional Championship, he hopes to stick with soccer for the foreseeable future.

"I was kind of assigned to be a soccer coach," Clark said. "They needed somebody and I was available, so the principal said, 'You're going to be the new JV soccer coach.' It didn't matter how hard I laughed, she still stuck me in there."

Clark himself played youth soccer until the age of 12, and picked up the sport again informally while in Argentina in his early 20s.

"We would play with the kids in the street, but it wasn't ever an organized thing," he said. "Coaching was kinda rough in the beginning because I didn't know a whole lot."

Clark spent hours questioning players, fellow coaches, watching

club team practices, and reading up on the sport, rules, and strategy. He relied on the wisdom of coaches gone before, including Kiel McClung, the head coach for the two years previous, his assistant Chris Ortiz, and club coach Reggie Rivas. He began to develop his knowledge of the game and his players through the CVHS summer soccer program and eventually built his own game strategy.

"I don't think I can mold myself into one style because I still have so many holes in my understanding, but one of the things I feel very strongly about is that you have to be top-notch defensively," Clark said. "If you can keep teams from scoring then that opens up a lot of opportunities for you on the offensive side."

The strategy paid off, as the Falcons allowed just 19 goals in 30 matches to their 84. A dynamite defensive line led by senior sweeper Matt Schmutzer and anchored by senior goalkeeper Nick Ruiz, both recently named to the Pacific All-League First Team, stopped offensive attacks before shots were even fired. Paired with a strong offensive set in Pavle Atanackovic (39 goals), Alex Berger (10 goals, 29 assists), and Eric Trejo (10 goals, 11 assists) and the team was virtually unstoppable.

Even so, it wasn't until the dramatic CIF Division IV Quarterfinals against Salesian that Clark thought the division championship might be a reality. Ruiz scored to tie the match and send it into overtime where Trejo



Photos by Leonard COUTIN

ABOVE: Coach Grant Clark gets a celebratory kiss from wife Stacy after winning the CIF Southern Section Division IV Championship.

RIGHT: Celebrating with his boys.

scored the golden goal to send the team to the semifinal game.

"That's when I felt like hey, this could really happen," Clark said. "Before that, I tried to resist it. It's superstition – I didn't want to jinx it. But that's when it started to become plausible."

Clark's wife Stacy and at least one of his four children attended nearly every one of his games. The support was crucial, especially as the intensity of game play mounted as playoffs went on.

"My wife said, 'Whatever you need to do, you have my permission. If you need to stay out and watch game film, then do it,'" Clark recalled. "It's nice



to have that support at home. I know not all coaches have that same freedom."

After such a successful season, Clark is excited to return to build the program next year. He says he will continue in his current position as head of the program as long as the administration will have him.

"It's going to be interesting next year to see who takes leadership

responsibilities," Clark says of the returning players. "We have a lot of good players that will stay over from last year. But at the same time not everyone is a leader, not everyone has that quality."

Yet it is clear that Clark has that quality. And based on the past season, there's no doubt the Falcons will be back next year to compete once again.

## Golden Knights Weather the Storm, Ride to Successful Finish

Contributed by Coach Lee Bird

This past weekend, the St. Francis High School Mountain Bike Team competed in the third event of the six-race SoCal league series at the Keyesville Wilderness Area near Lake Isabella. A fast approaching rain storm and tough weather conditions made for a very exciting weekend of competition as the Golden Knights overcame Mother Nature's wrath and performed well.

Saturday's weather for the team's practice on the Southern Sierra course saw 75 degree temperatures and beautiful, blue skies. However, the weather forecast for Sunday was ominous and ugly. Sunday did turn out to be a rainy and cold afternoon and the Golden Knights recognized that it was going to be a race of attrition.

In preparation, the team dialed-in its race-day nutrition plan and warm-up in hope of being better prepared when the riders reached the starting line. Podium finishes and solid results from all of the Golden Knight racers at Keyesville validated that the team's extra work and focus was worth it.



Daniel Balsam, above, narrowly missed a top spot finish in last week's competition. Steven Ayoob (inset) finished 23rd after a first lap crash.

In the Freshman Division 1 class, Golden Knights Austin Hamilton and Skyler Payne just missed their third consecutive podium showings with a very strong sixth and eighth place finishes. Philip Saulny also finished in the top 50% of the field with a very solid 16th place finish. Rounding out the field of Golden Knights were Remi Roth in 30th

and Nathaniel Blakely in 36th.

The day's first podium finish occurred in the Sophomore Division 1 race with Daniel Balsam narrowly missing the top-spot with a hard earned second place finish and his second podium result so far this year. Hunter Nalley earned a strong finish in 13th, and Keenan Koch battled for 21st.

As the JV and varsity riders approached the starting line for their afternoon start, the clouds darkened and the wind began to howl. The Golden Knights would be competing in the cold and rain.

Working hard and never giving up, Sean Bird overcame some mechanical problems with his bike to earn his top finish ever, a second place result in the JV race.

The strong JV results continued with Scott Marshall working his way up from 17th to finish in 11th.

As they have done all season long, JV riders Matt Kubly, Connor Haas, Carl Demolder, and Cameron Aubert also finished strong, completing the race within seconds of each other and securing 13th, 14th, 15th and 18th place. Battling back from a first lap crash was Steven Ayoob in 23rd place.

In the varsity contest, Christian Breitschwerdt continued to improve racing to 25th and Matt Missetich came back from a first lap crash to finish in 27th.

Overall, the Golden Knights came away with two impressive podium finishes as well as some excellent individual results across all categories. Each success motivates the team to continue to work hard as it looks forward to the second half of the SoCal League racing series.

The Golden Knights will return to Vail Lake for the season's fourth race on April 15. Vail Lake was the site of the team's best race this season at stop #1 and the team hopes to perform well there again.

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**April 7 Holy Saturday**  
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**April 8 Easter Sunday Masses**  
7:30AM in the Church (cantor and organ)  
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# SPORTS notes

## It's T-Ball Season at CCLCF

### Gladiator Youth Football and Cheer Sign Ups

Registration continues for The La Cañada Gladiators Youth Football and Cheer program.

The Gladiator program is open to girls and boys ages 6 to 14 as of Dec. 31, 2012. The Gladiators field one flag team and five tackle squads. Placement on teams is based on the age and weight of the participants.

Football and cheer applications are available online. These, along with detailed information about the program, can be obtained at the Gladiator's web page at [www.lcgladiators.org](http://www.lcgladiators.org).

The Gladiator summer pre-season begins on Monday, July 23 and the regular season runs from mid-September until early November.

For more football information, check the Gladiator's web page at [www.lcgladiators.org](http://www.lcgladiators.org) or contact president Kevin Lacey at (818) 248-1800 or email [klacey@lcgladiators.org](mailto:klacey@lcgladiators.org). For information concerning the cheer program, contact Sandra Smith, City Cheer coordinator, at (818) 793-6784 or email [tsmkc@aol.com](mailto:tsmkc@aol.com).

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is excited to welcome the spring season with the return of Tball. There is still time for boys and girls ages 4 to 6 to enroll in this popular class teaching the basics of the game.

Skills such as throwing, catching, hitting off the T and running the bases will be covered throughout the seven-week session. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. beginning April 17. Tball season concludes with an awards ceremony and pizza party.

The cost for the class is \$170, which includes

a T-shirt, trophy and certificate of achievement. Players need to bring their own glove.

For a discount, parents can sign up to help coach. The coaching clinic will be taught by Andy Chidester of Assist Athletics and will take place Friday, April 13.

For information regarding spring and summer programs and registration, visit the website at [www.cclcf.org](http://www.cclcf.org) or contact the main office at (818) 790-4353.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.



### AYSO Announces Fall Registration

AYSO Region 88 has announced that its fall registration dates will be April 7 and April 21. All details can be found at [www.ayso88.org](http://www.ayso88.org).

### ~ CV vs Muir Track ~

## Falcons Soar Over Mustangs

By Leonard COUTIN

On Thursday, the Falcon track athletes hosted the Mustangs in a Pacific League dual meet at CV. The strength of the Falcons proved too much for Muir and the boys' varsity took the win 111-25.

The Falcons not only succeeded in winning most of the races, but scored many second and third placements as well. Coach Mark Evans reported several outstanding performances for the afternoon.

Josh Straschewski had an impressive dual win in both hurdle races, 110HH (15.3) and the 300LH (40.6). Evans remarked on the continued improvement of Nick Beatty who ran 2:00.4 in the 800m race.

The 1600 relay team also did well, logging an impressive 3:34.0.

"One of our better times," commented Evans.

Justin Springfield took wins in the 200 and long jump as well as anchoring the 1600 relay. Matt Williams had a big win in longest sprint of the day, the 400m run (53.0). Tyler Bradshaw won the pole vault 11-3 and triple jump 36-9. Parker Averill nailed the discus 119-7.

Girls varsity score was CV 116 over Muir 14.

Winning the first race, the Falcon girls executed one of their best 4x100m relays. The team ran a time of 50.7.

"One of our better times of the season," said Evans.

Erika Johnson ran her first race of season and won the 1600m (5:54), seemingly effortlessly.

Claudia Sepulveda celebrated a dual win in the 110HH (16.5) and 300LH (49.4).

Courtney Iannello raced to the win in her first open 400m (62.0). Kayleigh Carrillo had dual wins with impressive times in the 100m (12.4) and

200m (25.5) and was the anchor leg in the 1600m relays with her teammates.

High jumpers Emmie Walker and Emily Beglarian both soared over 5'0" at the bar.

### Other reported wins for the Falcons

*Frosh Soph scores* Boys CV 115, Muir 20; Girls CV 114 Muir 10



Pictures by Leonard COUTIN

ABOVE: Megan Melnyk receiving baton from Emmy Walker

BELOW: Baton hand off from Alex Damia to Matt Williams in the 1600m relay



The rich athletic heritage of Muir may be history at this point. The Mustangs at one time dominated the Pacific League with an abundance of raw talent that included legendary Jackie Robinson who attended Muir High School in 1935. His contribution to end segregation in sports marked the beginning to a new chapter in history.

Jerry Proctor, class of 1967, ran and won all hurdles races and set the long jump records from the CIF Finals to the State Meet. His jump of 26' 11-3/4" at the University of Redlands

became only second to Ralph Boston.

From 1979 to 1999, the Mustangs won 169 consecutive dual meets – thought to be a world record and indeed the people at the Guinness Book of World Records are interested – if the streak can be fully documented.

Today, Muir's principal Sheryl Orange has been removed from her duties and the athletic program has been placed under investigation for players participating that were deemed ineligible.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Fashion Show and Luncheon a Success

The "Holidays Abroad" Fashion Show and Luncheon was a sellout for the La Crescenta Woman's Club on Saturday.

While the club has been in existence for over 100 years, the models and fashions were young, coming from Veronica M in Pasadena and Los Angeles and from Holiday Hats & Gowns in Montrose which added an elegant touch to the day.

Models were Tamara Hughes, Crystal Polischeck, Amira Smith, Breanna Coe, Gloria Beyer, Mallory Mudie, Erika Schmeid, Lauren Barton Hassani and Marilyn Wright representing Juniors, Evening and General members.

Club president Carol Huntwork welcomed all, the United States Marines presented the color guard and Jeannie Long and trumpeter Jim Bynum led the national

anthem.

Auctioneer Dea McCrory oversaw the bidding with big ticket items that included an International Studio Services tour of favorite TV shows and the L.A. NASCAR thrill of racing your own car at Irwindale Speedway. Other popular items were a Dodger box seat basket and a Temecula hot air balloon ride. Silent auction and opportunity prizes gave everyone a chance to take home something special.

The fashion show luncheon has been the backbone of the club over the years. St. James/Holy Redeemer students were the servers and received compliments on their pleasant attitude and ability to make their table members happy.

Daryl Baker Pollack and Lynne Roberto chaired the event with most members contributing in some way.

For membership or rental

information about the Woman's Club, call (818) 957-9806.

Contributed by Danette ERICKSON



TOP RIGHT: Gloria Beyer modeled fashions from Holiday Hats & Gowns.

ABOVE: Students from Holy Redeemer/St. James took over serving duties.

RIGHT: Models working the catwalk included Lauren Barton Hassani, Mallory Mudie, Breanna Coe, Crystal Polischeck and Marilyn Wright.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joseph Angel Mathis, shown here at Disneyland, is celebrating his second birthday on April 11. Oh, how they grow.

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## 'Jerry McGuire' Inspiration Hosted by La Cañada Kiwanis

Sports attorney/agent Leigh Steinburg, a California graduate who represented such sports figures as Steve Bartkowski, Troy Aikman and Warrick Dunn, was the keynote speaker at the La Cañada Kiwanis Club recently.

The recovering alcoholic and sports legend spoke to members of the Kiwanis Club at its weekly luncheon meeting at Descanso Gardens. The movie "Jerry McGuire" was loosely based on Steinburg's life experiences.

He spoke about his support of community and philanthropy and held the attention of the group with his stories of representing sports greats. The day of the meeting was also Steinburg's birthday, which prompted the club's members to help him celebrate it with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" led by song leader Jack Dawson.



Photo Courtesy of Al Restivo

## Norbut Places in Quilt Show



The 33rd Annual Glendale Quilt Show was held recently at the Burbank Convention Center. La Crescenta resident Esther Norbut took third place for her Birds and Flowers quilt. This dahlia pattern quilt goes under the glass top table on the porch of her friend Charlene Downs representing her garden.

In 2000, Esther bought the pattern "Block Party" and the fabric to go with it. Over the years, she would make a block

or two with no two squares alike. The quilt is for her husband Don in his preferred colors.

Don and Esther Norbut are active in the Crescenta Valley community and represented the new senior organization Aster in the last Montrose Parade. She loves to quilt and many in the community have been the proud recipients of some of her wonderful creations.

# Fundraiser held for Chamlian Gymnasium

Chamlian Armenian School in La Crescenta held its Annual Gala Banquet in March with over 300 guests attending the event at the Universal Sheraton banquet hall. Guests enjoyed an evening of dining, dancing and a live auction.

The gala was organized by Chamlian's Parent Support Committee (PSC) with the theme being, "Let's Build Our Gym Together." All proceeds from the event have been allocated towards the building of a new gymnasium for the school.

The evening's program

began with Rev. Father Der Vazken Atmajian's benediction as he represented Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, followed by opening remarks by Raffi Kendirjian, the master of ceremonies, and words of acknowledgement by PSC Chairlady Nadia Shamsi, and PSC liaison to the banquet committee Amy Boyadjian.

In closing, Chamlian school principal Vazken Madenlian expressed his gratitude to the parents, guests, Parent Support Committee members, Gymnasium Planning Committee members, and

Gymnasium Fundraising Committee members for their efforts throughout the years.

The gala event raised over \$250,000. A list of all the donors should soon be published on the school website.

The Gymnasium Fundraising Committee is currently embarking on an extensive fundraising campaign. Those interested in contributing may visit the school website at [www.chamlian.org](http://www.chamlian.org), or call (818) 957-3398.



Celebrating the evening were Shahab Shamsi, Benny Vartoughian, Gala sponsor Jessica Vartoughian, Parent Support Committee Chairlady Nadia Shamsi, Chamlian Principal Vazken Madenlian, Vice Principal Rita Kaprielian and Chamlian Board Chairlady Armineh Khachatourian.

# Local Leaders Take Part in KAFNLA Meeting

On March 29, 2012, [the Korean American Federation of North Los Angeles] had a meeting with local leaders, inviting local public organizations.

Glendale Healthy Kids, a non-profit organization, had a presentation explaining about jobs and helping kids with medical support from volunteer doctors [presented by] chief executive officer Camille Levee. Their site is [www.GlendaleHealthyKids.org](http://www.GlendaleHealthyKids.org).

Captain Stokes from the Glendale Police Department explained his job to take care of the area of Glendale. He is trying to hire Korean police officers in the Glendale area. Also Captain Stokes talked about more effectively working with [the] Korean community.

The CV Weekly is one of [the] important [businesses] in La Crescenta and Montrose and around the Foothill area. They are helping [KAFNLA] to make one community [by producing] the weekly newspaper.

Lastly from Youth and Armenian Community Center, Chairman Arick Gevorkian explained the relationship with the Korean leaders, [and also] talked about a Korean Armenian cultural festival. The festival [will be] held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 [from] 11 p.m. to 8 p.m. at CV Park.

[www.KAFNLA.org](http://www.KAFNLA.org) (Korean American Federation of North Los Angeles)

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## LA 북부 한인회: 임원 및 정기 이사회 모임

LA 북부 한인회는 3월 29일, LA 북부 한인 커뮤니티센터에서 정기모임을 가졌다. 1부 순서로 지역 사회에서 중요 역할을 단체를 초대하여 소개하는 시간을 가졌다, Glendale Healthy Kids는 Non-Profit 단체로서 아이들을 위하여 의료 혜택 등 여러가지를 도우는 단체이다. 한인 사회에서 꼭 알아야 하는 단체이다.

(Camille Levee: Chief Executive Officer) 사진은 따로 첨부 됨, 웹사이트는

[www.GlendaleHealthyKids.org](http://www.GlendaleHealthyKids.org), Glendale Police Department에서 Captain Stokes은 LA 북부 한인회를 방문하여 한인 사회에 관심을 표해주고 더욱 많은 한인 경관을 채용하여 한인 사회에 봉사 할 수 있도록 하겠다고 발표함 (Todd R. Stokes: Glendale Police Department) 경관 채용 담당자로서 계속해서 글렌데일 지역에 한인 경관 채용 기회를 만들 것이라고 발표함, CV Weekly는 La Crescenta와 Montrose 주위와 Foothill를 중심으로 커뮤니티를 하나로 맺어주는 중요한 역할을 신문으로 Weekly 발간되는 지역 신문이다. 소개와 함께 커뮤니티 봉사 기회를 발표를 함, 그리고 마지막으로 아메리안 커뮤니티 지도자인 Arick Gevorkian부터 다시 한번더 한인 커뮤니티와 우정관계를 확인하고 다음에 준비되는 문화 축제에 성공적으로 함께 할 것을 이야기 함, 2부 모임에는 LA 북부 한인회 정기 이사회 및 임원 모임을 가짐 식사후에 다같이 사진을 찍음, 중앙 의자에 서상석 회장



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# LEISURE

## ‘Wrath of the Titans’ Fails to Ignite



Picture by Warner Bros. Pictures

Perseus prepares to fight Zeus in a scene from Wrath of the Titans.

By Susan JAMES

If you liked the 2010 movie, “Clash of the Titans,” you’re going to love “Wrath of the Titans.” The general storyline for the new Warner Bros. film simply substitutes the monstrous Kronos, a gigantic Titan built of fire and lava rising out of the earth, for the monstrous Kraken thrashing up out of the sea. On this second outing of the Perseus myth, Jonathan Liebesman has replaced Louis Leterrier at the director’s helm but his ship is sailing much the same course.

A decade has passed since demigod Perseus, son of Zeus, defeated the Kraken. During that time he’s married, had a son, Helios (John Bell), buried his wife and lived as a simple fisherman in an unnamed Greek village. The village is populated by a crowd of rustics who don’t wash, speak in a variety of clashing accents and look confused when mythological events overtake their village. Do they know that a demigod walks among them? They find out the day strange and evil beasts start falling from the sky and destroy the village.

Zeus has turned up in Perseus’ rustic hut to explain that because mankind has ceased to pray to the gods, the gods are losing their power. A plot is afoot to free the last of the Titans, Kronos, from his imprisonment in Tartarus, a mystical stronghold located in Hades’ realm of the Underworld. Doting father Zeus has come to ask his son for help in foiling this dastardly plot. Son sullenly refuses. But Armageddon waits for no man and soon fireballs and falling beasts convince Perseus to take off on his appointed mission to save the world.

What follows are a string of battle scenes shot so tightly in 3D that those who get motion sickness are warned here not to watch. In a plotline as thin as a shoestring, Perseus joins forces with Andromeda, queen of Greece (Rosamund Pike), who looks fetching in tumbled blond locks and leather kilt, and Agenor (Toby Kebbell), demigod son of Poseidon. Arrayed against them are the forces of Zeus’ disaffected brother Hades (Ralph Fiennes), Perseus’ half brother Ares (Edgar Ramirez) and all the creepy-crawlies that the special effects department could create.

What damages the movie as much as its feeble plot is the weakness of its lead actor. Sam Worthington may have made a worthy Jake Sully in “Avatar,” where a grim expression was mandatory, but here it’s impossible to tell what Perseus is feeling because grim has such a narrow emotional range. Poor Perseus – torn between his two natures, one as a god, one as a man – is facially paralyzed. Is he happy or sad? Impossible to tell. He can fight giant monsters and soar through the air on a flying horse but expressing emotion is apparently not what demigods do.

The questionable caliber of some of the CGI images also affects the movie. When compared to Harry Potter’s memorable ride on a flying hippogriff over a Highland lake in “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,” Perseus riding Pegasus into the mouth of the Titan looks startlingly unconvincing. And with four credited writers and dozens of special effects crew, the audience has the right to be convinced.

See you at the movies!

## Looking Ahead to the Movies of 2012 : Part II – Spring



By Charly SHELTON

In January, the CVWeekly started a four part series to showcase some upcoming movies over the coming year, broken down by season, every three months. This is part two of that series, featuring the biggest and best in upcoming movies of April, May and June.

“The Raven,” director James McTeigue, starring John Cusack. Opens April 27.

This film stars John Cusack as the famed writer Edgar Allan Poe who plays detective, trying to stop a serial killer who bases all kills on the author’s various works. This will be one to watch for as it looks like it is going to be a highlight in 2012 movies.

“The Avengers,” director Joss Whedon, starring Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson and Jeremy Renner. Opens May 4.

This is the most anticipated movie of the year. Fans have been waiting for this ever since “Iron Man” came out in 2008. And now nerd-God Joss Whedon is directing and writing “The Avengers” movie, teaming up Iron Man, Thor, Captain America, The Hulk, Hawkeye, and (for some reason) Black Widow with S.H.I.E.L.D. leader Nick Fury, played by Samuel L. Jackson, against baddies from every corner of the universe. This is going to

be an amazing film that needs to be seen on the big screen. Don’t miss it.

“Battleship,” director Peter Berg, starring Liam Neeson, Brooklyn Decker and Rihanna. Opens May 18.

This action movie is about aliens invading and a battleship that has to take them down. So let’s recap – it’s a pop singer and a supermodel starring in a film based on a board game, but now it has aliens. At least this failure will have a good-looking supporting cast.

“Men In Black 3,” director Barry Sonnenfeld, starring Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin. Opens May 25.

Agent J travels to the past to team up with a young Agent K in this third installment of the “Men In Black” franchise. It will be released in 3D.

“Prometheus,” director Ridley Scott, starring Noomi Rapace, Charlize Theron and Michael Fassbender. Opens June 8.

This prequel to “Alien” shows the first crew to encounter the face hugging, acid bleeding, smaller mouth in its mouth aliens from the Ridley Scott/James Cameron directed franchise of films. As “The Thing” did last October, showing the Swedish team that discovered the monster, we will see the story of the first encounter with these aliens and although we know the end (because we see Prometheus in the

first film “Alien”) it is no less exciting to watch.

“Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,” director Timur Bekmambetov, starring Benjamin Walker, Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Alan Tudyk. Opens June 22.

This film, based on the Seth Grahme-Smith novel, follows our 16th president as he lives his secret life as a vampire hunter. Incorporating historical events and characters to justify his actions, we will see Lincoln’s true heroism is not just as a president leading our nation through its darkest time, but actually saving the living from being over-run by the undead.

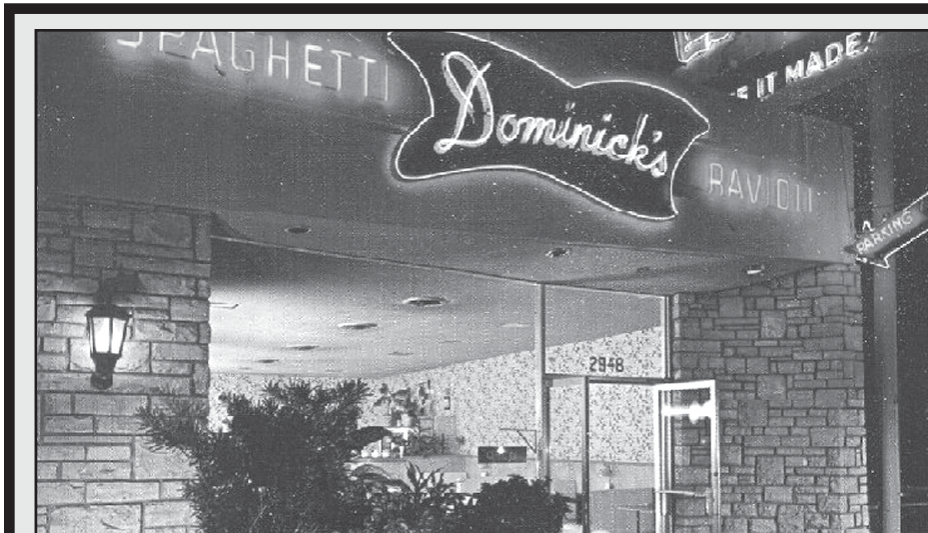
“Brave,” directors Mark Andrews and Brenda Chapman, starring Kelly MacDonald, Emma Thompson and Billy Connolly. Opens June 22.

This Pixar film is set in the medieval highlands of Scotland and follows Pixar’s first female heroine Merida as she discovers herself and what it is to be brave while trying to unravel a deadly curse on her kingdom. This looks to be a great film, as Pixar always does, and it is not one to be missed in 3D. Usually 3D is an extra expense without much of a payoff, but some of the animation in this film warrants the use of 3D and it will definitely be worth it.

That’s it for this installment, see you again in July with the next three months of movies.

### THEN & NOW | Dominick’s Pizza

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then »** Dominick’s Pizza opened in 1954 on the corner of Foothill and Ramsdell. The Russo family bought it in 1970, and it was a community favorite. The above photo is shot at night, when it was so popular customers would have to wait outside for a table to open. Note the beautiful neon signage.

**Now »** Dominick’s Pizza today sits tattered and dark, dwarfed by the huge billboard above it. After 56 years as La Crescenta’s favorite pizza, hosting family gatherings and school fundraisers, Dominick’s sadly has closed.



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- 8 small Baking potatoes. (about 4 oz each) or 4 large (about 8 oz each)
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- 1/2 cup Light dairy sour cream or plain yogurt
- 2 oz Gouda cheese, shredded (1/2 cup)
- 2 Tbsp Snipped fresh chives
- 2 tsp Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 3/4 tsp Pepper
- Optional Milk
- 2 Hard cooked eggs, peeled and coarsely chopped
- Optional Whole fresh chives

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 425°F or 350°F. Scrub potatoes with a brush; pat dry. Prick potatoes in 2 or 3 places with a fork. (If desired, for softer skins, rub potatoes with shortening or wrap each in foil.)
2. Place potatoes in a shallow baking pan. Bake potatoes, uncovered, in a 425°F oven for 40 to 50 minutes for smaller potatoes or 60 to 70 minutes for larger potatoes (or in a 350°F for 60 to 70 minutes for smaller potatoes or 80 to 90 minutes for larger potatoes) or until tender. Remove from oven; cool slightly for easier handling.
3. For small potatoes, cut a thin crosswise slice off both ends of each baked potato. (For large potatoes, cut potatoes in half crosswise. Cut a thin crosswise slice from the round ends of the potatoes. Scoop pulp from slices; discard skin. Place pulp in a bowl. Carefully scoop pulp from each potato leaving a 3/4 inch shell. Add pulp to bowl; set shells aside.
4. Mash the potato pulp. Stir in sour cream or yogurt, cheese, chives, mustard, salt, and pepper. (If necessary, add 1 to 2 tablespoons milk to make of desired consistency.) Stir in hard-cooked eggs. Carefully spoon potato mixture into shells. Stand the potato "eggs" upright in a 2 quart rectangular or square baking dish.
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### ABILITYFIRST HAVING 5K RUN/WALK

Donors, sponsors and participants are still needed for the annual Santa Anita Derby Day 5K Run/Walk supporting AbilityFirst on April 7. Pre-event activities and registration start at 6 a.m. and the race starts at 8:15 a.m. Participants must be onsite by 7 a.m. due to street closures.

Last year, AbilityFirst reached its goal of raising \$418,000 to support children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. This year, funds raised beyond \$350,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Forest Lawn Foundation up to a maximum grant of \$75,000.

To register or for more information about AbilityFirst and the Santa Anita Derby Day 5K Run/Walk, visit <http://www.abilityfirst.org/5k>.

### BRAND LIBRARY & ART CENTER PRE-RENOVATION SALE

Brand Library recently closed for a major renovation. On Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a big pre-renovation sale in the Brand Library Art Galleries. Sale items include books, CDs, LPs, wooden shelves and book carts, tables, file cabinets, desks, silver, dishes, and other miscellaneous furniture items and library fixtures. Books are primarily art and music, but there will be other subjects. No previews; come early for best selection. For information and photos, visit the website at [www.brandlibrary.org](http://www.brandlibrary.org). Any questions? Call (818) 548-2051 or email [info@brandlibrary.org](mailto:info@brandlibrary.org).

Brand Library Art Galleries, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale

### 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, April 9 at 7 p.m. Mountview Retirement Home is located at 2640 Honolulu, Montrose and can be reached at (818) 248-6737. All are welcome.

### IMPRESSIONISTIC PORTRAITS COMING TO GAA

On Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at Sparr Heights Community Center, Julie Snyder will demonstrate portraits at the monthly meeting of the Glendale Art Association in their new meeting place. As well as teaching, her fine art hangs in collections and galleries across the US.

The cost for members/guest is a \$4 entry fee, mini-show is \$3 per painting.

Sparr Heights Community Center is located at 1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale. [www.glendaleartassociation.com](http://www.glendaleartassociation.com) [www.juliesnyder.com](http://www.juliesnyder.com)

### MEDITATION CLASSES OFFERED

Kadampa Meditation Center California is a non-profit organization that offers meditation classes to help people find inner peace and happiness. Currently,

Kadampa Meditation Center California is offering an eight week course in La Cañada and Glendale titled "Freedom from Stress, Frustration & Anger."

In April and May, the mediation class titled "Happiness from a Different Source" takes place on Fridays and Sundays.

On Friday, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18, 25 the class takes place from noon to 1 p.m. at Crescenta-Cañada YMCA, 1930 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada. The cost is \$5.

On Sunday, April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20, 27 classes are from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Griffith Manor Park Building, 1551 Flower St. in Glendale. The cost is \$10.

Call (323) 223-0610 or visit [MeditateInLA.org](http://MeditateInLA.org).

### SIERRA CLUB PRESENTS EUBANK

The Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Group presents Danielle Eubank's, "The Phoenician Ship Expedition," on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County La Crescenta Public Library. Enter on La Crescenta Avenue for the meeting room and parking.

Eubank served as an expedition artist on a replicated 600 BCE sailboat originally built in the ancient land of Phoenicia and Syria to circumnavigate Africa. She will tell the story of how it was built, where it sailed and how she sailed in it as a crew member. Along with her story, she will sketch images and anecdotes of life aboard this vessel and show her original artwork created for the expedition.

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

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### DAVISON TO GIVE AAUW PRESENTATION

American Association of University Women, Glendale branch, presents Joyce Davison, local resident and president of Ahead with Horses. This a nonprofit organization that provides unique and effective development therapy through horses and the environment to disabled, disadvantaged and other special needs children. She will give a presentation on April 14 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on how this organization helps children physically, mentally, socially and emotionally, enabling them to live more independent and better lives. The presentation is part of brunch (tickets are \$25), at Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive, Glendale. Call (818) 246-9457 for more information.

### SENIOR HEALTHY LIVING EXPO

A senior healthy living expo is being held on Saturday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free services from eldercare experts; free admission. There will be entertainment, free parking and

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### NOON CONCERTS OPEN TO PUBLIC

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

The next concert is on April 18 and features the Kewa Ensemble: violinist Jacqueline Suzuki and pianist Rosa LoGiudice will perform "After the Tryst" by James MacMillan and will be joined by cellist Pam de Almeida in piano trios by Arno Babajanian and Astor Piazzolla.

### FOLK TREE HOSTS TRUNK SHOWS

In the weeks leading up to Mother's Day, The Folk Tree hosts trunk shows for Los Angeles artists Cathy Ashworth, Ulla Anobile and Bibiana Abello. Visiting the gallery for three consecutive weekends, these artists have created a selection of pieces with a celebration of mother's in mind. Painter/mixed media artist Cathy Ashworth will be here April 21-22; paper maché/felt artist Ulla Anobile comes April 28-29; and jewelry designer Bibiana Abello shows her pieces May 5-6. All the artists will be present from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. both days and the public is invited to meet them and find out more about their work.

The Folk Tree is an art store and gallery focusing on handmade folk and decorative arts from around the globe, especially those of Mexico. It is located at 217 S. Fair Oaks Ave., minutes walking distance from the Gold Line's Del Mar station, and just south of Old Pasadena.

### CLARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNED

An Anderson W. Clark Junior High School reunion is planned for April 21. The reunion, sponsored by Class of '56, is being held at the La Crescenta Woman's Club from noon to 6:30 p.m. A spaghetti supper is being served at 3:30 p.m.

Each classmate should bring a salad or dessert. Admission is \$20 per classmate with one guest admitted free.

This reunion includes classes from '51 to '59. RSVPs required. Contact Anna Mae at [anncalif@aol.com](mailto:anncalif@aol.com).

La Crescenta Woman's Club, 4004 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta

### APRIL PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR LC KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada has scheduled three interesting programs for April and members of the community are invited to attend the luncheon meetings. The club meets at Descanso Gardens at 11:45 a.m. each Wednesday. Lunch is \$15. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mary Gant, president, at (818) 248-7664.

On April 11, Paul Mitchell presents "The Skid Row Housing Trusts Resident Ambassador Program."

On April 18, Dallas Raines of ABC Television will present, "The Use of Doppler Radar in Weather Forecasting."

On April 25, The La Cañada High School Key Club will conduct "Key Club" day. Students will conduct the meeting and talk about their programs.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)

April 02, 2012 - April 08, 2012

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Channel your inner warrior when the Moon conjuncts your ruler Mars on Tuesday. Get ready to stand up for your beliefs. Your sixth sense will be extremely accurate on Wednesday. Follow your hunches in all scenarios. A former lover might ask to reconcile on Friday. Think carefully before allowing this person to be part of your life again. A family member could require your full attention on Saturday. It's time to listen to this person.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You'll look at the world with new eyes when your ruler Venus enters Gemini on Tuesday. Your curiosity will kick up a notch! A friend will have good advice for you on Wednesday. It's wise to listen to what this person has to say. A business agreement might need to be renegotiated on Friday. Don't sell yourself short in the deal. Watch your temper on Saturday. An associate could provoke you to anger. Count to ten before losing your cool.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Call on your patience on Monday. The boss could be in an ornery mood. You'll be in the spotlight on Tuesday. All eyes will be in your direction, so look your best when you leave the house. Your ruler Mercury turns direct on Wednesday. A project that was put on hold will be reactivated. A romance could become very complicated on Friday. A lover might ask for more space in the relationship. You may be tempted to overeat on Sunday.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your self-esteem will get a boost when your ruler Moon trines the Sun on Monday. Take credit for your accomplishments. You'll decide to go in search of solitude on Tuesday. Spending time alone will help you collect your thoughts. Family matters may cause dissension on Friday. Try to separate your head from your heart when interacting with loved ones. Put on your detective hat. You'll need to dig for the truth regarding a certain situation on Saturday.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Don't make rash promises to a friend on Monday. This person will be disappointed if you don't follow through. Your timing will be spot on target when the Leo Moon sextiles Saturn on Tuesday. Good luck will be on your side in all circumstances! You'll need to make a difficult choice on Friday. Finding the right solution won't be easy. Leave your credit cards at home if you go shopping on Sunday. Stick to your budget this weekend.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Be mindful of what you say to others when the Moon is quincunx your ruler Mercury on Monday. One wrong word could get you in trouble! You could be in daydream mode on Tuesday. Your fantasy world will be more appealing than the real world. Extra cash might come your way on Thursday. A friend may finally pay back a loan! A loved one will dig in their heels on Saturday. This person will be stubborn regarding a certain matter.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The boss could offer you a position of authority on Tuesday. Get ready to climb another rung on the ladder of success. You'll view the world through rose-colored glasses when your ruler Venus squares Neptune on Thursday. Strive to see all situations clearly. Your emotions may go into overdrive on Friday. Don't overreact to life's little frustrations. Your responsibilities will take priority on Saturday. You might have to postpone a fun activity to get your household in order.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Develop your creative talent on Tuesday. You have lots of untapped artistic potential that's going to waste. Put the past behind you on Wednesday. It's time to let go of old grudges. Focus on your plans for the future. Conflict could arise with a work colleague on Friday. Try to see matters from this person's point of view. Powerful vibrations will surround you when the Scorpio Moon sextiles Pluto on Sunday. You could experience a life-changing event this weekend.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

A financial endeavor will bring big dividends on Monday. Save some of the extra money! You'll consider moving to a new locale on Wednesday. The view outside your kitchen window could be getting stale. You'll need to revise a goal on Friday. Work toward the ambitions that suit the person you are now. A lover's behavior could be cause for concern when Venus in your relationship sector squares Mars on Saturday. Have an honest talk before ending the partnership.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your mental energy will be scattered on Monday. Have your keys in your hand before leaving the house. Mind your own business on Tuesday. Don't offer unsolicited advice to a sibling. This person wants to lead his or her own life. You'll feel unappreciated at work when the Full Moon takes place in your career sector on Friday. It might be time to change jobs. Take the high road on Sunday. Don't let anyone talk you into questionable activities.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You might need to resort to your backup plan on Tuesday. It's time to change tactics regarding a particular matter. Destiny will give you a call when the Moon in your zone of transformation trines Jupiter on Wednesday. You'll discover your true purpose in life. You may inadvertently offend someone in authority on Saturday. Make amends to this person as quickly as possible. Take it easy on Sunday. Beat stress by watching the clouds float by.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Don't imagine the worst on Monday. A certain situation isn't as bad as you think it is. Communication issues could occur at work on Tuesday. Double-check your instructions before starting a new project. You might feel pulled in two different directions when the Moon opposes Mercury in Pisces on Thursday. Deciding on the right course of action could be difficult. Nurture a friendship on Sunday. Take time from your busy schedule to connect with the people you love.



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## RELIGION

## NOTES &amp; NODS

## Holy Week Events

Bethel Church invites the community to participate in its Holy Week events commemorating the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Good Friday communion service is on Friday, April 6 at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 8, there is a sunrise service at 7 a.m. followed by a free fellowship breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and celebration worship at 10 a.m.

For more information, call (818) 767-4488.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley

La Crescenta Presbyterian will be offering four services on three different days in celebration of Holy Week.

On April 5 at 7 p.m., a Maundy Thursday service will be offered to the public that will include music by the choir and a brief message. Folks will be seated at tables in the sanctuary to receive communion. A dinner will be available at 6:15 p.m. as well in Koopmans Hall.

On Good Friday, a community service will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Jeff Verry will offer a brief message.

The Easter Sunday celebration will include two distinct services: The 9:15 a.m. service will feature contemporary music with praise band and the 11 a.m. service will feature the choir and bell choirs. Lee Cook will begin a new sermon series entitled "Tuned In" that will include references to popular television shows ("Father Knows Best," "Amazing Grace" and "Days of our Lives") both old and new.

All are welcome to attend these Holy Week events.

For more information, contact the church office at (818) 249-6137 or online at www.lcpc.net.

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

Light on the Corner Church presents Messiah In The Passover on Good Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. It begins with the traditional Passover Seder table complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper

that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion.

This meeting is open to the public, and Light on the Corner Church would like to invite the Christian as well as the Jewish community to attend. The church is located at 1911 Waltonia Dr., Montrose (across from the post office). For more information go to lightonthecorner.org or call (818) 249-4806.

A love offering will be received.

## Free E-Waste Collection Event

Light on the Corner Church is hosting a free e-waste event on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Bring old computers, televisions, monitors, servers, laptops and cellphones and drop them off for environmentally-safe recycling.

It's fast, it's easy and it's free! And, it's for a good cause – proceeds benefit Light on the Corner Church.

Bring e-waste to Light on the Corner Church, 1911 Waltonia Dr., Montrose.

## Power to Attain Desired Things

On Saturday, April 7 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Center for Spiritual Living hosts Bernard Illsey who will teach how to use the correct breathing and visualization techniques to replace any negative subconscious fear and anxieties. By increasing the power of visualization, participants will attract the things in life they wish to attain.

Suggested donation is \$30.

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

## Alpha Dinner to be Held

Do you have questions about life? Questions like, "Is there a God? Why am I here? Where am I going? Is there more to life?"

The Alpha Course (Alpha.org) begins on April 11 at 5022 Hook Tree Road in La Cañada explores these questions.

For further information, contact Parish Administrator Kay Wisdom at (818) 249-5100 or email Kay at kay@stlukesanglican.org.

## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Spiritually Speaking answers personal questions and concerns with a spiritual perspective. Local religious leaders that will take part in the discussion

include Bryan Griem of Montrose Community Church; Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Skip Lindeman of La Cañada Congregational United Church of Christ; Rabbi Simcha Backman of Chabad of Glendale; Levent Akbarut of Islamic Congregation of La Cañada Flintridge; Betty

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

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

## Question:

I thought I had forgiven my father who was a drunken tyrant when I was growing up; however, recently my adult daughter wanted to know the details of his abuse. I've never tried to keep our children from their grandfather, and have said very little to them about the fear my brothers, our mother and I experienced from a very young age until mom divorced him. Now, in his old age my father has "got religion" and is not the person he used to be. He and my daughter get along and he has said to her he wishes he would have done things differently with his family. We all live in close proximity to one another, and I haven't spoken to him for years.

My daughter doesn't understand and keeps quoting Jesus' words, "Forgive 70 times 7." I really don't

want to relive those fearful memories by telling her what we went through, and I really don't want to talk to him or see him again. I just want to leave all of that behind. I wish him well. Am I wrong? - Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

It certainly is understandable to not want to relive your history. Being "puzzled" by how to handle this situation shows your resistance to approach the past and reveals that you are still attached to what happened even though you thought you had forgiven your father.

The energy of our history stays imbedded in our cells and memory until we can release it when it comes up, as it is now. A good exercise for forgiveness is to say, "I bless you, I release you, I let you go." At first you may not want to say that, but the more you do, your cells, your mind and your heart begin to release your deep feelings and accept and believe what you have been affirming. Then the forgiveness is complete. If your father has done his own personal work, through AA or other 12-step programs, he could truly realize that he made wrong choices and could be a healthier person now. We all have made choices that we later wish we coulda, shoulda, woulda done differently. Even though your daughter feels a need to know and perhaps be instrumental in a healing moment with you and your father, you have the right to make your choice to keep the past behind you. And forgiving our past releases the pain and allows us to live more freely and healthy and be in the present moment. Explain to your daughter that you are handling this situation the best way you can now for your own peace of mind. Tell her that you'd appreciate having your own boundaries and choices respected.

In the meantime, revisit your thoughts of forgiveness, practice the "I bless you, I release you, I let you go" until you truly feel you are released from the past. You might also want to read some books on forgiveness. Three books I would recommend are, "Forgive for Good" by Dr Fred Luskin, "Radical Forgiveness" by

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Colin Tipping and "Zero Limits" by Joe Vitale. They can give you great insight into various forgiveness processes and how healing can take place for everyone involved, but most importantly, for yourself.

Then who knows? Perhaps in time you will be ready to visit your father or not. That will be your choice. You have to follow your own heart and do what is necessary for your own peace of mind. If you can practice any of the various forgiveness techniques from these suggested books, or the "I bless you, I release you, I let you go" technique, you will find that in time, the work is done and you will no longer be puzzled.



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Dear Puzzled,  
I don't think you'll "relive" those former years when your dad was a poor father. He was caught then in addiction that made him an unfriendly drunk. This issue makes one especially cordial or quite the opposite, and unfortunately you suffered the worst.

My advice? You admit your father is different, so acknowledge that. If he's changed, then he isn't the same guy that oppressed your youth. If Christ changed him, then you'll recognize a monumental difference. If you've not accepted Christ yourself, then you're at a disadvantage that even your father does not experience.

Look, many of us had the dad of which you speak. We mature, and we try to better the parenting that our parent lacked. If dad is truly different, then it's time to talk. If he's converted, then he'll be willing to share with your daughter his mistakes. After all, forgiveness is amazing, and salvation more so. If he's truly changed, he's about the best thing you have going in your family. It's time to talk, and time to do as your daughter suggests - forgive (as Jesus commands). Kids are not stupid, and yours grasps the bigger picture, I'll bet.

He's the only father you have. Forgive and move on. The past exists, but its power is only what you allow. Don't put pain on your kids. Push through, and use it as training. The reality now is that your dad has become your brother. That's pretty awesome. Embrace it, and use it to illuminate your daughter's future.



Rev. Bryan Griem  
Montrose Community Church

# Question:

*I was appalled and outraged to learn of the young Muslim mother who was beaten to death. Now her five children have no mother. I'm a Christian who believes there are many paths to God in the form of many different religions. What can we as individuals do to dissipate the fear that so many seem to have, not just about Islam but other religions as well? Can extremists be persuaded to think and act differently? What is the mentality that perpetrates these erroneous beliefs? I believe we are all children of God, who loves us all.*

- Sad in Montrose

Dear Sad in Montrose,  
We are all part of the human family and share your outrage for this tragic act of inhumanity. The murder of 32-year-old mother Shaima Alawadi, an American Muslim of Iraqi heritage, is not only a crime against her family but is an outcome of a dangerous hate that exists in a very small segment of American society. While there is no denying that Islamophobia is present in our communities today, hateful extremism is a national and global phenomenon. In Oakland, seven college students were killed at a Christian university. In Florida, a black boy wearing a hoodie was killed. In France, Jewish school children were killed. In Norway, 77 civilians were killed. All the innocent were targeted with the fuel of hate, resulting in their senseless deaths. The killer in Norway, Anders Behring Breivik, for example, quoted in his writings 50 times the writings of Robert Spencer, a prolific Islamophobe in America. These tragic incidents are not Muslim problems; they're American and global problems. Underlying all these very different acts of violence is hate, which is rooted in ignorance and intolerance. Therefore, first we all must be fierce advocates for true knowledge. When we hear bigotry expressed overtly or by innuendo, we have to counter it with courage. As Edmund Burke has said, "All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing." Along with opposing intolerance, our communities need an extra dose of good old fashion neighborly love. Religious interfaith activities and positive social interactions offer our community forums to promote mutual understanding among our diverse groups.

In the specific case of Shaima Alawadi, the investigation is not yet conclusive that this was a crime of hate. Nonetheless, there is probable cause that Islamophobia was the motive. In any case, a wave of bigotry exists in the U.S. towards Islam and Muslims, which may be

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intensified by the 2012 general elections. The likes of Robert Spencer and several other career Islamophobes are part of a \$43-million-strong cottage industry of hate toward Islam as reported by the Center for American Progress in their report titled "Fear, Inc. - The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America."

The antidote is to reach out to our local or national Islamic organizations for authentic knowledge about Islam and for community and interfaith fellowship.



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Dear Sad in Montrose,  
I do not believe that extremists can be persuaded to think and act differently on this earth. The very identity of an extremist is that they are zealous and unable to see any other viewpoint than their own and their religious outlook. Extremists by nature are not practicing their religion in the way it was intended but are almost cult-like, discriminatory, and evil in their narrow world view. Murder is not God's will and any devout follower of a religion is aware of this. Those who truly adhere to and worship their God do not advocate or support these acts nor terrorist acts. So we are dealing with the unreasonable. One of the most difficult things to accept as believers in God is that there are evil, and or unfair, unexplainable acts that happen on this earth that we cannot make sense of. The idea of why do bad things happen to good people is explained by the fact that we live in an earthly, fallen world. We will not experience perfection of complete justice on this earth, nor will we be able to make meaning or sense of senseless acts. But we are promised comfort, love, and one day heaven with God who will perhaps help us to understand the evil we experienced on earth. Or, we may not care at the point we are in His presence.

Prayer and doing our part to fight terrorism is all we can do. But we will never nullify them this side of heaven.



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» MARY DAWSON

### Easter Finds In The Montrose Shopping Park



Check out Paper Rabbit in their brand new location at 3817½ Ocean View Blvd.

Remember how thrilling the Easter egg hunts were growing up? For me it was Chinquapin Park in Baltimore, a long stretch of park with a creek that ran the length of it. There were plenty of places to hide eggs among the rocks and grasses there and such a thrill when you would find a brightly colored one peeking out. That was many years ago and I still enjoy the thrill of the hunt. This time Honolulu Avenue served as the park and Easter surprises were the reward.

One of my favorite stops was the Montrose Candy Co. Allie was working and had fun showing me all the new stuff: Easter Dots, Lindt gold bunnies, Jelly Belly Candy Corn and Cadbury Mini Eggs. Of course they are doing custom Easter baskets. If you want to guarantee a visit from the Easter bunny, try one of their new "Bunny Bait Bars."

I met the new owners of Critters – a lovely family – Jack, Christine and their 5-year-old Jessica. They also are doing one of a kind Easter baskets. When you purchase \$30 worth of goodies they will throw in the basket and cellophane wrap. Here you'll find bunny lip gloss, cute little plush bunnies, ducks

and chicks. There's also a Garden in a Can that would make a fun hostess gift, as well as a nice selection of Easter cards.

Lara's Gifts had a nice selection of pastel, decorated styrofoam eggs on picks, perfect to stick in a potted plant and give as a gift. Mountain Rose Gifts has a whole new crop of bunnies and chicks in all shapes and sizes to display on your Easter dinner table. It helps to set the mood and make things festive. Victori-Ana is home to Easter elegance with pink glass and fancy column candles.

To scent your home, Twigs & Things has a Lemon & Lavender Yankee candle that is lilac in color and makes a beautiful background for yellow chicks.

So come on out this week. The weather should be lovely, the bakeries loaded with decorated cakes and cookies, and of course our restaurants are here with lots of treats. By the way, a must try is the new Montrose Wine & Kabob. I just did and it is excellent! I'll be writing more on that subject soon.

Happy Easter!

*Mary Dawson serves as vice president for the MSPA board.*

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Join us Thursday, May 3 for the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce's 16th Annual Golf Classic and Scholarship Fundraiser at Verdugo Hills Golf Course! Not only does the event promise to be a fun day at a beautiful location in Verdugo City but it is a chance to help provide scholarships to local graduating seniors from Crescenta Valley and Clark Magnet high schools. We award our scholarships to students who are actively involved in the community and are looking to come back to the community after college to live and work. This is a great opportunity to make an impact in the lives of our local students.

Many of our sponsors this year have said, "I would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund and not necessarily participate in the golf tournament. Is that something I can do?" We say, "Yes!" We will accept any and all donations. For more information about making a donation, contact the Chamber office at (818) 249-7171 or mail a donation of any amount to the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, 3516 N. Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA 91208.

Our golf tournament begins with a putting challenge at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11 a.m. and our shot gun start at noon. Enjoy lunch from some of Montrose's local restaurants. Giuseppe's Pizzeria, Sake Sushi and Three Drunken Goats will all bring some of their favorite dishes for you to enjoy. Refreshments are available at various holes throughout the course.

After you finish your round

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At 4:30 p.m. we will have our scholarship ceremony when we will present the scholarships to the winners.



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It is very exciting to meet the kids and see where your dollars are going.

We would like to thank you to our sponsors: Monster Energy Drink, Crescenta Valley Insurance, Andy's Transfer and Storage, Montrose Travel, Glendale NewsPress, Super Shuttle, Oceanview Investments Group, Montrose Bakery, Assemblymember Mike Gatto, Friends of Anthony Portantino, the Clothing Market and SIG Property Management.

Don't forget: For only \$99 you can become a member or renew an outdated membership. Becoming a member ensures your business listing in our 2012-13 directory and a listing in our online digital directory. The directory is a great resource that is used by many people in the community.

#### Upcoming Events

Ribbon cutting on Friday, April 13 at noon at Walk this Way, 2253 Honolulu Ave. Come join us as we welcome the new owner to town. Light refreshments served.

May business mixer on Wednesday, May 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Andy's Transfer and Storage, 3464 N Verdugo Road, Montrose. Drinks and food provided along with great raffle prizes.

Golf Classic and Scholarship Fundraiser on Thursday, May 3 from noon to 4 p.m., Verdugo Hills Golf Course, 6433 La Tuna Canyon Road in Tujunga.

Taste of Montrose on Sunday, May 6 on Honolulu Avenue near the Harvest Market. The Taste of Montrose is a wonderful opportunity to get a small "taste" of the many fine participating restaurants in Montrose and surrounding areas. Tickets are available for purchase at the Chamber Office.

Verdugo Mountains 10k Trail Run and Hike on Sunday, May 6 starting at Brand Park. Log onto [www.runtheverdugos.com](http://www.runtheverdugos.com) for more information.

12th Annual Foothills Relay For Life on May 12 and May 13 at Clark Magnet High School, 4747 New York Ave, La Crescenta.

Artwalk on Saturday May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. Artists will be on hand to display their work and music will be filling the air.

Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 28 at 8 a.m. at the Vietnam War Memorial on the northwest corner of Honolulu and Ocean View.

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