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It's Official: Frank Quintero Named Mayor

By Ted AYALA

The municipal free-for-all that was the wrangling for who would finally be appointed mayor found its apotheosis last Tuesday night.

After the previous meeting, which had ended in a deadlock and some grumbling, the City Council finally named Councilmember Frank Quintero as the city's new mayor. Outgoing Mayor Laura Friedman, who had been away last week in South Korea, cast the tie-breaking vote.

Quintero, who won by a 3-2 margin, with councilmembers Ara Najarian and Rafi Manoukian dissenting, had nominated himself for the position after assuring his colleagues and audience that he would not seek reelection next year.

"I'd like to reiterate that I will not run for reelection for the City Council seat," said Quintero in the moments preceding the vote.

Friedman, whose vote was decisive in Quintero's victory, explained the rationale behind her decision before the voting process began.

"I hate to come back to the perception that my vote is breaking the tie," she said. "All our votes are equal and mine doesn't carry any more weight than anyone else's. It's a very difficult vote not because of what's resting on it, because everyone nominated will do a fine job. But it's difficult because for the next

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Time to Run to the Hometown Country Fair

By Mary O'KEEFE

It is time again for the annual Hometown Country Fair being held at Crescenta Valley Park at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. on April 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is the seventh year the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the event that gathers entertainers, information booths and vendors.

"We will have live music starting at 2:30," said Steve Pierce, chamber member. "We will have the wolves from Shadowland Foundation, the same group that is in the Montrose Christmas Parade, and a dog parade, a pie eating contest and a car show."

There will also be entertainment on stage from local dance companies, including Crescenta Valley High School's Advance Dance.

"The [event] is a fundraiser for the Chamber to support the scholarships and everything we do," said Jean Maluccio, chamber advisor.

Like in years past, there will be plenty to eat with Korean barbecue and Armenian food booths.

"And we will have an opportunity drawing for an iPad. The tickets are \$5 each and we will only sell 500," Pierce added. "So you have one chance in 500 to win."

There will also be carnival rides in the parking lot near



File photo

The annual Hometown Country Fair takes place on April 21 at CV Park and will include food, a dog parade and carnival games like the one above from the 2010 event.

the Hindenburg Park (far west) area.

"We will have a silent auction as well," Maluccio said.

This year there will be an added event to the Hometown Country Fair: a Run to Remember 5K in support of the Two Strike Park Memorial Wall.

The Two Strike Park Memorial Wall committee has been raising funds, and awareness, to build a memorial that will honor all veterans who lost their life while serving in the military.

"It was all triggered by Nick Steinbacher," said Mike Baldwin, veteran and member of the memorial committee.

Steinbacher was 22 when he became the 300th Californian killed in Iraq. He was killed while serving in Baghdad on Dec. 10, 2006 after an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee vehicle.

His parents, and the community, had wanted him honored on a memorial wall, however the wall at Two Strike

is small with no room for names and the memorial in Montrose honors those that served during the Vietnam era.

"There is no place locally where we can have all the names, so we turned to 'Two Strike,'" Baldwin said.

A committee was formed and fundraisers were discussed.

"When we started brainstorming about fundraising, one of the ideas was to have a 5K run at some point," said Lt. Col.

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Bear of Crescenta Valley has a New Home

By Mary O'KEEFE

The bear that has been dining on garbage and causing a few nervous moments in the Glenwood Oaks and Mountain Oaks areas has been transported to a new home in the Angeles National Forest, but only after visiting one last neighborhood.

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station received a call about a bear sighting at about 3 a.m. on Tuesday. They found the bear, estimated at 400 lbs., in the backyard of a home in the 2300 block of Mayfield Avenue at about 6 a.m., said Sgt. Mark Slater, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Crescenta Valley Station.

Tuesday was garbage day for the neighborhood and, true to

form, the bear seemed to know when the trash bins would be set out.

"We know he is a male, and we are 99% certain he is the one that has been in the [local neighborhood]," said Andrew Hughan, spokesman for California Department of Fish and Game.

The bear first became a media darling when he was found munching on meatballs in a non-working refrigerator in the garage of a home on Beechglan Drive. In the days that followed he was seen throughout the Glenwood Oaks area in several backyards and tipping over garbage cans. Neighbors named him Meatball and most residents kept their trashcans in their garage and the doors shut. He moved between Glenwood

Oaks and Mountain Oaks, opening gates to backyards and going through garbage. Glendale police spent several nights responding to calls of bear sightings and patrolling the area.

He was even given his own Twitter page under "Glen Bearian."

Then on Tuesday morning the bear ventured down to the Mayfield Avenue area. He went from backyard to backyard, surprising one man while he was texting and walking in his backyard. Officers from CV Sheriff's and Fish and Game arrived, then followed the bear as it sauntered from home to home.

Fish and Game's Lt. Marty Wall loaded the tranquilizer gun and, backed by sheriff's depu-

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Looking a bit tipsy after being sedated, the Crescenta Valley bear, dubbed Meatball by many, takes a look at his new home in the ANF.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



Sobering Skits from CVDAPC

A week ago, the CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition hosted "Scenes From Teens - What Every Parent Needs to Know," a presentation that included skits and a debate all in an effort to educate parents and community members on the dangers of underage drinking.

I was one of several performers and while my acting may have been lacking, the messages delivered were solid.

One of the skits, "It's Not Just Middle School Drama," followed a discussion by two moms on the behaviors and challenges faced by their middle school kids as their children in another room stocked up on supplies from the liquor cabinet.

The other skit, "It's Ok for my Child" - the skit I was in - was a snapshot of a party at a home in which the parents allowed the kids to drink.

"They are going to drink, we all know that," said 'Dad,' actor Todd Thornbury. "I would rather have them here than someplace else. At least I can control this."

As the play unfolds, things get out of control with one party-goer getting violently sick and another taking the car keys to go buy donuts despite the house rules that "no one leaves."

I wouldn't be surprised if some in the audience got a little squirmy at the performances and the messages delivered. I myself have heard the, "I'd rather have them ___ under my watch" speech by fellow parents. The skits were powerful reminders of the responsibility that parents

have and also the uncertainty with which we sometimes face circumstances.

After the skits was a directive by the student performers. "Now What" offered statistics and information by the students on how parents could get involved and also reminded siblings that their behavior is being watched.

The final event of the night was a debate presented by students from CV High School, La Cañada High School, Valencia High School, Flintridge Prep, La Cañada Middle School, Holy Redeemer Catholic School and Rancho Pico Middle School. It was moderated by L.A. County Superior Court Judge Frederick R. Rotenberg.

Each member of the two debate teams offered persuasive arguments as to why their solutions to underage drinking should be employed. High points included involving parents, utilizing Neighborhood Watch, reducing alcohol points of purchase and holding parenting seminars.

Is additional education the answer? How do you get the message out of how harmful underage drinking is and how life-changing the ramifications can be? How do you compel parents to change their behavior by locking up the liquor cabinet? Does every parent have to hide their liquor? Their medicine cabinet?

While the debate may not have provided clear cut answers, the fact the questions were raised may have been a good

enough start.

Congratulations to the CVDAPC for having the guts to put the questions out there and for hopefully providing the keys that may unlock some of the answers.

Tuesday morning was exciting with the capture of a bear in a Montrose neighborhood. The big guy was estimated to weigh about 400 lbs. and was an instant celebrity as residents poured out of their homes to see him - once he was sedated. I understand from concerned observers, however, that the curious got a little too close for safety, perhaps not understanding the possible danger. Thankfully "Meatball," as some have named him, slept through all the excitement and woke up surprised some time later after being transported to his new home deep in the Angeles National Forest.

So, is he the bear that has been seen quite often of late rummaging through trashcans in neighborhoods in Glenwood Oaks and Mountain Oaks? Or was he from the north - from the Briggs Terrace area making his way down through the storm drains?

Time - and overturned trashcans - will tell.

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Weather in the foothills



"Winter's done, and April's in the skies, Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!"

~ Charles G. D. Roberts, An April Adoration, 1896

We have all heard the rhyme, "April showers bring May flowers." This year I am thinking beyond just "May flowers." After last summer, I waved my white flag of surrender to the aphids, mildew, rust spots and the myriad of problems that plague roses, and out they came with the exception a few hardy white "iceberg" ones.

So now what shall I plant in the bare rose garden? The answer came to me last fall at the Dish in La Cañada. Alongside their parking lot, hidden deeply amidst flowers, vines and plants, were splashes of orange - pumpkins! So you can guess what may replace those old roses.

Pumpkins are thirsty plants requiring a great deal of watering and with rain totals below normal this year this may not be a good idea. May have to reconsider this one, even though the NWS predicts the showers of April to continue...

A couple of low pressure systems began to move in early Wednesday morning bringing gusty winds, 90% chance of rain, snow to the local mountains and much colder temperatures (hard to believe it reached into the 80s just a few days ago!). These conditions are expected to continue into Saturday. I'm looking forward to the final totals from these storms.

We are at a crucial point of the year when every raindrop is counted for soon it will be the end of the 2011-12 rain season. The familiar rhyme of April showers and May flowers may date back to the 1500s, but scientifically speaking it is timeless and fundamental. The appearance of flowers and

other plants have several contributing factors.

Rain. Increased levels of moisture in the soil help plants to grow faster and healthier. Water helps deliver nutrients to the roots to optimize absorption.

Temperature. As the days grow warmer, plants find it easier to grow. As soil thaws and the threat of frost is gone, plants are genetically programmed to grow.

Wildlife. Springtime brings back the animals, birds and insects that left in the winter. The now-renewed ecosystem provides nourishment for new plants, as there is a lot of eating and being eaten going on producing organic material and natural fertilizer. Insects buzzing through the gardens pollinate and in turn help plants reproduce. Add rain - perfect!

With rumbles of thunder and a hard hailstorm, the deadline approaches...

My final weather update: a total of one inch of rain has fallen thus far from the present storms. It will be dry and cool as the paper arrives on Thursday morning. Then another colder storm is predicted to arrive by evening with more rain and mountain snow for the Crescenta Valley that will stay through Friday. A warm and dry trend is forecast for the weekend.

So far, next week looks consistent with highs in 70s and low around 50. Good gardening weather ... pumpkins?

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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich is again sponsoring the summer beach bus service from La Crescenta/La Cañada Flintridge to Santa Monica Beach.

The summer beach bus service costs \$3 per round-trip for children and adults. For senior citizens (age 60 and older) and people with disabilities, the service is \$1.50 per round-trip. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a fare-paying parent or guardian.

Passengers can board the summer beach bus every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from June 19 through Aug. 31 and on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. The stop locations are at Two Strike Park at 5107 Rosemont Ave; at the County Library at 2809 Foothill Blvd.; at the Metro bus stop at the intersection of Montrose Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard; and at Memorial Park on Foothill Boulevard, west of La Cañada Boulevard.

For more information about these services, call toll free (888) 769-1122 or visit www.LAGoBus.info to make your reservations.

CV CAN TO HOLD SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Approximately 150 Special Olympics athletes from the tri-valley region of the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, Burbank and Glendale areas are set to compete in the Third Annual CV CAN Games on Saturday, April 21. The track and field event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Susan Osborne field at Crescenta Valley High School, 2900 Community Ave. in La Crescenta.

Athletes of all ages have been training and preparing to compete in various walks, runs, relays, and wheelchair races as well as field events to include softball toss, long jump and shot put. The day festivities begin with athlete registration at 8 a.m. There will be awards presentations throughout the day and breakfast and lunch served for all athletes and volunteers. The Crescenta Valley High School band and cheerleaders are also scheduled to perform.

Up to 200 volunteers are needed to help organize and run the competition, serve food and water, as well as to help organize and support the athletes and their families. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event can contact Kim Villa at Kim.Villa@montrosechurch.org.

For more information about the Third Annual CV CAN Games, contact event organizer Grace Chase at (818) 248-4009 or chasermama@aol.com.

RELAY FOR LIFE HOSTING LUMINARIA CEREMONY

On April 21 at 7 p.m. there will be a mini-luminaria ceremony in front of the Vietnam War Memorial on the northwest corner of Oceanview and Honolulu in support of the upcoming Foothill Relay for Life. Organizers will have guest speakers and then a short walk will take place around Montrose with candles to celebrate, remember and fight back for those friends, family and loved ones who have lost their fight or are battling cancer.

The public is encouraged to attend this event.

GPD TARGETS IMPAIRED DRIVERS WITH CHECKPOINT

Glendale Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/drivers license checkpoint on April 13, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint and looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. They will also be checking to ensure drivers are properly licensed. DUI checkpoints along with regularly scheduled high visibility DUI enforcement serves as a proven deterrent with the goal of removing impaired drivers and heightened awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please help Glendale PD: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911!

Weekend Fundraisers to Benefit Autistic Children

By Agnes CONSTANCE

A local teenager and her uncle have organized two fundraisers this upcoming weekend to raise money to purchase iPads for autistic children.

Dani Bowman, 17, is an autistic teenager who won an iPad in February after entering an animation contest. She decided to give the iPad to a non-verbal autistic child.

Patrick Eidemiller, Bowman's uncle, said he has seen what iPads can do for those with autism. As a result, he and Bowman want to raise money for more iPads.

"It opens up a world of possibilities for them," he said.

However, the fundraisers are just part of a larger project.

Eidemiller and Bowman are working with Extra Special Kids, a New York-based company that develops apps for kids with special needs. The company is also raising money for additional iPads.

To determine which children receive iPads, Eidemiller and Bowman have asked applicants to describe how the devices would make a difference in their lives.

"We've heard such great stories from people that it has really inspired us to raise more money to give away even more iPads," Eidemiller said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in 88 children has autism spectrum disorders. Symptoms could include problems with social interaction, language delays and unusual behaviors and interests.

Bowman received a Golden Goody Award on April 3 for her efforts in spreading autism awareness and because it's autism acceptance month.

"Dani is more high functioning (on the autism spectrum) and what she's doing is putting herself out there to encourage people to understand autism and to let people know they have strengths,"

said Liz Kelly, founder and CEO of Goody Awards.

Among the things Bowman has done is illustrate two anti-bullying books and voice over a public service announcement about autism.

Kelly also donated an iPad and

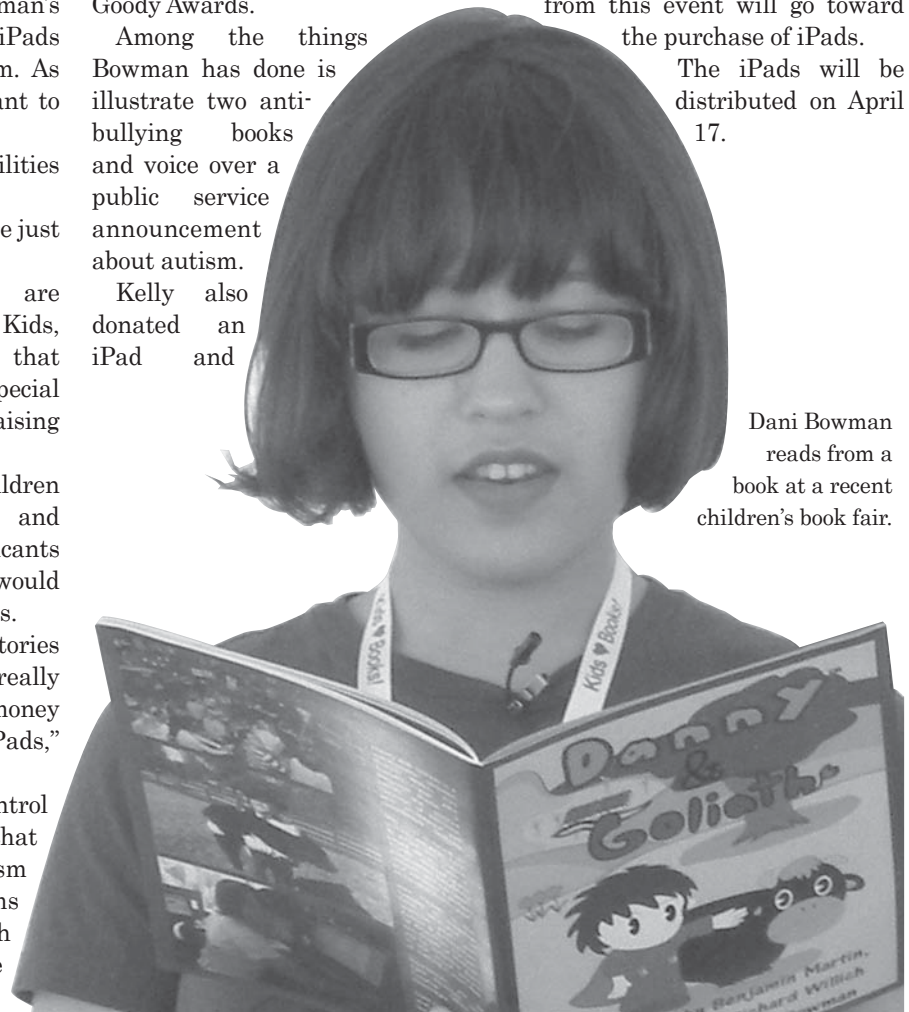
allowed Bowman to select the recipient.

One fundraising event will be held Saturday at The Wine Cave at 2427 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose from 7 p.m. until the facility closes. Guests will be able to purchase three different wines for \$20 and participate in a silent auction of art by Autistic Artists.

Another fundraiser will take place on Sunday at Panche Hair and Nails at 2339 Honolulu Ave. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of iPads.

The iPads will be distributed on April 17.

Money raised will go toward the purchase of iPads.



Dani Bowman reads from a book at a recent children's book fair.

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Searching for Peace at Ocean View and Honolulu

By Brandon HENSLEY

Every Friday evening for an hour and a half, on the northwest corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue, stands Roberta Medford and her group, the Montrose Peace Vigil. They hold signs calling for peace, enduring the insults flung their way – gestures or verbal barbs – from drivers.

“I can’t be angry,” said Medford. “I figure we’re here. We’re doing what we want.”

Medford, a retired UCLA librarian, is from Cincinnati and on this day she gets into a discussion with another vigil member over the Dodgers rivalry with the Reds in the 1970s.

“We’re like a family here. Beside politics, we talk baseball, movies,” she said.

But if everything seems fine, everything is not. There is an issue over the territory the vigil occupies. Their corner is where the Vietnam memorial is, as well as a flagpole, and every Friday before the vigil folks gets there, retired firefighter and World War II veteran Bill Dodson comes and takes down the American flag. After the vigil leaves, he returns to put it back up.

The peace vigil doesn’t think he has a right to do this.

“We’ve talked to him. We’ve waited here for him, asked him not to take it down,” said Medford. “He said, ‘Yep, as long as you’re here I’m going to take it down.’”

Across the street on the southeast corner, U.S. war veterans have taken up their spot. On this day, there are only two people present, Mike Baldwin and Warren Spayth, both Vietnam veterans who belong to the American Legion. They have miniature American flags planted in a semi-circle on the grass. Spayth sits in a folding chair and acknowledges drivers that honk their horn in appreciation.

Their purpose for coming every Friday is to simply support the troops, they said, not to oppose the peace vigil. But Spayth said Dodson takes down the flag because the vigil stands where the memorial is.

“If they stood on the other corner that flag would be flying over there. I haven’t spoken to them but I think the flag would be there,” he said. “The memorial means something to us for vets.”

“They feel we’re desecrating the memorial by holding peace vigils,” said member Jeanne Levaieri. “Of course we’re not.”

“That’s not constitutional,” said Dick Seeley, a volunteer for the ACLU and a Korean War veteran. “That’s an issue I think that the ACLU would look at.”

John Drayman was mayor of Glendale in 2008 when the flag controversy started. He said the flagpole and the memorial – built in 1968 – were privately funded, even though they are on Glendale



Photos by Anni SIEGEL

ABOVE: Since September, the peace vigil has hoisted a telescoping auxiliary flagpole that displays a flag at half-staff. BOTTOM: The official DoD announcement is posted of those who died in service over the past week.



property.

The Montrose Shopping Park Assn. was given the right by Glendale City Council to make calls on issues like this, and they have given permission to Dodson to do what he pleases with the flag.

“It really isn’t a constitutional issue, it’s a jurisdictional one,” Drayman said.

Dodson declined to be interviewed for this story.

“They can’t give permission to take the flag down,” said Seeley. “That’s the basic issue here, is that they’re discriminating against people that are protesting the wars ... and it’s not constitutional. The ACLU is looking at it. Whether we take it or not I don’t know.”

Any legal action the vigil would take is not immediate, according to vigil members. Besides, Seeley said, “If we had to take all the cases we get, we’d have to get about 3,000 attorneys.”

Since September, the peace vigil has hoisted a telescoping auxiliary flagpole that displays a flag at half-staff. On it they post the official Department of Defense announcements from the past week of those who have died in service, mostly in Afghani-

stan. But they’d still like to see the original flag back.

This conflict is not fueled by hatred. Medford laughed when talking about it and said she sees the “other side” in the grocery store often. Spayth said vigil members are nice people, but maybe just naïve.

“They don’t have to be there but they want to be there because it’s a memorial and we take exception,” Spayth said.

Baldwin said he and Spayth do not talk to Dodson, and that what he does has no relation to why they are there every Friday. “I think the shopping center can fly the flag when they wish or wish not to,” Baldwin said.

Medford said it’s important for her group to protest anyway.

“To exercise that right is more important than their silly theory about us disgracing this site, which of course we’re not,” she said. “It couldn’t be more American.”

All of this ‘couldn’t’ is an example of what makes America great, said Drayman.

“A perfect demonstration that our constitution is alive and well, that our democracy is vibrant and it plays out in our little town every Friday,” he said.

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Sunland-Tujunga Celebrates with Easter Carnival

By Sammi SLAYBACK

After over 50 years of successful Easter carnivals, the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce held yet another this past weekend, April 6 through April 8. Rides, games, food and live music held at Sunland Park kept families occupied on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Easter egg hunts were held for children on both Saturday and Sunday with a special appearance from the Easter bunny. Ronald McDonald also made a guest appearance to visit the kids and participate in Saturday's festivities.

The entertainment was ongoing, giving families plenty of time to enjoy the live music, carnival treats and a wide variety of games, funhouses and rides. Children danced with their parents to songs performed by bands such as Papa Stew's Band on Saturday and The Happiness Country Band and Mighty Joe Young Band on Sunday. Being sure to take advantage of the rare opportunity, parents made sure to get pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny that also participated in the many activities.

The carnival packed up Sunday night but will be back next year for another encore.

Sponsors of the event included Century 21 Crest, C&M Printing, Pet Medical Center – Sunland and Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc. – Sue Akin.



Photos by Sammi SLAYBACK

Three Arrested for Cellphone Robberies

Three suspects robbed three teenagers several minutes apart from each other as they were walking home from school on April 5 at about 3:30 p.m. in La Crescenta.

The victims, all students at Crescenta Valley High School, were just blocks away from the school as they were approached separately by the suspects within several blocks of each other. Two of the victims are 17 years old and the third is 15.

Crescenta Valley Station patrol deputies initially responded to the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Glenwood Avenue in response to a robbery call. While conducting their investigation at that location they soon learned that two additional robberies had taken place on nearby Ramsdell Avenue.

The victim on Foothill Boulevard reported that he was slapped and kicked by one of the suspects. The suspect also displayed a pis-

tol stuck in his waistband in an attempt to coerce the victim to give up any valuables. Fortunately a nearby citizen who observed the robbery and yelled at the suspects, forcing them to flee, interrupted this robbery. The victim was not seriously injured by the assault.

The other two victims were forced by threats from the suspects to surrender a cellphone, cash and a baseball cap.

After interviewing the three victims, deputies realized that the description of the suspects and the car seen in the robberies was the same. This information was relayed to assisting units. Within minutes, an alert deputy from the Sheriff's Department COPS Bureau located the suspects in the parking lot of a shopping center at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue in La Crescenta. All three suspects were arrested and the victims' stolen property was recovered.

Deputies also located a BB gun that resembled a real pistol in the suspects' car.

The male suspects were identified as Austin Cho, 24, of Granada Hills; Young Kum, 24, of Los Angeles; and Edward Shin, 24, of Los Angeles. The suspects were booked for robbery at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station and are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Students are reminded that they should always walk to and from school in groups and to always be aware of their surroundings.

Anyone who may have information about these robberies is asked to contact the Crescenta Valley Station Detective Bureau at (818) 248-3464, or anonymously through Crime Stoppers by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus the tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.



IBEW to the City's Contract Offer: 'No!'

By Ted AYALA

Throng of Glendale Water & Power workers – joined by their colleagues from Los Angeles' DWP and numbering in the hundreds – loudly paraded outside of Glendale City Hall Tuesday evening, many of them filling the chambers and the lobby on the first floor. The reason for their grievance is the rejection on Monday night by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 18 of the city's contract proposal.

At the heart of the rejection was a requirement that would increase employee contributions to union's retirement fund.

According to the city, GWP employees pay 8.5% of their salaries into their retirement funds. Of that the city covers .5%.

Many union employees made

their way to the dais to respectfully air their grievances. Among them was James Dowell, a lifelong resident of Glendale with over 30 years of service with the GWP. He decried the city's transferring of funds from the GWP to its general fund. The funds are used by the city to pay for public services.

"Due to this annual transferring of funds, GWP is unequipped to maintain its own infrastructure and incapable of providing a fair contract to its workers," he said. "The money the city transfers to its general fund affects the [GWP] rate that residents pay – not the workers' wages. The transfers are preventing the department from paying fair wages to retain a skilled workforce."

James Briggs, who works at the Briggs Power Plant and is a six-year employee of the GWP, voiced

his frustration at the council dais.

"If the goal of [Glendale] is to produce inexpensive and reliable power, I think we've missed the mark," he said pointing to issues of aging infrastructure. "The phrase 'pay me now or pay me later' comes to my mind. The oldest steam generation system in Glendale was commissioned in 1941. Fifty to 60 percent of the auxiliary systems are the original systems. That includes motor control and wiring. Nothing lasts forever."

Touching upon the reasons for his union's rejection of the city's offer, Briggs was direct.

"If you don't pay a competitive wage, you won't keep skilled people," he said. "You lose that experience. It takes two years to fill in positions currently at GWP. It takes a long time to learn the trade. When you're seeking

for apprenticeship applications, Glendale will be the last choice. You won't find a lineman that will come from DWP or Burbank to work here. In other words, you've created a training ground: [apprentices who become skilled] are just leaving. If skilled workers have a choice that makes more sense, they'll leave. We need the city to support the GWP as a whole – and we need a fair and equitable contract. [Does Glendale] really want to be at the bottom of a utility wage scale?"

When asked for a statement on the issue, City Spokesperson Tom Lorenz declined to comment.

"The rejection of the last and final [contract proposal] would be on [the IBEW]," he said. "We don't discuss negotiations publicly."

Inquiries with the IBEW had not been returned as of this article's publication.

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Montrose Search and Rescue Responds to Missing San Diego Hiker



Dr. John Rodarte talks to potential Montrose Search and Rescue members at a recruitment meeting held at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose Search and Rescue team members are assisting other search and rescue teams near San Diego for a missing desert hiker.

Guillermo Pino, 24, has been missing since Sunday at about noon. He and his family were exploring the caves in an area called Arroyo Tapiado, two miles from the mouth of a wash.

Pino is described as a "fairly experienced" hiker, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's

Department.

The search began Sunday at 6:30 p.m. It resumed Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. and continued until dark. The terrain in the Arroyo Tapiado area is extremely rugged with loose dirt and steep terrain. It is described as having many ravines, washes and mud caves in the area that has been dubbed as "Badlands."

Over 50 searchers are taking part in the search including San Diego Sheriff's Search and Rescue with two dogs, Borrego

Sheriff's Substation, Red Cross and BORSTAR (Border Patrol Search, Trauma Rescue Unit), San Bernardino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, San Diego Mountain Rescue, Sycuan Fire Department, as well as Montrose Search and Rescue.

MSR members left at 4 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The team is trained in mine rescue, one of the few rescue teams in California that has that type of training. The team was approached many years ago by representatives from the Office of Emergency Services who said there was a shortage of mine rescue teams in the state, said MSR member John McKently in an earlier interview with CV Weekly.

MSR decided to take the training and has continued with follow up training.

"The caves are formed by water, so the walls will be smooth and I understand there is water in them [normally]," said Mike Leum before leaving for the San Diego caves.

The rainy weather will make the search in the caves difficult.

Recently Montrose Search and Rescue held a recruitment night when they explained what the team does including their training requirements.

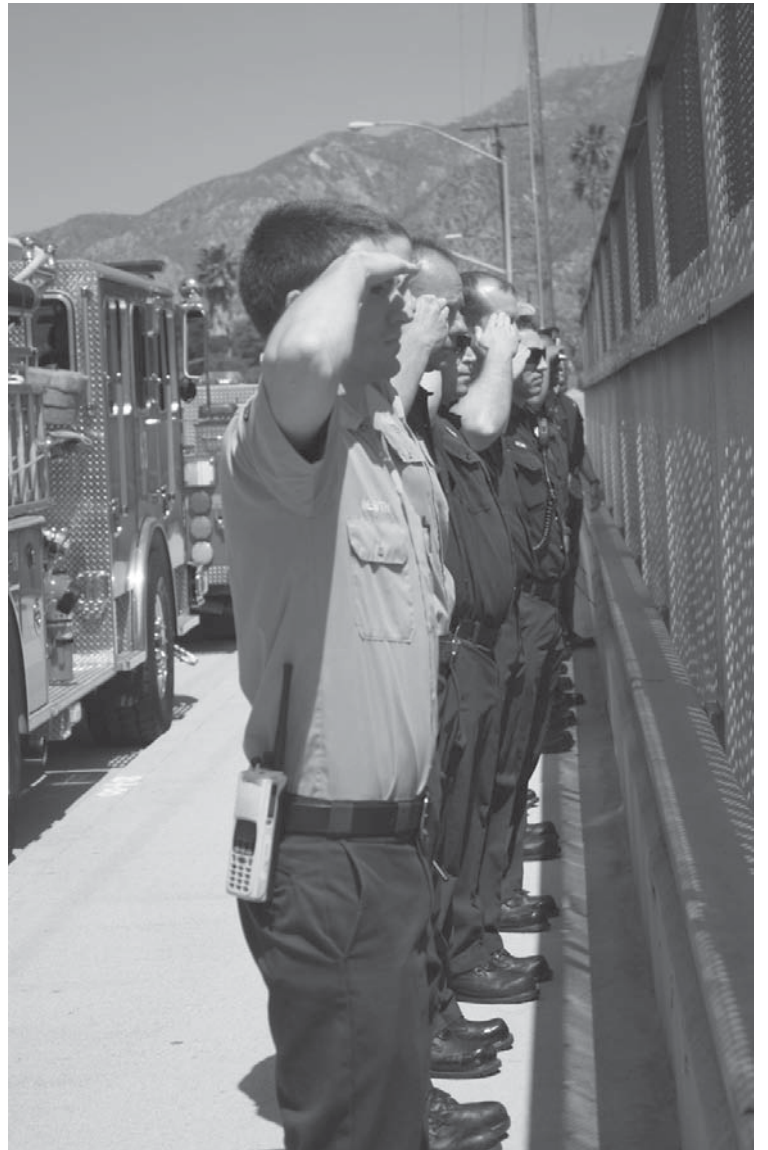
"It was great to have a number of people turn out," said Dr. John Rodarte, member of MSR team. "We have a tight knit community, it is good to see so many [who] want to help."

Team members are volunteers who get paid \$1 a year. They respond to rescues in local areas, like Angeles National Forest, and outside the area like Wednesday's trip to San Diego.

Members are trained through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy and train throughout the year in everything from rappelling out of a helicopter to climbing a wall of ice.

"I don't want people to be deterred by the initial amount of training time," Rodarte said. "[MSR] is a life-changing thing to be a part of."

Fallen Firefighter Honored



By Mary O'KEEFE

Fire engines from across Los Angeles County, including Glendale and L.A. County Fire, lined the overpasses of the Foothill (210) Freeway Friday afternoon to honor a fallen comrade.

Capt. David Bailey, 50, died while exercising at Camp 14 in Saugus. He was an 18-year veteran of the L.A. County Fire Department.

Firefighters stood at attention as the hearse carrying his body and the fire department procession traveled beneath them.

Bailey's body was being transported from Burbank to Santa Clarita.

Photos by Mary O'KEEFE

BELOW: Firefighters from departments including Glendale, Angeles National Forest and Los Angeles County honored fallen firefighter Capt. David Bailey as his body was transported from Burbank to Santa Clarita on Friday.



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Preparing for Memorial Wall

Veterans from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) carried two long flagpoles into the Crescenta Valley Water District yard in the 4700 block of Rosemont Avenue. The poles will eventually be used for the Two Strike Park Memorial Wall for which funds are currently being raised. The flagpoles will stand at either side of the wall. They were donated by veteran Andy Gero and his wife Marie.

The next fundraiser is a 5K run that is being held on April 21. For information, contact the CV Chamber of Commerce at (818) 248-4957 or visit www.twostrikememorial.org.



The CVWD storage yard will house two poles that will eventually be installed at the Memorial Wall planned for Two Strike Park.

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Reduction of Teachers in EEELP

By Jason KUROSU

As part of the Glendale Unified School District's efforts to weather the storm of the state's budgetary cuts, the board of education approved the reduction or discontinuance of some teachers in EEELP (Early Education Extended Learning Program).

"This is another one of those troubling areas in which the state government is sending mixed messages," said GUSD Superintendent Dick Sheehan at the board of education's meeting on April 3. "I know they've pinned a lot on next year's taxes and a tax increase to save education, but what the public doesn't realize is that education is going to be cut regardless, it's just to what extent we're being cut."

The school district made similar cuts to EEELP last year, laying off 15 teachers and 17 educational assistants.

"History's repeating itself," said Sheehan. "In the government's budget, [Brown is] cutting EEELP, the extended learning for our preschool students, and child care for after school."

David Samuelson, assistant superintendent of Human Resources for the district, reported a "worst case scenario projection of a 31.5% cut to full-day preschool and school-age child care and a 17.5% cut to half-day preschool programs."

Samuelson went on to say, "These cuts will mean a loss of \$991,260 to the Glendale Unified School District. This will be a loss of services for 161 to 205 students with a resulting loss of 7.5 teachers, which we call FTE – full time equivalent."

However, EEELP staff members that receive lay-off notices will be offered opportunities to apply for a behavior intervention assistant position within the district, part of the Special Education programs. The same position was offered to those EEELP members laid off last year.

However, many of those laid off last year were able to retain their jobs before the end of the school year and Samuelson is hopeful that the same trend will occur this year, as the budget cuts are less drastic this year.

"Cuts hurt," said board of education member Joylene Wagner. "We're not immune

from making the kind of cuts to programs that we truly don't want to have to make."

The board later approved the resolution for reducing EEELP, many of the board members indicating they were approving the resolution "with regret."

Obituary Serge Kimack



Feb. 5, 1921 – April 1, 2012

Serge Kimack, longtime resident of Montrose, passed away in his sleep April 1. He was 91 years young.

Serge was born in Sidliska, Poland on Feb. 5, 1921. At 19 he was drafted into the Soviet Army. After the war he escaped from the USSR and after a 10-year struggle was finally able to immigrate to the USA.

In 1957 he landed in New York took a job as a welder in Buffalo and traveled the United States looking for a place to call home for his family. He finally settled in Southern California working for Sears & Robuck.

He was faithful to his family and his church. In his retirement he managed Ukraine Cultural Center, was a real estate mogul and loved spending time with "my junk."

He is survived by his daughter Tamara Kimack; son William (Lori) Kimack; daughter Virginia Timpson; and son John (Jill) Kimack. Also by grandchildren Janine, Nicole, Johnathan, Joelle, Tyler, Michael, Alex, Casey and Corey and great grandchildren Malae, Akua, Lucien and Kenzie.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for St. Andrews Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 1456 Sutherland St., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Services were held on Friday, April 6 at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

CRIME BLOTTER

April 9

2400 Rockdell Street in La Crescenta, a man and woman, both 18 years old from La Crescenta, were arrested for being drunk in public. According to the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's report, deputies responded to a call concerning a disturbance. They arrived and the two teenagers were yelling and screaming at deputies and became belligerent. The drunken teenagers were apparently celebrating a friend's birthday and could not understand why the deputies were bothering them.

"We can't have a few drinks?" one of the underage teenagers allegedly said to the deputy.

They were both arrested for being drunk in public at

7:22 p.m.

April 8

Ramsdell Avenue and the overpass at the Foothill (210) Freeway in La Crescenta, a big rig was stolen from the location overnight.

April 7

800 block of Wiladonda Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a car alarm was activated and a resident found the doors of his vehicle were unlocked but nothing was stolen at 2:25 a.m.

April 4

3000 block of Alabama Street in La Crescenta, a 1998 Mazda four-door sedan was stolen between 7:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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CV BEAR from Cover

ties, found the bear and tranquilized him.

"He has been tranquilized but he is still moving," Wall said. The bear crawled over a fence and finally came to rest near a potted plant alongside an apartment complex in the 2400 block of Montrose Avenue.

Several neighbors came out to see what was going on as news and sheriff helicopters circled the area.

"I heard the helicopter and saw my neighbor's [home on the news]," said Landon Armstrong. "I live right across the street."

The bear was tranquilized with two darts and another that was administered manually, Hughan said.

Wall wanted to make certain the bear was in a deep sleep, especially with so many people around.

"We wouldn't want the bear to wake up and take [a swipe] at a kid taking a picture," Hughan said.

"You never want to be between where a bear is and where he wants to be," Wall said.

After the bear was safely tranquilized, sheriff's deputies and fish and game officers carried him to a tube-like bear cage and loaded him in for the trip to Angeles National Forest.

The many residents that had gathered around the apartment complex watched the bear being carried out. They applauded as

the bear was safely loaded into the tube-cage.

Chanel, 3, and Brinae, 5, Yanez had been standing by patiently with their mother Ashanti Ramirez waiting for the bear to be carried out. Brinae said she was surprised how big the bear was.

When asked if it was scary, Chanel said she was not scared.

Although the bear originated in the Verdugo Mountains, Hughan said the bear would adapt to the forest.

"They are smart, industrious animals," he said.

Although the bear got used to his easily accessible dining area in Glendale and La Crescenta, he

was transported far enough into the forest that he should not find his way back to his old Crescenta Valley neighborhood.

"I think we got this guy early enough [before he got too used to the area]," Hughan said. "He won't find his way back to [Montrose] Glendale but let's hope he doesn't find his way into another neighborhood."

For now Meatball appears happy in his new home.

"He was good. They took him out of [the cage]," he said. "We spoke to the [game] warden and he said [the bear crawled] out of the trap (cage), grumpy and groggy but good."

For more photos of Meatball, visit www.cvweekly.com.

COUNTRY FAIR from Cover

Dave Worley, committee member.

Originally the thought was to have the race down Foothill Boulevard but then the chamber offered the Hometown Country Fair as a venue.

The run has been mapped out at Crescenta Valley Park with the help of Chris Evans, a CVHS graduate and co-head track coach at Golden Valley High School.

"I hope this becomes an annual event," Worley said.

The total needed to build the memorial is \$75,000; \$30,000 has already been raised.

Worley had been on the patriotism committee in Glendale when they were building their memorial wall, about 20 years ago.

"They have a fund that they continue to [help] add names or for maintenance and upkeep," Worley said.

It is hoped the 5K will help raise needed construction funds this year, and supply supporting funds in the future.

Several veterans who are not running have donated the entry fee of \$20 for students who wish to run but need financial help. Rosemont Middle School teacher and former Student Run Los Angeles coach Terry Parker is gathering names of students to run.

Anyone who wishes to join the 5K can do so by visiting www.twostrikememorial.org and filling out the form. Runners are also able to sign up the day of the event.

The day will start with a run and end with the Hometown Country Fair. Volunteers from JROTC and Prom Plus Club will be at the fair and run to help anyone with questions.

QUINTERO from Cover

year I have to work with everybody.

"I wish I could vote for each one of them. By voting 'no' it seems like I'm not confident in them, which is the furthest thing from the truth. But I'm going to vote for one and only one because Mr. Quintero has been on the Council for three terms; served as mayor twice. He's asked for the courtesy of a third term as mayor for his last year in office. He has promised that he won't run

again and I take him at his word. I feel that extending this courtesy to him is just that – it's a courtesy that I would extend to anyone else on the dais. Since I know that both Mr. Manoukian and Mr. Weaver will serve in the next few years, I personally don't see the harm [in my vote for Quintero]. I hope that none of them sees it as a slight or a personal attack."

Councilmember Manoukian,

who seemed bemused by last week's deadlock, spoke with bitter disappointment over his loss, claiming that the position should have been his.

"If Mr. Quintero is voted mayor, it will be the first time, since I remember, that a councilmember has served [as mayor] twice during their term," he said. "It has never been done before. Traditionally it would've been my turn to be mayor. I urged my colleagues to respect that. I voted for them when their turns were up."

He also appeared to make a jab at Quintero's promise not to seek reelection.

"Talk is cheap. Action is what matters. To me that's what matters," he said.

But ultimately he was resigned to the inevitable outcome of the vote.

"It's apparent that the [tie-breaking] vote has already been pretty much cast. It is unfortunate. But I do look forward to working

with whoever the next mayor is."

Councilmember Ara Najarian for his part offered conciliatory words to the new mayor.

"I look forward to working with [Quintero] in the years ahead. He has been a stable, creative, and driving force. I hope that, regardless of what is said tonight, whether he runs for mayor or not, he considers running for reelection next year. I will personally be one who will not hold him to a pre-election promise."

"Congratulations, Mayor Quintero," spoke Weaver at the end of the vote.


As his first act, Mayor Quintero presented former Mayor Friedman with a plaque commemorating her mayoral term. His mayoral term will see the city grappling with various issues and problems unprecedented in the city's history – something Mayor Quintero understood by eschewing any speeches of thanks.

"We have business to get to," he said tersely.

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VIEWPOINTS



MY THOUGHTS, EXACTLY
» JIM CHASE

Our Year of Living Adventurously

I'm sure my wife would agree that when she married me 26 years ago today, she had no idea what she was signing up for. Poor woman. But lucky me.

On that unseasonably cold, early spring day over two and a half decades ago, standing together in the outdoor gazebo at the Saddleback Inn in Lake Arrowhead, we said our vows before God, my favorite uncle (who just happened to be a Presbyterian minister) and a handful of family members who drove up the winding mountain roads through pea soup fog for the event. Sometime later, as we planned our future plans and dreamed the dreams of the just-married, we promised each other that upon reaching our 25th anniversary, we would celebrate by taking a trip to Europe, specifically Austria and Switzerland.

Surely by then our kids would be grown and independent. Surely too, my upward career path in the ad biz would have provided enough financial stability by then to afford such a romantic getaway. Surely we would have the time to relax with an overseas trip in celebration of a quarter century of wondrous wedded bliss (we were newlyweds, okay?).

But as Leslie Nielsen once said in the movie "Airplane," "Don't call me Shirley." I'm also reminded of the sage Yiddish saying, "Man plans, God laughs."

If so, they must be holding their angelic sides and gasping for air in heaven.

I'm pretty sure we were at least right about our kids. Yes, our four progeny are healthy, independent, wise beyond their years and, for the most part, well on the way to realizing their own dreams of family, faith, careers and a fulfilled life. May it be ever so. Amen and amen.

As to my career? Bwah-hahaha. Chortle. Guffaw. Snort. Titter. That's a good one. You know that steep, upwardly mobile rise to a creative corner office on Madison Avenue West I mentioned above? It quickly began looking more like a dive off a steep cliff not long after I left the ad (mad) agency world and went freelance nearly 16 years ago.

And so, a year ago our 25th anniversary was upon us and there was no way in financial fantasyland that we would be going on any European adventure. I mean, if we couldn't afford the gas to drive to San Diego, flying to St. Moritz was absolutely, ridiculously out of the question.

So instead of letting the 25 year milestone pass like "just" any another anniversary night out with a nice dinner, some flowers and a card – we decided to celebrate in an unusual way for an entire year – by attempting to complete 25 low cost, semi-local mini "adventures" during the 12 months until our next anniversary. (Yes, ladies, I did the dinner,

flowers and card routine, too. I may be challenged in the disposable income department, but I'm not stupid.)

One year later, how'd we do on our adventure quest? We made a valiant attempt, to be sure. Although we didn't quite make it to 25, we came awfully close, including making several long bike rides (one as far as 65 miles round trip from Duarte to Long Beach and back), an attempt to summit Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the continental U.S., cross-country snowshoeing in Mammoth Lakes, hiking to the top of Mt. Baldy, riding with the CV Weekly team on a "float" in the annual Montrose Christmas Parade and quite a few others. It has been an adventurous year, to say the least.

So how are my wife and I celebrating our 26th anniversary today? Here's a clue: it isn't in the Alps, but it does involve the Matterhorn. And even though the gas to Anaheim will cost almost as much as airfare to see the real thing, can you really put a price on true love? (Men, the answer to that one is "Absolutely not!" Got it?)

I'll see you 'round town.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY
» MIKE LAWLER

Goodbye Dominick's, and Hello Antiques Market

It's with great sadness and shock that our community learned that Dominick's Pizza at Foothill and Ramsdell, a CV institution for almost 50 years, has closed. It was opened in 1956 by the Garofano family and sold to the Russo family in 1970. La Crescenta "old-timer" Bill Costello shared some of their early history, the Garofano years, with me.

Dominick Garofano, an Italian immigrant, learned his cooking skills in the army of all places! After WWII, he and his wife Marie ventured to California, where Dominick got a job at the popular Hollywood Italian restaurant Casa D'Mor. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Mario Lanza were regulars. With some restaurant experience under his belt, Dominick and Marie opened the first "Dominick's," a "Happy Days" style drive-in restaurant on Los Feliz.

By the mid-50s they decided they'd like to open Dominick's as a sit-down place near where they lived in the growing community of La Crescenta. They bought a lot at Ramsdell and Foothill, carved out of the grape vineyards that dominated all four corners of that intersection. Win's Burgers was already there on their new lot, but soon moved. Interestingly, that building was moved a half-block east down Foothill, and today exists as Senior Nacho.

Dominick's opened in the summer of 1956 and was a hit from its opening day. That first night the line of customers stretched west on Foothill across Ramsdell and halfway down the next

block! Dominick came up with the "See it made!" slogan for their sign, and he proudly installed a window to the kitchen so his customers could watch him toss and spin the pizza dough. Dominick and Marie were a team, with Dominick in the kitchen and Marie at the cash register.

At one point they decided that to create a truly Italian atmosphere in the dining room – the customers should be serenaded. And of course, who better to sing for the crowd than their 10-year-old daughter Nancy? She sang her heart out, accompanying herself on a giant accordion hung around her neck. That must have been priceless!

The Garofano family created a family atmosphere at Dominick's that continued under the ownership of the Russo family. Dominick's was an unofficial community center with Little League team dinners, school fundraisers and community meetings held there on a regular basis. Anyone who has spent any time at all in La Crescenta has a Dominick's memory. It will be missed, and we mourn its passing.

Even as we say goodbye to Dominick's, we gain a new feature on Foothill Boulevard – the Foothill Crafts and Collectables Market. A couple of months ago, the Montrose Harvest Market ended the Thieves' Market part of the Harvest Market in favor of more craft-oriented vendors, and in the bargain raised the booth price for vendors. That spurred several vendors to get together and start a new

market that will concentrate on antiques.

On Saturday morning, April 21, tents will go up on the corner of Foothill and Briggs where vendors will sell such items as used books, vintage linens and tablecloths, antique crystal, china and small furniture. As well, community groups, such as the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, will be there. It will operate on an every other Saturday basis through June. They still have spots available, and if you'd like to sell there, call (818) 230-5858, or visit them on Facebook.

This market will be a charity event with a portion of the profits to go to "The Firehouse," a youth house just down Foothill at St. Luke's Episcopal. The Firehouse provides a safe place for local teens to hang out in off-school hours where they can play video games, listen to music, and if they absolutely have to, do homework.

The Firehouse depends on the community to donate snacks for these hungry teens, and Reverend Beverly Craig of the La Crescenta Church of Religious Science has answered the call. She's the official sponsor of the Foothill Antiques Market, and she had assigned a portion of the proceeds to buy food for the Firehouse!

Thanks Reverend Craig!

Mike Lawler is the president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates 'Reflections'

I opened the paper one beautiful Thursday morning and immediately smiled. For there was the title of From the Desk of the Editor, waiting to greet me: "Easter, Passover Reflections." Thank you, thank you, thank you Robin for remembering that this time of year plays host to another religion's (besides Christianity) holiday. This [past] weekend wasn't just Easter, it was Passover, too!

Now, as a Jew living in La Crescenta, I understand that there is a very small fraction of Jewish people in this area compared to our Christian friends, but often it can get very isolating around the time of major Christian holidays including Christmas/Hanukah time. Imagine being repeatedly wished a Happy _____, when in fact you don't actually celebrate that holiday! I appreciate the sentiment behind the phrase, but

something inside me always feels just a little bit sad. I often feel that people don't take the time to find out when other religious or cultural holidays occur, and if they do know, they don't really care. I'm sure you can imagine my face when I went on to read Sue Kilpatrick's Weather in the Foothills. How nice it was to not only receive well-wishes for both holidays, but also a short explanation of each! How sincere and well-rounded to do a little research, and thus become educated in each, and then go on to share this knowledge with others.

So, a huge thank you to the CV Weekly staff for making me feel included, too.

Paige Harris
La Crescenta

Fire Should be Warning

The massive fire on the 134 Freeway Saturday night, April 7, caused by a

speeder rear-ending a gasoline tanker truck really illustrates what a bad idea it is to extend the 710 Freeway with a several mile long tunnel. Can you imagine the consequences of such a fire in a tunnel? Only the toxic smoke and fumes would escape the ventilation shafts, sharing all the pollution with whatever unlucky neighborhoods CalTrans might choose for those facilities.

Please let your elected state representatives know extending the 710 is a bad idea whose time has passed. We need a better way to transport all kinds of freight and it shouldn't be with trucks intermixed with passenger vehicles.

Sharon Weisman
Glendale

National Car Care Month Offers Opportunity

April is National Car Care Month

and chances are if you own a car, it needs some work. Results of community car care events held throughout the country in 2011 show that many consumers are neglecting their cars, with more than eight out of 10 vehicles failing at least one component of the vehicle inspection process. National Car Care Month is the perfect time to focus on your vehicle's maintenance needs.

To help motorists "be car care aware," the non-profit Car Care Council has introduced a new online service schedule, free to all motorists throughout the country. The personalized schedule and e-mail reminder service, powered by DriverSide.com, can be customized by motorists at the council's newly introduced website, www.carcare.org. Whether you do it yourself or take your car to a professional service technician, following a preventative

maintenance schedule will help keep your vehicle safe, dependable and on the road longer. And our new system will give you the reminders that you need to stay on top of this maintenance.

To help consumers become more comfortable with the auto service and repair process, the Car Care Council also recently introduced a new video entitled "Auto Service and Repair: What to Expect" that provides a wealth of information on such topics as finding the right auto repair facility, what to expect at the shop and what questions to ask. The video also covers the real truth about consumer rights and the manufacturer's warranty.

For more helpful information, check out the council's free digital Car Care Guide.

*Rich White, executive director
Car Care Council*

The Baptism

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, my daughter Molly and I attended a baptism at St. Bede's the Venerable in La Cañada.

After two years of classes, Josh Lacey was to be baptized and we were honored that he wanted to share it with us.

Josh is 19, and he has dedicated every Wednesday for two years to learning his faith and preparing for the baptism and confirmation. I asked Josh why he wanted to be baptized and why St. Bede's. He told me his dad had asked him to come to church several times, but he kept putting it off.

"Then one day I went to church and it all made sense to me. It just seemed right," Josh said.

We are Episcopalian, so

some of Saturday's service at St. Bede's was familiar. It was a long service, about three hours, but the church was beautiful and the music reflective. It was, however, a little like being at a concert and waiting for that main band to show. I had talked to Josh about this ceremony for so long I was anxious to see it finally happen.

A small pool sat on the altar stage. Women carrying jars of water walked down the aisles and poured the water into the pool. Twelve people were being baptized, all dressed in brown robes with rope belts. Their sponsors stood behind them and throughout the entire ceremony, until they stepped into the pool, they had their hands on their ward's shoulders. For me, this was one of the

most moving parts of the evening. These 12 people, who had been so dedicated with their studies and religious certainty, were not alone – someone had their back.

Msgr. Antonio Cacciapuoti, St. Bede's pastor, told the 12 they were joining a family of Christians throughout the world.

For that moment there was no division between denominations. Josh was being welcomed as my children and I had been when we were baptized.

I guess this is what Holy Week is all about. For Christians, it is a time to remember our history, a time to reflect on why we chose to follow the teachings of Christ and why

church is an important foundation that, despite dips in attendance, is still a strong institution in the world.

The pastor explained the act of baptism forgives all sins, clears the slate so to speak.

"It was amazing but in retrospect not a lot has changed," Josh said after the baptism. "But it has made me more confident in my spiritual life and I am part of a family."

And isn't that a feeling we all want, a sense of belonging? What a great family to be part of.



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Me and Cancer – We Know A Lot of The Same People

By David SCHIMIDT

This year marks the fifth year that I will be involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the fourth year that I am working with the beautiful people of La Cañada/Montrose to keep their event something special. As the master of ceremonies for the first day's entertainment and events I am typically asked to share "my cancer story."

Sharing my story is a bit daunting as I usually share the Relay stage with cancer survivors, people in the heat of their cancer battle, and those who have moved the proverbial mountain in order to do their part in researching a cure for this horrible disease. A disease that is no respecter of persons, and which randomly and without reason inflicts its evil on far too many. My story is that of a spectator, a bystander if you will, who has been watching cancer combat since the age of 6. I have seen this war from an up close and personal view, witnessed some success stories, and far too many losses to feel victorious ... yet.

My introduction to cancer at 6 began with the loss of my father to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. As a boy of 5, I remember seeing my father (and remember, 5 year olds view fathers as untouchable, infallible and as heroes) too weak to independently get out of his recliner, stationed in the middle of our living room. I remember seeing the tumor on his neck grow, distorting his face to almost unrecognizable. At that age I just thought dad was sick, and sick people get better. It was only later that I discovered dad found out he had inoperable cancer around his

40th birthday, about five years prior to his death. I mention his age because I am 40, and cannot help but wonder how different my life would be right now if I was faced with knowing my days were short upon this earth.

Flash forward about 27 years. It was a Saturday morning in early 2004 at about 6 a.m. when I got a call from my oldest sister explaining to me that my mom had been diagnosed with cancer. She said of mom's diagnosis, "It isn't good." I was familiar with my sister's tone, as it was the same tone she had when she had to deliver the news of my father's passing, Christmas Eve in 1977. Just one day before mom's diagnosis, she was at work. She was 69 years old at the time and simply too full of energy to retire. I know because she tried to retire not once, but twice.

Mom still cooked every meal for my stepfather, kept up with the laundry, shopping and with the housework in the house she fought to keep when my father past away decades earlier. She also walked three to five miles along the roads of Big Sandy, Tex. with my sisters a few days per week.

That same pillar of tenacity, my mother, was initially taken to the hospital as a result of what was thought to be a mild stroke. What she was told was they found lung cancer, which they were certain was "stage 4." Mom had been a smoker but she'd quit smoking in 1970 (when she became pregnant with me). As if hearing stage 4 lung cancer wasn't enough, doctors went on to explain her lung cancer had metastasized in her spine, adrenal glands, chest and brain. In fact, the

brain tumors were so numerous we were told, "there were too many to count." Additionally the news that nothing long term would be helpful came right before her being given a life expectancy of three to six months from that day.

It was a day too many have experienced and a day every one hopes to eliminate for future generations.

Both my parents were fighters. Mom however had the benefit of years of research development and cancer treatments which were not available to my dad. So she decided to fight and from diagnosis day one she determined she would do everything possible to beat this disease. And fight she did.

As many know all too well, watching Mom, a woman who had always been the epitome of health, go through rounds of chemo and weeks of radiation took a toll on us all. We saw her lose her hair and her ability to stand tall as the cancer attacked her spine, choking off the functions of the nerves that run along it. We watched her eyesight fade as brain legions continued to grow in number and size and we listened to her breathing become a laborious act. And we watched in horror as the combination of the affects of her cancer, and her cancer treatments, reduced her by nearly half, turning her into not much more than an 80 lb. bag of bones. This went on for months, well beyond her six-month initial life expectancy, which was both a blessing and a curse. When she became paralyzed we took turns at her bedside.

I'd love to tell you that my parents were the start and finish of my experience with cancer, but sadly, I've had other

run-ins with this evil. Siblings who have battled melanoma and friends losing limbs from cancerous tumors. Co-workers arriving in the office with that scared look in their eyes. My step-father (my dad from the time I was 11) was taken a little over a year ago and a childhood friend lost his wife in early March after her three-year fight with a rare form of brain cancer that currently has a 0% survival rate.

These experiences have pushed me into a more proactive mindset and – trust me – I've had a few lumps and moles checked out, too. Cancer has no conscience. It is a monster that lurks in the dark always ready to attack.

Cancer is scary. It scares me and it scares me because I know I haven't lived a "pure" life. I don't always make good nutritional decisions and it's only recently that I can say I am tobacco free. But I still love to be in the sun, and I still love beach vacations, and the fact is ... it is impossible for any of us to completely remove ourselves from all carcinogens. And that is precisely why I choose every year to be part of this wonderful event, the Foothills Relay for Life.

I fantasize every year prior to this event that we, up there at Clark-Magnet High School, will raise that one magical dollar that will be the last needed and will finally fund that miracle cure and forever rid the world of this evil monster. I believe we will find a cure for cancer, and I believe we are close.

It is that faith in a cure that leads me to empty my pockets year after year because I don't want to walk away with that final cure research dollar in my pocket. It is my belief in

a cure that drives me to host Relay and motivates me with the energy needed to keep the Relay walkers, entertainers, sponsors, cancer fighters and survivors pumped up.

As I sit here reading and editing what I have written, I am overwhelmed by emotion because I am one of the lucky ones. Lucky to have been cancer free my entire life, lucky to have had the time with those I've loved who have lost their cancer battle, and lucky to have cancer survivors in my life.

Over the years, Relay has given me a chance to do something constructive in the fight against cancer and I do so alongside an army – an army of people who have become my extended family and whom inspire me. Each year, together, we build hope that one day we will find a cure. And every year, I am humbled by the opportunity to meet some of the strongest and most beautiful people this world has to offer, joining me at Relay and for this cause.

So that's my cancer story and also why I participate in Relay For Life each year and will do so as long as I am able to join others as a warrior against a disease that must be wiped out.

Come out and join us as we anticipate together that this will be the year of the cure!

I hope to see everyone at Clark Magnet School, 4747 New York Ave. in La Crescenta the weekend of May 12-13.

David Schmidt is the emcee for the annual Foothills Relay For Life. To find out how to take part or support Relay, visit the web page <http://foothillsrelayforlife.com/2012event.htm>.

YOUTH

CV Girl Scout Troop 391 Earns Bronze Award

By Sammi SLAYBACK

Since the Girl Scouts of the USA was founded a century ago, the organization has thrived and now boasts a membership of over three million girls and adults throughout the nation. The girls of Crescenta Valley's Troop 391 have carried on the Girl Scout tradition of community involvement by participating in preservation efforts for the Verdugo Hills Golf Course.

Guided by troop leader Sharon Hales, for the past three years the fifth-grade girls of Troop 391 chose to take on the project of raising awareness about the preservation of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. The project has earned the troop the Bronze Award, an honor given to Girl Scout troops after completing three years of service.

"Our community needs more open spaces and recreational spaces," member Ellie Kohn said when asked why she and her fellow troop members chose such a challenging endeavor. "There isn't much open space

left, so we need to save the space we have."

Over the course of their project, the girls have learned much about the history of the golf course, which they passed on to friends and family. The land was originally a Wikanga Indian village located half way between the San Gabriel and San Fernando missions. The village acted as a place of refuge and shelter for padres who frequently had to make the trip between locations.

The land was eventually purchased by five doctors who built the golf course. After the passing of the last surviving owner in 2004, the property was sold to Snowball West Investments.

What the girls of Troop 391 want to share with the community are the plans the investment company has for 28 of the 58 acres of land. According to their research, one proposal is to build 229 homes in place of the golf course and driving range.

The Girl Scouts are attempting to save what is a very unique

golf course. With a 3-par, 18-hole course and 27-tee driving range, the Verdugo Hills Golf Course is a rare commodity. Not only is its structure uncommon but its hours of operation and usage for school activities set it apart from other competing courses.

The girls have been fighting to raise awareness and preserve the golf course in various ways. They have written letters to Los Angeles City Council members Paul Krekorian and Richard Alarcon asking them for their support, scootered in the Sunland-Tujunga 4th of July parade passing out balloons and fliers, and met with news reporters to voice their concern. In addition to these activities, the girls will be hosting a booth at the Arbor Day celebration on April 28 at Two Strike Park in order to further educate the community of their cause.

While the scouts have been actively participating in their community on a regular basis, the Girl Scouts organization isn't only about hard work.

"It's [also] really fun," said



Photo by Sammi SLAYBACK

The girls of Troop 391 stand in front of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course. They earned their Bronze Award for their preservation efforts.

troop member Hanna Wright. and see all of your friends." "You get to do a lot of fun things

Team Helps Restore Local Trail

On Saturday, 16 members of the St. Francis High School Mountain Bike Team joined 50 other high school mountain bikers for a hard yet rewarding day of trail work in the Angeles National Forest on a segment of trail that was damaged during the Station Fire.

Under the guidance of local trail advocates Banner Moffatt and Stephen Messer of the Concerned Off Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA), the students were divided into smaller groups to perform specific tasks such as brush clearing, trail widening and route relocation. Thanks to the students' contributions, the trail system is now much safer for cyclists and hikers.

Saturday's work was performed on a popular mountain bike trail behind JPL called Upper Brown. The students used their mountain bikes to ride six miles to the trail work area with some students and coaches using trailers to tow up the equipment and hand tools needed to complete the job.

Despite temperatures reaching 90 degrees, the students put in almost eight hours of work and their efforts made a major impact on the quality of the trail.

The St. Francis High School Mountain Bike Team is currently in its fourth season of competition in the SoCal High School Mountain Bike League.

Contributed by Coach LEE BIRD



TOP: From left, Daniel Balsam, Austin Hamilton, Sean Bird, Matt Kubly are hard at work on the trail.

ABOVE: Taking a break are team members (from left) Austin Hamilton, Scott Marshall, Nick Bedford, Philip Saulny, Nathaniel Blakely, Sean Bird, Matt Kubly, Chris Sercel, Coach Nick Gualtieri and Will Towne.

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Future Scientists Invade Valley View Cafeteria

By Misty DUPLESSIS

Each year the fourth grade students of Valley View team up with partners to test hypothesis, conduct experiments and form scientific conclusions as they explore different aspects of science.

Although it was mandatory for fourth graders to participate, 50 students in grades one through five enthusiastically chose to take part in this scientific adventure with encouragement from the PTA.

The PTA helped transform the school cafeteria into a laboratory where students saw the effects of tornados, learned about the mystery of quicksand and tested delicious fruit drinks for Vitamin C.

Several weeks prior to the event, PTA President Myra Goethals set up an after school workshop that gave all students

the opportunity to learn everything they needed to know about doing a science project from choosing a topic to forming a conclusion.

Fourth grader David Melendez and his partner made a marshmallow launcher out of a mousetrap, but ran into a problem when the wind kept blowing the marshmallows off course. The young scientists switched out the marshmallows for jelly beans and turned their experiment into a device that visitors of all ages enjoyed playing with.

In addition to the hands-on fun the students had, they received a special visit from volunteer students of the Crescenta Valley High School Science and Medicine Academy who were stationed at posts ready to help students make goo out of common household items, test gravity and make toys glow

with touch.

All those in attendance had the privilege of meeting students from Clark Magnet High's robotics team 696. Students enjoyed a sort of tag game with Raul, a mini robot that was programmed to spin and move randomly on its own. Clark's Queen Hannah's Revenge, who won the title of Best Quality during this year's Rebound Rumble competition, also joined the fun.

Many students enjoyed running after the robot as they tried to anticipate its next move and playing catch with the basketball-throwing machine.

Goethals credited a mother at Mountain Avenue for sharing a lot of materials with Valley View and for giving her "great

ideas."

"All the schools in the area work so well together," said Goethals.

Goethals said the science fair event was a success and credited

the school for its support for the first annual school wide event.

Photo by Misty DUPLESSIS
BELOW: Fourth grade student Jonathan Magna tests for properties of density.



Dancing Fun at Village Christian



Photo by Charlotte BOWEN

In Sun Valley, the elementary PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) at Village Christian Schools hosted a hoe down for its families. They enjoyed a barbecue dinner and dancing to a country-western band in a festive setting. Everyone had the chance to learn the Electric Slide line dance and being together for a fun evening.

CCNS Celebrates Easter

Students at Crescenta-Cañada Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS) celebrated Easter by dyeing eggs then hunting for them in a traditional Easter egg hunt.

Students awaited the arrival of the Easter bunny for weeks with director Nita Imm preparing arts and crafts, reading Easter stories and teaching Easter songs to the Darling Ducks (3-year-old program) and the Busy Bears (4-year-old program).

Parents lent a hand and were in attendance for the Easter egg hunt, which included a song performance from the children. They hopped and sang while wearing bunny ears and wiggling bunny noses.

"I love teaching the children about the coming of spring, new life and Easter," said Imm.

As a cooperative, CCNS is guided by a volunteer board of directors to establish policies and guidelines while parents join together to manage the day-to-day activities and maintenance of the school. CCNS is Christian based and is non-denominational.

TOP RIGHT: Annalina Fogerty colors Easter eggs.

RIGHT: Miro Nauha and AJ Spiotto work on eggs.



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SPORTS

Babe Herman Tournament: CV 12, Notre Dame 4

Falcons Get Offensive in Babe Herman Tourney

CV lights up the scoreboard all week at Stengel vs. non-league foes.

By Brandon HENSLEY

For some Southern California students, spring break might be about hitting the beach and riding the waves. For the Falcons baseball team, spring break is about hitting grand slams and riding waves of offense.

CV hosted the 46th annual Babe Herman Tournament at Stengel Field this week, and the Falcons advanced to the championship game with a 12-4 win over Notre Dame on Tuesday. The championship game was to be played on Wednesday vs. Chatsworth at 7 p.m., although the rain that fell threatened to postpone the game as of press time.

In beating Notre Dame, the Falcons improved to 10-4 overall. They beat Hoover 5-0 behind a dominant pitching performance by Elliot Surrey last Friday to run their Pacific League record to 4-0.

CV was in the National Division in the Tournament. The winner of the National side plays the American Division winner for the championship. The Falcons won the tournament last year.

CV's offense has finally come alive. Ted Boeke hit a grand slam on Saturday against Eastern High School in a game the Falcons won in extra innings on a walkoff RBI by Kyle Murray. Sophomore Michael Russo hit another grand slam on Monday in a 16-2 win over Redondo Union.

"We're playing games. It's been huge. We had those huge gaps in our schedule so it was so frustrating," said Coach Phil Torres. "Playing well helps, and pitching well helps too."

The Falcons have won five in a row and eight of their last nine games. In those eight wins they are averaging just over seven runs.

Against the Notre Dame Knights, CV was able to break the game open in the third inning. They chased pitcher Tommu Wilson, who was charged with four runs in two innings. In the third, Russo drove in two runs to make it a 4-1 lead, and then junior Cole Currie's base hit plated two more for a 6-1 lead.

It didn't get much prettier for the Knights in the fourth. CV scored five more times, thanks to two more RBIs by Currie.

"We all hit pretty well. Guys were on base for me and I just happened to put the ball in play and good things happened," Currie said.

Currie said the offensive explosion was expected, eventually.

"Yeah, I mean, we talk about it all the time. Once we hit, we're going to hit, and the past two teams have paid the price for it," he said.

Starting pitcher Murray went six innings and gave up four runs on three hits. He struck out seven.

The Falcons play at Mater Dei on Saturday at 11 a.m. They resume their Pacific League schedule on April 17 at Glendale at 3:30 p.m.

Quick Hits:

The one trouble spot CV had this week was on Saturday against a team from New Jersey, the Eastern Vikings. CV pulled out a 9-8 win



in eight innings (regulation lasts seven innings).

Kyle Murray, who came on as a reliever in the eighth for Chas Turansky, drove a pitch off of James Santore to centerfield to score Patrick Adams, who was the winning run. Eastern had scored in the top of the eighth when Tom Bordi tripled home Steve Priolo to make it 8-7.

Vikings starting pitcher Mike Marchitto struggled through a bad first inning. He gave up a grand slam to center off CV third baseman Ted Boeke, making it 4-0 Falcons.

Eastern took advantage of CV pitcher Troy Mulcahey's poor control and tied the game in the second. Mulcahey lasted just one and two-third innings and was replaced by Johnu Psatlis (Mulcahey was still allowed to bat). The game was tied in 7-7 in the third, and after that both pitchers Marchitto and



Turansky – who entered in the fourth – settled down ... until the eighth innings, of course.

The Babe:

The tournament is named in honor of Babe Herman, who was born in Buffalo in 1903 but moved to Glendale when he was still a toddler. Herman ended up playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers and enjoyed a successful career, retiring in 1937. He returned to Glendale and worked as a scout for several teams until 1964.

Photos by Leonard COUTIN
 TOP: Troy Mulcahey's sacrifice fly at Tuesday's game against Notre Dame helped the win for Crescenta Valley. Mulcahey overcame struggles on the mound on Saturday against Eastern High School.
 BOTTOM: Starting pitcher Kyle Murray pitched a strong six innings Tuesday, allowing just three earned runs. Murray had the game winning hit on Saturday propelling the Falcons to a 9-8 victory.

CV, Hoover Tri Meet at Burroughs

By Leonard COUTIN

The Burroughs Indians hosted its first track and field tri meet against the Falcons and the Tornados at its new memorial stadium on April 5.

The Falcons varsity boys and girls performed with precision, scoring against rival Indians and Tornados and taking many first and second placements, not only in the relays and sprints, but also in field events.

Although the meet is scored separately like a dual meet, the athletes race together at the same time in all the events. CV boys scored 101 to Burroughs 35, and 124 to Hoover's 11.

"I am happy with how the meet went. We had quite a few [personal records] in events," said CVHS head coach Mark Evans. "They did a great job with the facility ... It was fun to be the first track meet on the new surface and refurbished stadium."

The Falcon boys won the 4x100 relay 44.95.

Burroughs' lead distance runner Anthony Monroy had a dual win both in the 1600m (4:22) and 3200m (9:46) with Falcon Gabe Collison running the lead in the 3200m during most of the race. Nick Beatty took second in the 1600m (4:31.06) with Aaron

Esparza placing third (4:32).

Falcon Parker Averill had a triple win in the sprint 400m dash (53:31), the shot put (36-11½) and discus (110-6). Alex Damia had a close second to Averill in the 400m (53:37) and Adam Akopyan placed third (55:19).

Tyler Bradshaw once again won the pole vault (12-0) with teammate Logan Rodgers taking third (10-0) and Burroughs securing second (11-6).

A refreshing surprise was a win by Falcons Mike Duncan and Justin Springfield in the long jump,

both jumping identical marks of 18-7. This is the second time this year distance runner Duncan has long jumped.

Thomas Hwang won the high jump (5-8). Falcon hurdler senior Josh Straszewski streaked through both the 110HH (15:00)

and the 300H (41:31) with Falcon lead sprinter Justin Maturan winning the 100 (11:44). Springfield won the 200m (22.75).

The CV girls triumphed over both Burroughs 94 to 41 and Hoover 118 to 12 as well.

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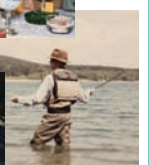
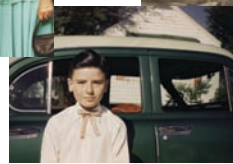
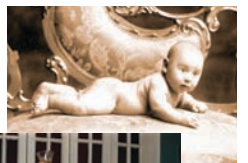
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LEFT: Emmy Walker taking second in the high jump (4-10). RIGHT: Parker Averill shot putting.



CSA Game of the Week

Zeke's vs. So Cal Heating



On a chilly spring morning at Two Strike Park, SoCal Heating held on to beat Zeke's 5-4 in a Crescenta Sports Association Pinto League game.

The game, held on Saturday, March 31, started out with Zeke's pitcher Charlie Stewart striking out the first two batters and getting help from outfielder Jarrett Brewer, who made an amazing home-run saving catch to end the inning.

SoCal Heating's Jacob Petersen pitched an equally strong inning by getting all three putouts on the first three batters he faced. In the second inning, SoCal Heating's bats came alive with six hits for three runs with Richie Ryan and Daniel Bayles each smacking triples. Zeke's battled back in the

bottom of the second with a run off three singles by John Gelsinger, Ethan Godby and William Allen. Zachery Roh, Jack Mawhinney, Petersen, and Bayles all singled to give SoCal Heating two more runs in the last inning.

With one last chance to come back, Zeke's batter Evan Boyle homered, and batters Jordan Lamm, Jake Weingarten, Stewart and Gelsinger all singled to bring the score to 5-4.

SoCal Heating pitcher Roh ended the rally by striking out the last batter leaving Zeke's with bases loaded and one run shy of tying the game.

All in all it was a fun game and a bright spot in an otherwise overcast southern California March day.

Contributed by Jon WEINGARTEN

There was little doubt that the Falcons were serious about attaining tri meet victories. Starting off with a 50:38 in the 4x100 relay, the Falcon team of Claudia Sepulveda, Noel Wong, Emmy Walker and Kayleigh Carrillo took the victory.

The CV distance tripled with lead runner Cali King winning (5:25) and teammates Megan Melnyk (5:33) capturing second and Erika Johnson (5:36) securing third.

Sepulveda had a dual win in the 100H (16:63) and 300H (49:19). Courtney Iannelo won the 400m (1:02.37) and teammate Ruby Hannah placed second (103:50).

Carrillo, who has been a lead supporter in points all season, again had a stellar victory winning both the 100m (12:31) and 200m (25:95) as well as anchoring both relays.

Senior Brooke Moultrie and frosh Haley Witzeman won the 3200 with identical time (12:19).

The top three slots in the high

jump were taken by Falcons Emily Beglarian (5-0), Walker (4-10) and Grace Keller (4-8).

"Burroughs is a team we need to beat in cross-country so I am happy with how the distance athletes ran," said Evans. "We had three boys under 5:00 in the 1600 for the first time. Aaron Esparza had a PR in the 3200 of 9:53. We competed very well in both the boys and girls distance races."

Despite the strong performances, Evans was concerned about how the athletes will fare when retaking the field after spring break.

"Spring break is a tough time because we come back to our toughest league meet against Arcadia," he said. "We will have practices all [break] week for those in town. Those on trips are expected to train."

The new Burroughs Memorial Stadium was a welcome change for the athletes. Burroughs has

patiently waited for the new stadium since the 1994 decision by the city council to tear down the former stadium. Finally the new state of the art facility was completed, and dedicated on Feb. 25. The facility will now be the home for Burroughs, Burbank and Bellarmine-Jefferson high school athletes. The long awaited stadium cost in excess of \$12.1 million. A war memorial honoring fallen soldiers was placed at the entrance of the stadium.

The renovation project consisted of a new athletic field with artificial turf for football and soccer; a new all-weather track; areas for shot put, discus events for long jump, triple jump; ADA accessible bleachers; new lighting and a new scoreboard; concession facilities on both the home and visitor sides; new restrooms and storage, and a new parking lot with bus drop-off and refreshed landscaping.

Monarchs Have Success in Tourney



The La Crescenta Monarchs, a newly formed travel baseball team for 9-year-old boys, won second place in the Maddogz April Fools Day Baseball Tournament held in East Los Angeles on Sunday. Together for only three months, this is the boys first tournament win.

Pictured are (bottom row) Robbie Mansour, Aaron Kim, Nathan Lee, Boon Fay, Elijah Lee and Tyler Yu. In the top row are David Case, Tommy Italia, Ryan Kim, Jason Kim, Evan Aceytuno and Brendon Pehar.

Newest CVHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The fourth Crescenta Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and ceremony will take place Saturday, May 26 at the Angeles National Golf Club in Sunland.

A reception starting at 5 p.m. will give people a chance to socialize and dinner will start promptly at 6:45 p.m. The banquet program including the induction ceremony will begin at 8 p.m.

The nine inductees chosen for the class of 2012 is made up of several former outstanding athletes and coaches as well as a CIF championship softball team, the only one in school history. The inductees are Darrin Beer, Paul Steinbacher, Dan Berry, Dale

Sweeney, Scott Harper, Kerry Zwart, Lauren Hawthorne, the 1986 CIF Championship Softball Team and Nada Kavar.

Darren Beer was an All-CIF baseball player for the Falcons in 1985 as well as Pacific Leaguer MVP. He went on to play at USC where he holds Trojan records for appearances and games started and has been an assistant baseball coach at CV since 1991.

Dan Berry will be honored posthumously and is credited with starting the CV softball program in 1983 and guided the Falcons to the CIF title in 1986, a 5-4 victory over Woodbridge. He led the Falcons to 20 Pacific league titles and many of his players transferred

and graduated from four-year schools.

Scott Harper was the CIF Player of the Year for the Falcons in 1976 after scoring 128 goals during the season when the CV team fell in the CIF team championship 9-8 to Cabrillo High School.

Lauren Hawthorne is considered one of the best women's tennis players to ever play at CV and holds the school record for most victories. She was a member of four straight league championship teams from 2000-03. She was a multiple league champion in singles and doubles and was All-CIF from 2001-03.

Dr. Nada Kavar was a

tremendous athlete in women's basketball and track and field for the Falcons and earned a scholarship to UCLA where she scored points in the shot put and discus for the Bruins in the 1997 and 1998 NCAA meets and was also an Academic All-American those years. She represented the country of Jordan in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics.

Paul Steinbacher was a tremendous football player for the Falcons CIF championship team in 1973 and helped anchor the defense for Head Coach Gordy Warnock, a 2010 CV Hall of Fame inductee. He earned all-league and All-CIF honors that year.

Dale Sweeney was an All-

League and All-CIF water polo player for the Falcons in 1976 and helped the team advance to the CIF finals.

Kerry Zwart-Bell was one of the greatest female athletes to ever compete at CV. She won the state championship in the shot put in 1978 as well as the CIF and Master's titles that year and was the CIF and Master's champion in the long jump in 1979. She was an All-American in the pentathlon at USC and still holds the school record in that event.

The 1986 CIF title for the softball team is the only one for that sport in school history and that team was coached by Dan Berry.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Surprises, Fun at Annual Smart-A-Thon

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

More than 130 folks turned out to see just how smart they were at the 24th annual Smart-A-Thon held on March 28 at Verdugo Hills Hospital.

The event is the primary fundraiser for the Mary Pinola/CV Chamber Education Endowment Fund that has awarded over \$100,000 since its inception in 1990.

Participants paid \$35 for the chance to not only test their trivia knowledge, but also enjoyed entertainment provided by CV Sheriff's Capt. David Silversparre who tickled the ivories accompanied by songstress Lt. Angela Shepherd.

In addition to enjoying a tasty lunch provided by the hospital, guests could bid on 60 baskets in a silent auction. Some lucky(?) participants were randomly selected to take part in a hula dancing contest after donning a colorful grass skirt. The contest was non-gender specific – both men and women swiveled, gyrated or performed some other act that could be construed as hula dancing. The performers were good sports, thankfully, and the audience restrained from

throwing coconuts at them.

But all silliness was tossed aside as pencils were poised over paper when the trivia test was administered.

After 25 minutes of answering 68 questions, it was time to put pencils down and tally the scores.

A quick review of the answers and the teams of the Crescenta Valley Town Council and Clark Magnet Faculty tied for first; the CV Chamber and Glendale Unified School District tied for second; and VHH, the CV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition and Bob Smith Toyota all tied for third place. Organizer Jean Maluccio was pleased with the event, especially with the assistance offered by the hospital.

"The staff at VHH is



incredible to work with," said Maluccio. "From their head chef Joel Hernandez to Kenny Tse who always has the room ready

for me, and Elen Borja who works with Mr. LaBella."



TOP: Hula dancers included Holly Heurkins, Danette Erickson and Dennis van Bremen. ABOVE: Festive balloons dotted the VHH Council Room. LEFT: Teams included Michele Doll, Lisa Yeghiayan, Cindy Charles and Aimee Yeghiayan from Prom Plus (far left) and Odette Suarez, Marian Mirsky, Todd Thornbury and Dennis van Bremen representing the CV Town Council.

Photos by Leonard COUTIN

"Along The Royal Inca Road" – A Travelogue at Kiwanis

The 3,200-mile Inca Road was built over 500 years ago to link the outposts of the Inca Empire. Join renowned adventurer Karin Muller at the Kiwanis travelogue held at Flintridge Prep on April 21 to see her travel this route, spinning it into a modern tapestry of faces and memories, while intertwining a chronicle of the Inca and how they lived, worshipped, and warred. In this expedition she searches for remnants of the ancient road, while offering a rare glimpse into the descendants of the Inca.

Muller is an acclaimed author, filmmaker, photographer and adventurer. Supported by a

National Geographic grant, Karin spent seven months traveling along the historic Inca Highway down the spine of the Andes and along the coast of Chile. This journey resulted in an international television documentary series, "Along the Inca Road," on National Geographic, a book published by the Adventure Press, articles and photos for National Geographic and other publications. She frequently returns to Peru as an expert lecturer for National Geographic, the Smithsonian and other organizations.

Kiwanis has sponsored these adventures for the past 50 years for the enjoyment of La

Cañada Flintridge residents as well as for residents of nearby communities. Individual performances are \$8 a person. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. with pre-show entertainment at 7:10 p.m.

For further information, or to order tickets visit www.lacanadakiwanis.org, or call (818) 790-9901. Payment in advance can be made by sending a check to Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, P.O. Box 33, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012.

Tickets are available at the door. Major credit cards are accepted.

McGroarty Arts Center Hosts "Just California" Exhibition



Almost 50 talented artists exhibited their work at the first annual Art Fair & Gallery at McGroarty Arts Center where 300 guests enjoyed this year's theme "Just California." Artists from Sunland-Tujunga, Los Angeles and beyond submitted their best works for the opportunity to present and sell their art in a professional setting.

Visual artists were invited to exhibit and sell their work in two curated gallery spaces and at booths in the outdoor art fair. This split presentation format allowed artists to present to the community even if they did not want to enter work in the curated galleries.

A portion of the proceeds from the artwork sold from the gallery will support programs at McGroarty Arts Center.

For more information about future events, call (818) 352.5285 or visit www.mcgroartyartscenter.org.

VHH to Hold Free Medicare Educational Seminar

As a community service to all the Baby Boomers coming into the Medicare system and for those seniors already on Medicare, Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) will be providing a free Medicare educational seminar, "Turning 65." The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 18 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the hospital's

Council Room, located on the fourth floor lobby.

The seminar will help new Medicare patients with their questions about benefits and types of health plans available to them. Various topics will be discussed including the basics of Medicare, prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare

Supplement plans.

The event is for educational purposes only and no plan-specific benefits or details will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

To RSVP, call (818) 952-2227.

VHH is located at 1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale, 91208.

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People Making News

(Mrs.) Terry Walker has been chosen by The La Cañada Kiwanis Club Selection Committee as the 2011 La Cañadan of the Year.

According to a release by the committee, Walker's broad based volunteer activity and community service over many years demonstrate that she is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Walker served as the Chamber's chairman of the board for three terms and is currently serving as centennial chairman with Jennifer Seastrom. During her time on the board she promoted and instituted many programs and procedures, benefitting the entire community, that are enjoyed today and will for years to come.

The La Cañadan of the Year awards luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 2 at Descanso Gardens, Van de Kamp Hall.

The following local residents were among 1,371 students named to Biola University's fall 2011 dean's list for academic excellence:

From La Crescenta Samuel Cho; from La Cañada Flintridge Miya Joo and Anna Tichon.

Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a grade point average of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credit units and whose cumulative grade point average is at least a 3.2. This past fall, 33% of Biola students achieved this academic goal.

Laura Emmons of La Cañada, a sophomore at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., earned honors for the winter 2012 academic term.

Natalie Sherif of La Cañada, a sophomore at Gettysburg College, participated in the spring 2012 production of Romeo & Juliet.

Nicholas Kelly of La Crescenta has been named to the dean's list at Pacific University (Ore.) for fall semester 2011.

Kelly is among 283 of Pacific's 1,603 undergraduate students to achieve this high academic honor.

To qualify for the dean's list at Pacific, a student must achieve a term grade-point average 3.70 (4.00 scale) and complete 12 or more graded hours.

Expo to Benefit Seniors

When three local residents got together at a recent networking event, they realized that they had something important in common: their concern for the welfare of senior citizens. From this meeting an idea was born, a senior healthy living expo that could bring services together in one location for an afternoon of fun and education for the community's senior citizens.

The Senior Healthy Living Expo will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4105 Ocean View Blvd., at the corner of Montrose Avenue, in Montrose.

Organizers Patty Prange, Chris Motte and Vanessa Terzian are from different professions. Prange operates Gentle Hearts Home Care; Motte is a financial planner, and Terzian is an elder law attorney. All three share concerns about how seniors are treated and the care they receive. With this in mind, the trio assembled community professionals with similar interests and planned the expo.

Prange has been involved in senior services since 1997.

"We need to ... provide better care for the elderly and we can do it by supporting local businesses that share our concern for the well-being of senior citizens," she said. She added that in these times when families not living near each



Photo by Al Restivo

Senior Healthy Living Expo organizers Vanessa Terzian, Chris Motte, and Patty Prange.

other, better care for the elderly is an absolute must.

"With families spread out, time constraints and distance, we find that the elderly are left to manage for themselves. Members of the community want to keep their loved ones at home, so with all the talent we have in this community, this is very possible," said Terzian.

Motte added that his experience has shown that senior citizens are often worried about finances and maintaining a life style they have come to depend upon.

"I've worked with many seniors, and they all seem to share a concern about the economy and whether their savings will last throughout their lifetime. With their current portfolio of investments

and savings, I've been able to help them and I will be available at the expo to provide some helpful guidance," Motte said.

There will be free admission to seniors and a host of services will be available at no charge including medical and dental wellness checkups. Many more services for seniors will also be available. In addition, there will be free refreshments and entertainment.

Free parking will be available on the premises and at nearby Holy Redeemer Church where free shuttle service will be provided.

Early registration is urged and can be arranged by calling (818) 248-4278. The first 100 registered will receive a free lunch.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?



Ask Phyllis!

The Ins and Outs of FHA Financing

Dear Phyllis,
My husband and I want to help our son and daughter-in-law purchase a home. We won't be giving them a 20% down payment, but likely close to 10%. I spoke to our bank branch manager who suggested that they obtain an FHA mortgage as they allow lower down payments. When we met with our Realtor®, he told us that most home sellers frown upon FHA financing. Why would the seller care what kind of loan the buyer obtains? Can you offer further explanation?
Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,
Congratulations on helping your son and daughter-in-law purchase their first home. Prices and interest rates are low and won't remain so forever.

Much of what appears in the media is conflicting – prices are falling, it's a buyer's market, or inventory is low and it's a seller's market. Confusing as it is, it often feels that it is both a seller's market and a buyer's market.

A buyer's perspective. They listen to the news and are sometimes a bit skittish about jumping into the housing market. But if they have been looking at homes for any length of time, they have seen a lot of overpriced homes and or homes in poor condition. Well-priced homes that are move-in ready are in hot demand (especially in the lower price ranges). Frequently they sell in multiple offer situations, giving the illusion of a seller's market.

A seller's perspective. Their home has dramatically dropped in value. Inventory is tight, there is likely not a lot of competition. If their home is priced according to today's market, the seller had a lot of showings. They may have hoped for higher offers, after all there are so many buyers out there looking.

FHA loans have different underwriting criteria than conventional loans. The biggest obstacle to FHA loans is the appraisal. The appraisers are much stricter and often add conditions to the appraisal. For instance,

if the appraiser notes any peeling paint it will need to be removed prior to closing.

In 20 years of selling real estate, I have never seen an appraiser make this condition for a conventional loan.

If your son is in a more competitive price range, bidding on move-in ready homes (one that will qualify for FHA financing), his having FHA financing will be a deterrent to the seller. Because the seller's Realtor® will know of the potential pitfalls, in a multiple offer situation, his offer will be less attractive.

There is another type of FHA loan you should look into. It's the FHA 203K. This loan funds the buyer's repairs and improvements after the buyer closes escrow. It is much less common, more complex and you should only deal with a lender very experienced with this type of financing.

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LEISURE

Revisiting a Classic – ‘Titanic’ in 3D



By Charly SHELTON

“Titanic” was the most successful movie of all time until “Avatar.” Both are James Cameron films. And now “Titanic” is back in 3D for the first time on the big screen in 15 years.

“Titanic” follows the story of young lovers Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Rose (Kate Winslet) when they meet and fall in love on board the maiden voyage of Titanic and how they react during the sinking of the ship. Whether you enjoy the romance between the two lovers or the historical significance or the special effects, this film appeals to almost everyone as among the greatest films of all time.

The film, originally released Christmas of 1997, grossed \$1.8 billion, the highest in history to that point, only beaten by “Avatar” in 2009. After an \$18 million touch up and 3D conversion process, “Titanic” is back on the big screen and raking in the dough. In its first five days, from Wednesday, April 4 to Sunday, April 8, the re-released “Titanic” took in just over \$25

million. It is a 15-year-old movie, available on DVD and VHS, and yet it still makes money. Amazing.

The only problems that this reporter can find lie in the inherent issues with the conversion process. In order to take a 2D film to 3D, the edges of the frame have been moved to suit each eye. This results in ghosting images at the far end of the frame (where one eye sees something that the other doesn’t). This may not affect most of today’s directors, but for Cameron, who really knows frame composition and makes each frame look like a postcard shot, this cuts into his frame. The audience is not only aware of the ghosting, but it actually hinders things that we need to see. However, for a 15-year-old movie about a sinking ship, it still looks better than most of the movies made since then. The effects are amazing – both digital and practical – and they stand up to today’s standards.

My father Mark Shelton worked on the film and had some of the best effects sequences in the film; both he and I were used



as extras in a shot. At 7 years old, I got to be an extra in the scene of the port that “Titanic” set out of. Understandably, this film holds a very special place in my heart, and I’m sure it does for many others, too. It is one of those movies that speaks to everyone. And back on the big screen, this is the perfect time to show it to new viewers, to see it how it’s meant to be seen.

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

TOP: The unsinkable ship Titanic set sail from Queenstown (now known as Cobh), Ireland on April 12, 1912 and sank at 2:20 a.m. on April 15.

RIGHT MIDDLE and BELOW: The set of “Titanic” the movie with actors in front of a green screen. The little boy, in the hat and uncomfortable shoes, is reporter Charly Shelton.



Titanic – It Wasn’t Just a Movie

By Charly SHELTON

This Saturday night and into Sunday is the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.



Because so many Facebook and Twitter updates show that some kids today don’t know that Titanic was real, here is a little history of the actual event.

The Titanic was the flagship of the White Star Line, the largest and most luxurious sailing ship ever made up to that time. It was the largest ship on the water, beating out the former record holder by 100 feet. The Titanic could carry 3,547 people, of which 2,435 were passengers. On its maiden voyage, it was carrying about half its capacity with 1,320 passengers and 907 crewmembers.

The ship was organized into three classes: first, second and third. The first class accommodations were incredibly luxurious, with promenade suites (like the one Rose stayed in with a private open air promenade deck) at \$4,350 for a one-way

ticket. That’s \$104,760 by today’s standards! Even the third class accommodations were much nicer than other ships at the time, and much nicer even than many of their own homes.

The ship left port from Southampton, England around noon on April 10, 1912. After stopping in Cherbourg, France a few hours later to take on passengers and then stopping again for passengers and supplies in Queenstown, Ireland (now Cobh, Ireland) on April 12, she set out for New York across the North Atlantic.

On April 14, Titanic radio operator Jack Phillips received six iceberg warnings from other ships including one at 10:30

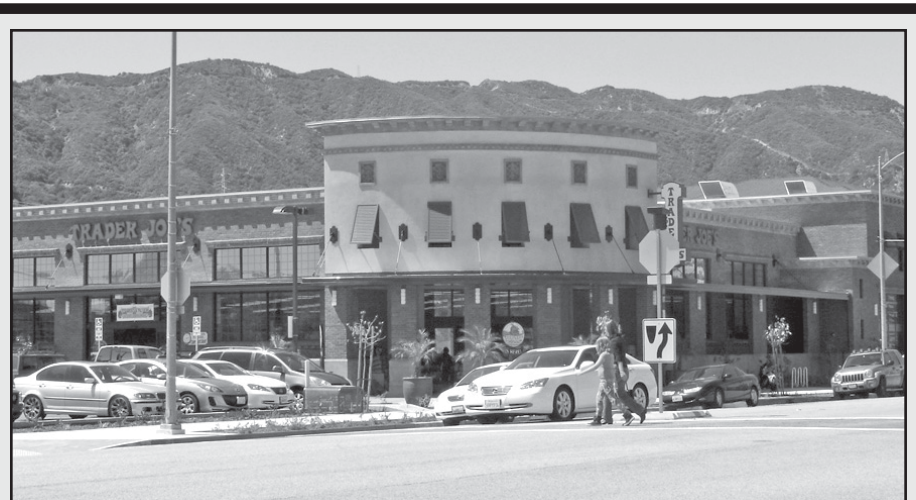
p.m. from a nearby ship that had stopped for the night due to the icy conditions. Phillips responded to this warning by cutting the other ship off saying, “Shut up! Shut up! I’m working Cape Race.” Cape Race, Newfoundland was handling all the transmissions from Titanic passengers. Phillips was busy sending private messages for passengers and he paid no heed to the several warnings, most of which never made it to Capt. E. J. Smith.

Titanic struck an iceberg just 20 minutes before midnight on April 14, 1912. Due to low visibility (no moonlight), no binoculars for the watchmen and a calm sea (couldn’t see the

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THEN & NOW | Trader Joes

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » Previously occupied by a small market called appropriately Honolulu Market, in 1955 this property at 2460 Honolulu Ave. became a Ford dealership. It lasted nearly 50 years under various owners, and in 2003 went out of business permanently. It was then bought by the City of Glendale, and as seen here was temporarily used as overflow parking for the Montrose Shopping Park.

Now » Trader Joe’s leased the property from Glendale and last year moved their very popular La Crescenta store to this beautiful new building in Montrose. The La Crescenta store was famous for its lack of parking, and some predicted that their new location, with 65 dedicated parking spots, would have plenty of space. But true to form for Trader Joe’s everywhere, their new parking lot is always filled to over-capacity.

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waves lapping on the edges of the bergs), Frederick Fleet and Reginald Lee, who kept lookout from the crow's nest, didn't see the iceberg directly in their path until it was too late. Rather than ramming straight into the berg, which may have damaged the bow but saved the vessel (Titanic's sister ship Olympic rammed and sank the Uboat U103 with its bow and remained afloat), First Officer William Murdoch, who was in command at the time, decided to call a "hard-a-starboard" to try and turn to the left. He also rang "full astern" to put the engines in reverse. This caused the ship to slide along side the iceberg, making impact at 11:40 p.m., April 14, 1912. The iceberg, once thought to have gashed the hull of the ship, is now believed to have repeatedly struck the hull, bending the steel plating and popping the rivets, allowing water in to flood

the compartments.

At 12:05 a.m. the order went out for evacuation. The passengers were roused from their cabins and told to put on their life belts had meet on deck. Many didn't comply, taking the warning as a joke and instead decided to play soccer with the chunks of ice on deck.

Capt. Smith was faced with the hard fact that there weren't enough life boats to save everyone on board. There were a total of 20 life boats, each tested for 68 people having a total capacity of 1,178 people total – about half of the amount on board, and about one third of the number Titanic was licensed to carry. The White Star Line, however, decided that they would have fewer life boats to give a wider deck space and an unencumbered view of the sea.

This crushing reality made Capt. Smith despondent, hindering his ability to perform

his duties. He didn't give any orders, didn't oversee anything. He didn't even inform his crew of the circumstances. Some crewmembers only knew there was a problem when they saw a life boat floating away from the ship and called in to ask why.

The Titanic sank in only two hours and 40 minutes after impact at 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912. She was the largest commercial ship at the time and when she sank, according to the British Board of Trade report, 1,514 people went down with her. Only 710 out of 2,224 souls aboard were saved; 68% of the total passengers and crew lost their lives on Titanic.

This week we can remember those lost. Whether by observing a moment of silence or taking part in a Titanic tea on April 20, however one chooses to commemorate this event – take some time to remember those who died.

This reporter will be heading to the pub to drink a toast to those lost on Saturday night around 11:30 p.m. If you would

care to join, please feel free to meet us at Gilligan's this Saturday.

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DINING 2012 Delights Wine & Kabob – A New Tradition

New in Montrose – owners Rafik and Ruben opened their doors on Feb. 4 – this European Mediterranean restaurant boasts some of the best food and outdoor views in town.

Located at the corner of Broadview and Ocean View on the upper floor, the interior has been newly redecorated in a sophisticated manner. Wine & Kabob offers a wide selection of wine to pair with their fantastic food. The appetizers are unique, with a particular favorite being the yogurt jalapeno dip. They also have a roasted beet and poached pear salad that brings a smile to the face of diners.

Their chicken Lula kabob has just the right blend of spices and is cooked to perfection. The chicken breast kabob is juicy and tender, the saffron rice is fluffy and the grilled okra is a special treat.

Lunch specials are served Monday through Friday, starting at a modest \$9. Come to try the food and you'll be spoiled by the service.

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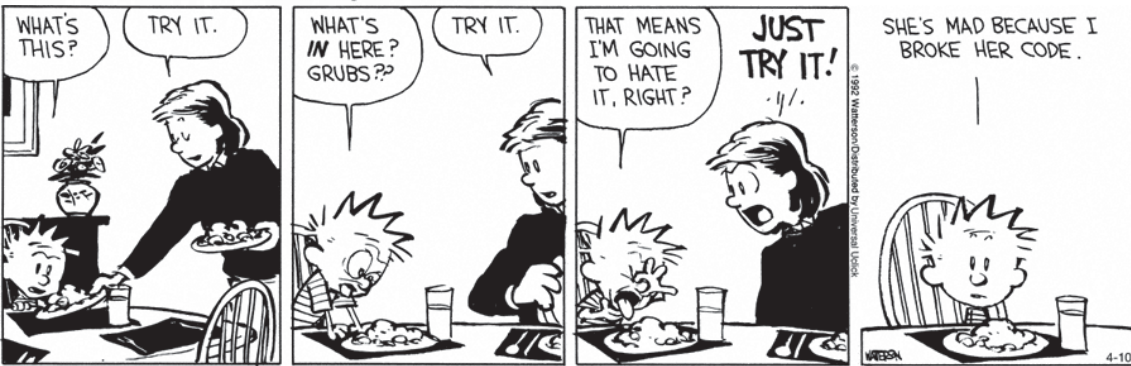
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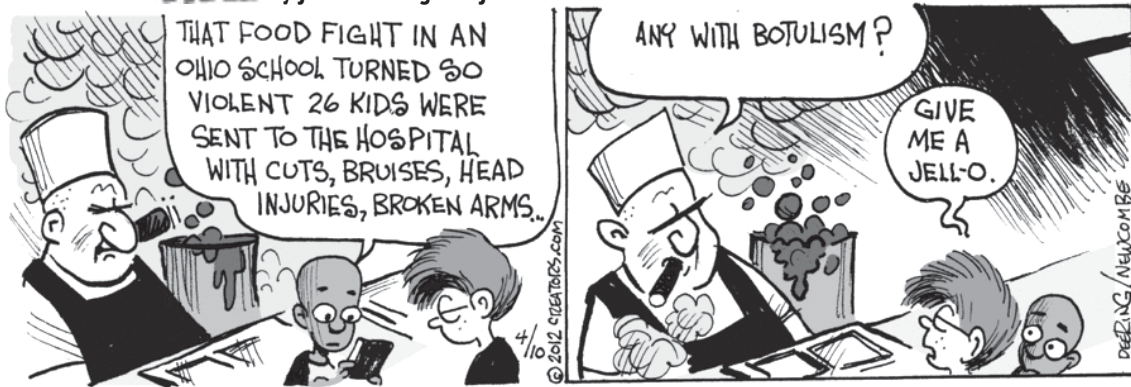
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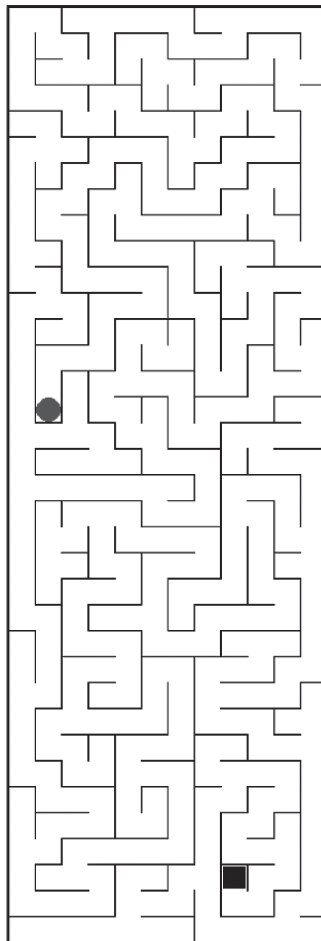
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

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April 09, 2012 - April 15, 2012

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You might be looking for excitement and novelty on Monday when a conversation results in a date. You'll feel much happier overall by the time this week is over, mainly because your ruler Mars turns direct in Virgo. Frustration and the gnashing of teeth will be a thing of the past and life will become easier again. You combine dynamism with a mystical approach, which could work in your favor, especially if you can make time to meditate and listen to your dreams.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

The Sun is in Aries and your Twelfth House, so you could be feeling more vulnerable without really knowing why. Make time to sort out your priorities and reflect on what you really want. It might not be the obvious choice. You could have an intuitive insight about money and finances as Venus aspects Uranus. It's also possible that you could receive a windfall. Mars turns direct in your creative and romantic zone, meaning you can make progress in budding projects and relationships.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You might feel like playing social roulette when Venus and Uranus align on Monday. Go somewhere different and take a risk by moving in new circles. It might just pay off. You have a spiritual advantage in your career, if you can use it. Make sure to keep a list of your goals where you can see it so you'll stay on track. Pay attention to your intuition, too. It might save you a lot of time and effort. It could be the quickest route to success.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You're eager to forge ahead in your career, but you could meet with some uncertainty and insecurity. The ongoing presence of Uranus in your career zone could hint at finding work that gives you more freedom. It might be time to set goals that fill you with excitement and enthusiasm. Mars turns direct on Friday, which will help matters along. You may have been busy yet felt frustrated at the same time. Soon you'll feel more relaxed. Your family could rebel against some of your choices.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You might want to take that leap of faith but find that you doubt yourself. This won't get any easier over the days ahead. If you want to take a risk, don't think. Just do it. Monday could bring a chance meeting that fills you with excitement and brand new ideas. A conversation could make the future seem brighter and happier. Mars turns direct in your personal financial zone, which is bound to ease the frustration you've felt lately regarding money.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You could have a brainstorm that reveals a solution to an ongoing financial situation. Don't immediately presume that you can't have what you want. With negotiation, it's possible, though you might need to put in some extra effort. Mars finally turns direct in your sign, which will help you feel a whole lot better. You'll notice that you face fewer obstacles and begin to make progress. There is still financial benefit to be gained from learning something new.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You might notice the presence of Neptune in your work and health zone. Changes at work could occur gradually, but if you know what you want out of your job, you can find better work that truly fulfills you. You're a lot more sensitive in general, and you might need periods of quiet away from crowds in order to recharge your batteries. If you've experienced some strange love karma recently, this should begin to shift. You have a chance to transform an awkward relationship.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Ongoing partnerships and friendships seem upbeat and positive, but new love affairs could be perplexing. You might wonder why you've lost your ability to control events. You're at the start of an interesting learning curve in this respect. Issues seem upbeat regarding your health and well-being. You might want to invest in some new gym equipment even if you have to get a loan or use credit. You need a good workout every day to positively channel all your energy.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't let your friends dampen your spirits. Saturn retrograde in your social zone suggests they may be affecting your creativity or perhaps criticizing your latest sweetheart. If you feel good, carry on and ignore them. They're probably jealous. New friendships happen when you're having the most fun. These will reflect your latest interests and moods. Mars turns direct in your career zone, which will put an end to any lack of progress, especially in your career.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Progress could have been difficult lately with both Mars and Saturn retrograde. Trying to get ahead may have seemed like an uphill struggle. But being the kind of person you are, quitting is not an option. The good news is that Mars turns direct later this week, so things are looking up. Make sure you stay ahead of the game by focusing on what you want rather than what you don't want. It's a good habit to get into. Romance and creativity are well starred.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It's important that you not doubt yourself this week, especially if you have an idea that could be worth its weight in gold. At least talk it over with friends and get some feedback. Mars will turn direct in your joint financial zone, which is good news as you may have been through a period of delay and general frustration with loans, credit cards, and other financial dealings. Soon you'll notice the difference. Kick-start your social life by entertaining more.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You could get a brilliant idea that inspires you to redecorate your home. The early part of the week could see you investing in paper, paint, and furnishings. The presence of Neptune in your sign may mean that you feel closer to everyone. You'll be even more open and sensitive to their feelings. But make sure you don't give too much in your desire to help others and end up exhausted. Make sure you do nice things for yourself, too. You deserve it.



PET OF THE WEEK

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CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small cap to steve@cvweekly.com, to share your lovable pets with the community!

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Answers from 03/15/12

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AMES TO SPEAK AT CLUB

Ed Ames is coming to La Cañada! He will be the guest speaker for the La Crescenta Valley Republican Women Federated meeting today, Thursday, April 12 at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$25. RSVP to Ellen by calling (818) 248-0924 or Molly at (818) 248-4825.

Ames is an entertainer famous for his songs "Try To Remember," "My Cup Runneth Over", stage career "The Fantasticks," "Carnival," and "South Pacific" and television roles Mingo on "Daniel Boone" and others. Ames has been active in conservative politics for some time and has appeared and been a speaker at many functions.

La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive, La Canada

'TENNESSEE IN SUMMER' AT SIDEWALK STUDIO

Sal Romeo ETC and SST Productions will present Joe Besecker's award-winning play, "Tennessee in the Summer," based on the life of the famed playwright Tennessee Williams at Sidewalk Studio Theatre in Burbank on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. from April 13 through May 20.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling (800) 838-3006 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com. For more information, call (818) 558-5702 or visit online at www.sidewalkstudiotheatre.info.

Sidewalk Studio Theatre, 4150 Riverside Dr., Burbank

MEET LA CAÑADA/LA CRESCENTA CANDIDATES

TEAPAC and the Republican Club of the Foothills have two "back to back" Tea Parties scheduled to meet face to face with candidates seeking political positions in political offices at the state and national levels.

Rick Williams, candidate for California U.S. Senate, Jenny Worman, candidate for California U.S. Congress, 28th District and Greg Krikorian, candidate for California State Assembly, 43 District will be at both Tea Parties to share their conservative approach to resolving the major issues facing the state and nation. Candidates will answer questions and share their concerns.

The first event is on Saturday, April 14 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and is hosted by Bob Ruby at 2628 Pinelawn Dr. in La Crescenta. RSVP to Bob at (818) 249-5053 or Phil (818) 249-8425.

Sunday's event takes place on April 15 also from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the home of Mary and Miles Wollam at 4900 Hillard Ave. in La Canada. RSVP to Mary W. (818) 952-7040 or Mary S. (818) 790-1959.

Come in casual attire and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP so that the hosts can be properly prepared.

Due to redistricting, La Cañada and La Crescenta now share the same U.S. Congressional (28th), State Senate (25th) and State Assembly (43rd) districts.

MCGROARTY HOSTS PASSING OF THE LAURELS

The Sunland-Tujunga Poetry and Literature Committee is celebrating the "Passing of the Laurels" on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. at The McGroarty Arts Center.

The event is in honor of Maja Trochimczyk, the outgoing poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga for 2010-12, and welcomes Dorothy Skiles as the new poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga for 2012-2014.

The program will include music and individual and group readings of poetry. For more details, see villagepoets.org. A reception will follow the Passing of the Laurels.

For more info, visit www.mcgroartyartscenter.org or telephone (818) 352-5285.

The McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga

COFFEE GALLERY EVENTS

Coffee Gallery in Altadena hosts a variety of events every week.

Tuesdays are "Comedy Open Mic" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. All comics get to do a five-minute set. Performers range from those performing for the first time to seasoned professionals. Hosted by Scott Berger.

Thursday is "Artisan Alley" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Artisan Alley includes two featured musical acts, two musical open mics (open to anyone in the community), the works of a featured artist in the back room (art changes every two weeks), and a live DJ. Hosted by The Definition.

Friday is "Music Open Mic" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Music open mic allows anyone in the community to come on stage and sing a song or play a tune. The sign-up sheet stays open throughout the night and everyone gets to perform twice. Rotating hosts.

Saturday is "Potlikker Showcase" from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. that offers an eclectic mix of musical performers, poets, spoken word readings, Americana music and a live DJ. Hosted by DJ Beatgozon.

Finally, Sundays are also "Music Open Mic" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Music open mic allows anyone in the community to come on stage and sing a song or play a tune. The sign-up sheet stays open throughout the night and everyone gets to perform twice. Hosted by King.

For more information, call (626) 398.7917 or visit http://www.funkylittlecoffeehouse.com.

Coffee Gallery, 2029 N. Lake, Altadena

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 Dr. in Glendale. Call (818) 246-9457 for more information.

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 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 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.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC 'RED CAR' ON LITTLE LANDERS AGENDA

When transportation and San Fernando Valley are mentioned in the same sentence, congestion and crowding also are spoken about. It was not always that way. On Saturday, April 14, David Coscia, a native of the San Fernando Valley, will present information on the growth of the San Fernando Valley and how the Valley and its inhabitants became so mobile. The Depression, the War, changes in people's needs and habits all affected the development of this great Valley. Coscia's book "Pacific Electric Red Car and the Growth of the San Fernando Valley" will be available for purchase after the program.

His presentation is at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum. Parking available at the Elks Lodge, uphill at 10037 Commerce.

Everyone is welcome. Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted. Light refreshments served after the program.

Please join us for this interesting and informative program and reminisce how transportation in Los Angeles was not as difficult as it is now.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga at the corner of Commerce and Valmont.

www.LittleLandersHistoricalSociety.org

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 refreshments. Events during the day include medical wellness checkup: by a local physician, eldercare legal services by Vanessa Terzian, blood pressure assessment by Gentle Hearts Home Care, plus much more.

To register, call (818) 248-4278. It is taking place at 4105 Ocean View Blvd. in Montrose.

DEMS TO HOST ASWAD

A meeting of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic Club will be held on Sunday, April 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the home of Lloyd Komesar in La Cañada. Members will be reviewing a slate of candidates for possible endorsement by the club. Guest speaker Dr. Adnan Aswad will bring a presentation, "Storms in the Arab Spring: Syria and Beyond."

No charge. Members and newcomers are all welcomed. For more information, visit canadacrescentadems.org or call Nalini at (818) 249-9691.

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Questions can be sent via email to LeLani-projects@att.net or call (818) 249-4806. Sign up at lightonthecorner.org.

By Brandon HENSLEY

Maybe it was fitting that the last service in Tujunga for Church of the Ascension was Easter Sunday. In three days, it will experience a new beginning of sorts, as it will hold its first service at St. Luke's of the Mountains in La Crescenta.

Like St. Luke's, Ascension is an Episcopal church, and a Spanish speaking one at that. It is now combining with St. Luke's in an effort to be more resourceful and an attempt to build the congregation.

"Given their size, they don't require two full sets of buildings, two campuses," said St. Luke's Vicar Bryan Jones. "You can put more resources into ministries and missions if we don't have to support two buildings."

"The idea is to have a new congregation with multiple members," said Ascension Priest Jorge Vallares.

It has been a rocky history for the church in Tujunga. It had served the community for decades before closing in the early 1990s. It reopened in 1999 before holding its last service on Easter Sunday.

Vallares is from Mexico

Saying 'Hola' to Church of the Ascension



St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church at Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard is the new home for congregants of Church of the Ascension in Tujunga.

City and has been at Church of the Ascension since 2008. He makes his way down to Tujunga every week from his home in Palmdale. He said he's enjoying his time in Southern California.

"It's a new experience. It's a wonderful thing," he said.

His church will bring over about 80 members. Jones will do an English service at 10 a.m. and Vallares will do one in Spanish at noon. Jones noted that Ascension's services in Tujunga were usually

at noon so there was no rescheduling necessary for the move.

"I am happy to do this with Bryan. My members are excited to be in touch with new members," Vallares said. He said Ascension's members come from not only Tujunga, but also Montrose and the San Fernando Valley.

"We've known each other and we've been working closely on this the last few months," Jones said.

Does Jones think most of Ascension's members will

stay with the church now?

"We're hoping they will. We've already had some joint meetings of leaders," he said, while adding both churches recently had a meal and worship service together.

"It's exciting because we'll have resources for ministry here because we'll be a bilingual, multicultural parish, much more than either was before, so we're quite happy with it," Jones said.

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Why You Will Want to Try Montrose Wine & Kabob



Montrose Wine and Kabob is brand new and waiting for you!

You know how I love to write about restaurants and food, especially when I have something new and exciting to report. All I needed to hear from my friends Mark and Wendy was, "Have you tried the new restaurant yet? We did and it's really good." So good in fact, that they want to go back with us next time they are in town. Mark and Wendy own property in the shopping park and used to run beloved Country Classics.

My curiosity got the better of me and I decided to check it out. I'm so glad I did! Montrose Wine and Kabob is where Pasta Preziosa used to be. A lot of money was spent to totally remodel everything starting from the outside in. The interior now features rich, warm Mediterranean colors and brand new tables and chairs. Everything is very elegant and all of the tables are set with sparkling wine glasses upon entrance.

Upon being seated we were welcomed by Tina with a complimentary basket of breads and a plate of Danish white cheese, radishes and fresh mint. We ordered the mixed olives platter and babaganush dip to start.

The Mediterranean diet is so delicious and healthy. Chef Rafi's Babaganush is made with roasted eggplant, garlic, lemon, olive oil and tahini (sesame) sauce. Dipping their fresh pita bread into it was heaven.

Then along came another "on the

house" treat, a simple plate of roasted broccoli. Yum! I had never had it prepared this way before. The entrees here are a variety of marinated and grilled meats, poultry, and fish prepared kabob style. My boneless chicken was served with fluffy white rice, a broiled tomato and sliced red onion. The meats are cooked on the kabob but arranged and served off the kabob for a nice, easy to eat presentation. Do try the glass jar of sumac on your table. It is made from the bark of trees in the Middle East and used to season rice and meat. I had never heard of this before and really enjoyed trying something new. My dinner was bliss and I enjoyed getting a "to go" meal out of it.

I wish I had saved room for baklava and Armenian coffee but alas I was plumb full. But not to worry, there will be a next time, and a next.

You must give this place a try. I can't wait to go back and have dinner on the patio with the little white lights and view of the mountains. To get a taste for what I shared here please visit our blog at www.shopmontrose.com.

Montrose Wine & Kabob is located on the second floor of 3600 Ocean View Blvd., behind Baked. Call them at (818) 248-5113.

Mary Dawson serves as vice president for the MSPA board. She and her family own Revelation Tops and Mountain Rose Gifts.

» MONTROSE VERDUGO-CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

New Business Welcomed in Montrose and La Cañada

Change and new beginnings have come to the area again. Walk this Way on Honolulu Avenue has come under new ownership. Long time owner Julie Kumjian sold her store to one of her favorite clients, Edna Baghoumian. Walk this Way calls itself, "A neighborhood shoe store." They have been in business for 24 years and have worked hard to build a reputation for being number one in customer care. They offer a wide selection of the finest name brand quality shoes that are fashionable, chic, durable, and most importantly, comfortable. Walk this Way is located at 2253 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. They invite you to come in and browse at your leisure. They have a very knowledgeable staff waiting to offer their expertise in helping you find the perfect shoe.

Please join us for a ribbon cutting at Walk This Way on Friday, April 13 at noon. Light refreshments will be provided.

Just up the hill off Ocean View on Foothill Boulevard, you will find Zina's Healthy Corner. This cute new lunch counter-style restaurant prides itself on offering the freshest, healthiest food that is not only affordable but tastes great. Innovative salads with all kinds of wonderful ingredients, Mediterranean fare and a beautiful outdoor seating area all make for a wonderful dining experience. If you can't stay to enjoy the patio, order your food to go. You won't be sorry you did. Zina's is located at 2242 Foothill Blvd., just east of Ocean View Boulevard, right at Young Street.

Don't forget! The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce's 16th annual

golf classic and scholarship fundraiser is on Thursday, May 3 at Verdugo Hills Golf Course! This is going to be a great event that you do not want to miss! Giuseppe's Pizzeria, Sake Sushi, Three Drunken Goats and All in 7 Stop Pizza will provide the food and is included free with your entry! Refreshments



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are provided throughout the course! Our golf tournament begins with a putting challenge at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11 a.m. and our shotgun start at noon. Remember, this is our annual scholarship fundraiser that provides scholarships to local graduating seniors from Crescenta Valley and Clark Magnet high schools. For more information about making a donation, please 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.

Remember that our membership campaign is ongoing. 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.

As always, please remember to shop local and support the local businesses in your community!

Upcoming Events
Ribbon cutting on Friday,

April 13 at noon for 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 in 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. at Verdugo Hills Golf Course, 6433 La Tuna Canyon Road in Tujunga.

Taste of Montrose on Sunday, May 6 along Honolulu Avenue. The Taste of Montrose is a wonderful opportunity to get a small "taste" of the many fine participating Montrose restaurants 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 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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