

# Coastal Cleanup Day a local success

Local Coastal Cleanup Day was Saturday, September 16th. This statewide event is held every year on the third Saturday of September.

Locally, Heal the Bay teamed up with the Tujunga Watershed Council and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to sponsor the event at the Haines Channel where it empties into the Big Tujunga Wash.

Approximately 30 volunteers, including a dozen parents and kids from the Time to Explore Child Development Center, showed up to help. It was a perfect morning for the cleanup, with birds everywhere including a pair of snowy egrets that kept a close watch on everyone. Volunteers ranged in age from as young as 5 to "much older."

It was amazing to see the variety of trash items found, including a giant plastic crayon, a bed, plastic survey markers (where does

the golf course end?), a side view mirror from a car, an old warped LP (remember those?), pieces of



metal in a variety of shapes and sizes and lots of broken glass. The extra special find for many



of the younger volunteers was the small stream with the frogs and, of course, all the lizards

clean? When rain or water runoff flows down the street, it pushes the trash in the street to the storm drains. The drains lead to the channels, the channels lead to the wash and everything gets sent downstream to the beaches.

For more information on the what you can do in your community every day to help "clean up" our waterways, check out the Tujunga Watershed Council's Web site at [www.tujungawatershed.org](http://www.tujungawatershed.org) and Heal the Bay's at [healthebay.org](http://healthebay.org).

running around. The early estimate was that about 200 pounds of trash were removed from the area in just a two-hour period. The volunteers did a great job and deserve a big "thank you."

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## Verdugo Dons football closes out a perfect 4-0 pre-season 22-yard field goal on last play of game defeats rival Crescenta Valley 18-17

In what turned out to be one of the best played rivalry games seen in a long time amongst Foothill Boulevard high school football teams the Falcons of Crescenta Valley fell for the second year in a row to the up and coming Mighty Verdugo Dons!

The Falcons controlled the game with an impressive run game that amassed over 200 yards the very stingy Dons Defense! Verdugo had only given up one defensive touchdown in 12 quarters going into the game. However in the end it only took 57 seconds for the Dons to go 81 yards and score a field goal on the final play of the game to give Verdugo Bragging rights for the second year in a row!

Crescenta Valley came out and controlled the line of scrimmage for the most part with Nick Wilkerson gaining 133 yards on 27 carries. CV went into halftime leading 14 to 9 and for the most part controlling the ball game. After only scoring a field goal in the third quarter due to the stingy Dons Defense "Bend but do not Break" mentality Verdugo knew the 4th quarter was going to be there time after Center Michael Rider rose his hand and started chanting the 4th is ours!

The dons scored a touchdown and failed on the two point conversion to tie the game! However the decision of the game came late in the 4th quarter when on 4th and 6 CV decided to go for it instead of kicking what



Quarterback Stephan Miller to Peter Sellars

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tion or anyone in the family, and sought to disqualify the family corporate attorney from representing or assisting the husband in the dissolution action.

The husband admitted that the corporate attorney had represented the family corporation for many years and had represented him in approximately 10 to 12 matters arising from corporate activities and otherwise. The wife testified she had had

several conversations with the corporate attorney in which she had disclosed opinions as to the fair market value of the family home, and other economic matters, both personal and relating to the business.

The trial court denied the wife's motion to disqualify the attorney on the grounds that there was no evidence that the attorney acquired any knowledge or information that would be injurious to the wife. The

appellate court reversed.

In its decision to reverse the lower court's ruling, the appellate court discussed the Rules of Professional Conduct and stated that the rule does not require the "former" client to show that actual confidences were disclosed since that would require the disclosure of the very matters the rule was intended to protect. Rather, it is the possibility of the breach of confidence, not the fact of the breach that triggers

disqualification.

An attorney representing an ongoing family corporation in a very real sense continues to represent the wife, and there are serious problems when such an attorney also undertakes to act as counsel for the husband in a divorce action. The court concluded that absent consent or waiver, the attorney of a family-owned business, corporate or otherwise, should not represent one owner against the other in a

dissolution action.

That should answer your first question. As to the second question, what can you do to protect yourself, the answer is: See an attorney who specializes in family law. Explain the circumstances to him or her. He or she may suggest you bring a motion to disqualify your wife's attorney. He or she will also be able to counsel you on how to protect your rights in the dissolution process.

If for some reason you do not want to consult another attorney, you could try writing a letter to your wife's attorney, voicing your concern about the conflict since he has knowledge of your personal affairs. However, since you have already spoken to him about this, I do not see that a letter would be of much benefit. Furthermore, in order to fully protect yourself and your interests, you need to seek counsel of your own, and you should do that as soon as possible. •

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