

Safely Watch Fireworks Advises Police Chief

By Julie BUTCHER

"Leave it to the professionals. Watch a professional show. Stay away from the fireworks," advised Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid at the Glendale City Council meeting on Tuesday night. "Enjoy the time with your family. Enjoy the holiday."

Fire Chief Jeff Brooks joined the police chief in encouraging people to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday as safely as possible.

"At times of high fire risk across the entire city – look at what's happening in Riverside where 6,000 acres are burning from four different fires – that same risk applies to us here in Glendale," he said.

The council spent most of the Tuesday night meeting deliberating its rules for selecting a mayor, ultimately voting to scrap the mayoral selection ordinance in its entirety adopted in 2020.

Conceptually, the council agreed to move the annual selection of mayor from April to July based on changes in the dates of municipal elections over the past years. Elections occur now in March and June.

Glendalian Alan Durham summed up the history of the discussion in his comments to the council: the ordinance was passed with the stated goal of adding fairness and predictability to the process [and] to prevent council members from being passed over, as had happened in the past. The seniority procedures laid out in the ordinance were ignored in the last two mayoral selections, Durham observed.

"The last two mayor selection processes were an embarrassment to the city and gave critics of the city and the council the chance to claim the selection of mayor was the result of political horse-trading and backroom dealings," Durham said further criticizing the inclusion of detailed language in the ordinance regarding mental health conditions.

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Thousands Expected at Annual Car Show

By Mikaela STONE

Family fun found at Montrose Car Show on Sunday.

The 23rd annual Montrose Car Show zooms into Montrose on Sunday, July 6 alongside the weekly Harvest Market. Roughly 350 muscle cars, hotrods, classic and vintage cars and motorcycles will be on display, which car aficionado Mark Davis describes as the "the babies, the kids, of the people who drive them ... their passion."

Davis will be taking a souped up '72 Pontiac Trans Am to Sunday's show describing it as the car he would have purchased at 16 after getting his license – had he the money.

He first became interested in cars at age 6, handing tools to his engineer father while he worked on the family car. Now, at 68, he attends the Saturday morning Cars and Coffee meetings at the Regal/UA Theater in La Cañada/Glendale, enjoying the community of "car guys," a term that encompasses both male and female car enthusiasts – many of whom will be showing their cars off on Sunday.

While the community is very "age



Photo provided by Mark DAVIS
Car aficionado Mark Davis (shown at the Hometown Country Fair) will be bringing his souped up '72 Pontiac Trans Am to Sunday's car show in Montrose.

based" with many folks in their 60s liking muscle cars, 70-year-olds liking cars made in the '50s and those in their 80s being fond of cars from the '30s, Davis hopes that younger people will appreciate the artistry of the vehicles, too. He considers the Montrose Car Show to be perfect for a family outing as it is both fun and does not cost anything.

"You can get the kids out and show them cars [and say], 'Oh, your grandpa had one of those,'" he said. "Being a car guy is an affliction, there is no cure. Once you become a

car guy you will die a car guy!"

If he has his way, that passion will pass on to a new generation.

As The Montrose Shopping Park Association Event Coordinator, Dale Dawson during his 10 years in that role is passionate about "bringing high quality events to Montrose Shopping Park."

What car will he be showing?

"I use my 2004 Honda Odyssey as a barricade blocker," Dawson joked. While not a car enthusiast himself, he loves the Montrose Car Show because it brings the neighborhood

together. The event is serviced entirely by community volunteers headed by car expert Tom King and his family. Dawson also appreciates how the show draws attention to local small businesses within Montrose.

The Montrose Car Show can be found in the 2200, 2300 & 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue on Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. An award ceremony will take place at 1:15 p.m. Admission is free.

State is Searching for More Water

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently Governor Gavin Newsom sent out a press release concerning groundwater and the water needs of the State of California.

"California's water system remains unprepared for the hotter and drier future," according to a statement from the Governor's office.

A recent report showed that the state is collecting more groundwater than ever before and is strengthening partnerships with water agencies to ensure that more groundwater is collected, according to the statement.

Crescenta Valley has quite a history with groundwater as levels declined from nearly plentiful to low.

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Antiquated water rights prevent local agencies from capturing storm water that otherwise goes out to sea.

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Interesting Times

I was watching a seminar on HelloAlice, a business site that provides funding and programs for small businesses (like CV Weekly). I thought it interesting that Hello Alice gives so much attention to social media and podcasters.

I always wonder how people get others to listen to their podcast. I occasionally hear podcasts advertised on the radio but CV Weekly doesn't have any podcasts advertising in the paper. Perhaps our readership doesn't appeal to them...

I always think of podcasts as providing niche information; for example, if I'm interested in spooky stories, I can look for a podcast that specializes in that. But one thing that has driven me crazy regarding podcasts is the number of ads that are embedded in them.

I understand the need for advertising; owning a newspaper I live for my advertisers and for my subscribers. But why would I want to listen to something that is not only inundated with ads but usually those ads are not done well?

And social media – you probably know my thoughts on that. Anyone can write anything on social media. There's no vetting of the information written – many times it's just an observance that a person writes. Sometimes that observance provokes others to comment and (frighteningly) act. I mean, to act based on something that someone wrote on social media? How scary is that? And given how volatile things are in our society right now the last thing I would do is act on something I read online. Note to social media

proponents: put a directive in your post that tells readers how to get more information (call a hotline, for example) that provides detailed (and accurate) information.

I headed north to my “happy place” last weekend: Cambria. I had to pick up my wine, after all. I'm embarrassed to say that I am a member of not one, not two, not even three but four wineries!

Harmony Cellars was the first winery I joined. It wasn't overly expensive and on Friday night I listened to the Noach Tangeras Band that was performing. It was a lively band and the female singer was reminiscent of Janis Joplin. What a great way to end the night!

I am also a member of Niner, where I stopped for lunch on my way in on Friday. On Saturday I headed to Opolo to pick up wine and meet with a new friend.

I met Laura a couple of months ago when I went to Opolo for a “pick up” party. I texted her to say I was coming up again and would she like to meet me? We had a fabulous time just chatting.

On my way out of town on Sunday I stopped by Hearst Ranch Winery in San Simeon. I enjoyed a wine tasting near overlooking the beach below. To me it was magical – and I'm already thinking of when I can head back!

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently our community received the news that former Crescenta Valley High School principal Linda Junge had passed away. We had been following her fight with cancer for a very long time. She is now at peace but for those left behind there is a hole in the world.

I met Linda when she was public information officer (PIO) at Glendale Unified School District. I had just begun my career in journalism and was assigned the education beat. My youngest daughter was in elementary school at the time and I would take her to all the GUSD board meetings. She would sit under the press table doing her homework while I listened and reported on the meeting. Linda and I would sit at the press table and got to know each other very well.

Even though the meetings weren't as contentious as they have been recently there was still a lot of drama, lots of acronyms (education departments are famous for them) and a lot of issues being thrown all at once at her. Throughout the entire time, she never let the public see her stressed. She was calm and smiled through it all. I got to know her well enough over the years to have honest conversations with her about the trials and tribulations of being a representative of the district. She took everything in her own positive stride, which was so impressive.

Linda moved from PIO to several positions within the district including as principal at John Muir Elementary School and then in 2013 she took on the role of principal at Crescenta Valley High School.

Linda came to CVHS following one of the most difficult times in the school's history. The year before she began there was a very public death on campus by suicide. Many students witnessed the tragedy and anyone who walked onto campus after

that felt the incredible sense of loss, and fear, about how – and if – the school would recover.

One of my favorite experiences at the school in Linda's first year was with a Prom Plus Club student who I was standing with in the school hall. Someone had said something funny and Linda began to laugh. Anyone who knew her knows that her laughter rose up and carried for miles. This student turned to me and said, “Isn't it great to hear laughter in the halls again?”

This is what Linda did for her students: she made them feel safe and happy. They weren't afraid to say silly things, to tell her a joke or to go to her for help.

When my kids were at CV, I was a PTSA member and VP of Prom Plus. When Linda was principal I was a reporter and a mom whose last child was going through CV... so I was at the school a lot. I want to share two experiences I had with Linda that I think best defines our relationship and her personality.

One day we were standing in front of the stage in the quad on campus getting ready to hear a presentation from some students. I received a text from my older daughter who was in college in Pennsylvania. I had told Linda earlier that my daughter had adopted a dog while in college thinking it would relieve her stress. I looked at the text and reacted with an “ugh.” Linda asked if something was wrong. I told her that my daughter's dog had eaten her sofa. Linda thought I was exaggerating until I showed her pictures of what was left of the sofa. This tickled Linda to no end. She began to laugh; at one point she had to hold my shoulder to steady herself. This made me laugh and people looked over wondering what the heck was wrong with these two laughing fools ... we just continued to have deep belly laughs.

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Tickets to the July 4 Independence Day fireworks display are on sale. Pre-sale tickets are \$9; day of are \$10. Children 7 and under are free. Pre-sale tickets are available at Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd.; J's Maids & Maintenance, 3550 Foothill Blvd.; CV Weekly Newspaper/CV Chamber of Commerce, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206; CV Insurance, 3156 Foothill Blvd.

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An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, July 5. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages; no reservations required. Rain cancels. Sorry, no pets please.

Then the community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers, led by Frank Colcord, will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages and no reservations required. Rain cancels event. Sorry, no pets please.

For further information,

contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

CITY OF GLENDALE
SHOWS INCREASE IN
HOMELESSNESS

The 2025 annual Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count revealed a 13% increase in homelessness in Glendale compared to the previous year.

In Glendale, the homeless point-in-time count revealed a total of 110 individuals and families residing in interim housing programs, a 16% increase from 2024. The unsheltered population increased by 9% to 87 people. Families with children continue to be the predominant group in emergency shelters while single adults constitute the majority of the unsheltered population.

In 2024, the City published its Homeless Action Plan, which aims to achieve "functional zero" homelessness in the next three years ensuring that, at any given time, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness does not surpass the community's demonstrated capacity to house them within a short period of time.

On Feb. 19, the City of Glendale's Continuum of Care, in collaboration with nearly 50 volunteers, local service providers and community organizations, conducted the annual Homeless PIT Count. The Continuum had the support of the Glendale Police Dept. and the City of Glendale Information Services Dept., which developed an online survey to collect data from those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Data from those in local congregate shelters and transitional housing programs were also included as part of the count.

A comprehensive report will be released in the coming month highlighting key trends in homelessness throughout the city.

BEYOND THE BOX
APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Applications are being accepted through July 25 at 5 p.m. for Beyond the Box. The theme for this year is Celebrating Glendale. Applicants are encouraged to develop a design focusing on what makes Glendale special.

The Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) will fund \$750 per utility box design rendering only. The ACC will select artwork for five utility boxes. Selected finalists will submit a final design rendering to be printed onto a vinyl wrap which will cover the exterior of a utility box. Artists will not be printing or installing the vinyl wraps.

Beyond the Box is open to all local and regional artists. Artists may apply as an individual artist or as a group. City of Glendale employees are not eligible to apply.

Beyond the Box is supported by the City of Glendale and the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission.

To learn more visit https://tinyurl.com/3bbpj5vw.

Ascencia: Looking for
Some Helping Hands

By Mary O'KEEFE

“Lifting people out of homelessness one person, one family at a time.”

That is the mission statement of Ascencia in Glendale, a non-profit that provides housing and support services for homeless individuals and families.

In April Ascencia held its “Hope Starts Here” annual fundraising gala and also celebrated 17 years of helping those needing housing and support.

“It is our largest fundraiser event,” said Lauren Duncan, Ascencia executive director. “The [funds raised] go toward the mission.”

The funds are dedicated to general operations, programs and staff salaries.

“It’s pretty scary times right now,” Duncan added.

It’s scary because federal grants that are the lifeblood for many non-profits are getting canceled or in danger of not being renewed. Non-profits, like Ascencia, depend on grants and donations from the community and corporations to meet its budget; it is currently connecting with more corporate sponsors. However, due to the federal government considering canceling grants, it is difficult for most non-profits to plan for the future.

Ascencia was planning to expand its programs into other areas of Los Angeles County. Right now Ascencia provides street outreach in Glendale, Burbank, West Hollywood, Northeast Los Angeles and East Hollywood. It also has a 45-bed Emergency Housing program that accepts 300 residents annually; 99% of Ascencia clients stay housed for one year or more, according to the Ascencia website.

“We have been contracted with West Hollywood since 2016,” Duncan said. “My vision has been, up to this point, to expand [permanent] supportive housing programs. Once [residents] get in they stay but now the federal government [has proposed] getting rid of those programs and the voucher programs.”

The Trump administration’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2026 has deep cuts to HUD including Section 8 programs and homeless assistance programs. The proposal would eliminate federal aid and move to block grants to states.

“If the funding goes away we are going to look for private sources but it is going to be extremely competitive and not sustainable,” Duncan said.

Competitive because there will be many organizations that help with housing that will be competing for the few available corporate and private funding sources.

Another issue that Ascencia and other non-profits are struggling with is the inconsistency of the message by the federal government. At the beginning of the year all federal grants were canceled, then the



Photos provided by Ascencia
TOP: Ascencia's board of directors (from back left to front right) are Daniel Valdez, Kylee Lolla, David Bolstad, Phil Ambrose, Kadence King, Sandeep Khara, Tes Baradas, Deacon Ron Baker, Ron Scott, Sara Catania, Terry Walker, Jane Winter, Sue Son, Laura Duncan, Arbella Azizian, Paulette Ramsay Wood and Saad Panja.
ABOVE: Ascencia's Executive Director Dr. Laura Duncan (left) with Dr. William Wang, chief medical officer at Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, winner of the Ambassador of Hope Award.

cancellations were rescinded, which made it difficult for organizations to plan for the future.

Ascencia doesn't just find housing for those facing homelessness but offers food programs as well including feeding those in the shelters.

It does have a program where guest chefs come into the shelters to prepare food.

“We need people to serve as guest chefs,” Duncan said. “We serve 45 people breakfast, a cold lunch and a hot dinner.”

A lot of times guest chefs come from churches.

For many the first thought of those facing homelessness goes

hand-in-hand with the issue of mental health, but there are many reasons people find themselves unhoused.

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Lutheran Church of the Foothills invites the community to its weekly Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. with Pastor Rick Hall. Music is a mix of contemporary with traditional under the direction of Mark Anzelon. Sunday school is offered for young children, as well as a craft/activity area inside the sanctuary.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details. For more information or to request/offer help.

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

MT. OLIVE OFFERS WORSHIP SERVICE WITH NATIONAL HYMNS ON JULY 6TH

In commemoration of the hard-fought independence of our United States of America from 1775-1783, and in celebration of the unanimous adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church will feature national hymns and songs from its Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal at the worship service on Sunday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m.

“Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord ... Glory, glory! Hallelujah!” – (ELW hymn #890)

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, July 19, a free showing of “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” will take place at Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley, starting at 7 p.m. Snacks will also be provided.

Everyone in the community is invited and welcome to attend.

CSL PROVIDES GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

MT. OLIVE OFFERS BIBLE STUDIES

Mt. Olive invites the Crescenta Valley community to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30

a.m. They are currently in the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Olive is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on July 13, 20 & 27. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jnlavieri@earthlink.net. All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

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City of Glendale Announces New Hires

The City of Glendale announced the appointment of Jeff Brooks as the new fire chief for the Glendale Fire Dept., effective immediately. With over two decades of distinguished service, Brooks brings extensive experience, community commitment, and visionary leadership to the role. The city also announced the appointment of Scott Mellon as the new general manager of Glendale Water and Power (GWP). With more than two decades of engineering and utility experience, Mellon brings a forward-thinking vision and deep technical expertise to this critical leadership role.

Finally, the city announced the appointment of Shijie “Jack” Liang as its new finance director. A seasoned public finance leader with nearly 20 years of experience in local government, Liang brings a strong track record of strategic financial leadership, innovation, and commitment to public service. For more information, visit <https://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/news>.

Special Meeting Proposed to Discuss New GUSD Bylaws

By Mary O’KEEFE

At the June 10 Glendale Unified School District Board of Education meeting, the motion to remove an agendized information item launched a lengthy debate. The item in question was Information Item 8, “Proposed Revisions Regarding Board Bylaws,” dealing with five specific areas: Board bylaw 9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications, Board bylaw 9250 – Remuneration, reimbursement and other benefits, Bylaw 9323 – Meeting Conduct, Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of interest and disclosure code and Bylaw 9271 – Code of ethics. This item – Information Item 8 – was proposed by GUSD President Shant Sahakian and was written by him with input from board member Kathleen Cross. He also reached out to numerous school districts and other experts in the field of education. CVW reached out to Sahakian and asked what prompted the proposed changes and the revision of the code of ethics. Sahakian said there were a few factors including concerns with what other districts are facing; recently Burbank Unified School District (BUSD) dealt with the issue of the BUSD approval of a contract with a maximum amount of \$90,000 to a company called Specialized Support Services. The contract was “purportedly signed” by the adult daughter of a BUSD trustee member who did not recuse herself from the vote to approve that contract. Pasadena Unified School District also recently dealt with an ethics issue regarding the conduct of one of its members. Sahakian was also concerned about possible questions of ethics within the GUSD board. This proposal, he said, would make conduct clear for board members. During the June 10 meeting, member Neda Farid made a motion to postpone the discussion of Item 8 – the bylaws discussion. Her reasoning included that she would rather have the item discussed at the board of education’s retreat or at a special meeting. She voiced concern that this proposal was created by two board members, Sahakian and Cross, without input by other members. Cross pointed out that was the reason the item was in the Information portion of the meeting – so that the board could discuss it and get input from all of its members. “We are just postponing it, basically? I guess that’s what I don’t understand – why we wouldn’t just talk about it? Also it allows the public to understand it a little bit better,” Cross said. She pointed out that Item 8 is an information item and that after reading it once it wouldn’t have to be approved. “In my view this is a more restrictive policy than what is mandated and, as this is going to create guidelines by which colleagues would have to conduct themselves and staff, for example, by way of the use of an ethics officer, which would be an employee, there would be potential conflicts of interest with some of the points here in the policy,” Farid said. The proposed bylaw 9271 deals with the Code of Ethics of board members. The proposal includes the creation of a new position of Ethics Officer. This would be, presumably, a paid position. If an individual thinks a board member is conducting him/herself unethically the individual would file an ethics complaint. That complaint is then reviewed by the Ethics Officer and if there is merit then it would move to a third party legal review. District funds would have to be used for the new staff member and third party legal firm, and this process could possibly be abused by individuals with issues against a specific board member; however, there are provisions available that deal with abuse of the ethics complaint system. Sahakian was opposed to the delay of the discussion and stated there was not a board retreat scheduled and asked for a specific date for the special meeting, if that is the path forward. At one point Farid rescinded her motion; however, board member Telly Tse made another motion to delay. After a long discussion the vote was three voting to delay by Ingrid Gunnell, Tse and Farid voting and Sahakian and Cross voting against the delay. Farid said during the June 10 meeting that she would like to see a proposal that reflects all the members of the board. “I’m looking for something that our colleagues can work on together that I believe for the good of the group would be perhaps a more effective document than what you [Sahakian and Cross] have presented,” Farid said. Cross again questioned why the discussion could not start as agendized, adding she did not expect a vote on a final revision but thought starting the discussion rather than delaying it would be prudent.


CVTC Land Use Committee Opines on Canyonside Road Variance

By Mary O’KEEFE

In the June meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) members voted to recommend denial of the zoning modification request for a project on Canyonside Road. Canyonside Road is located in La Crescenta in an area known as Briggs Terrace, where homes are located at the foothills of the Angeles National Forest. There is one way in and one way out of the neighborhood. It is in an extreme fire zone area. The owner of a Canyonside Road property requested zoning modifications. “The project is a 3-story single-family house on the downhill side. The only issue before the Land Use Committee was the application for waiver of the 10 foot setback in the front,” said Cheryl Davis, chair of the CVTC Land Use Committee (LUC). The main concern of neighbors appeared to be that the proposed driveway and house would be 10 feet closer to Canyonside Road and a portion of the easement path above upper Canyonside Road, according to Davis. “Some residents also expressed concern about additional houses recently built, or that will be built, in that area, which will result in more density and more traffic,” she added. When the issue was earlier brought to the LUC speakers included the owner of the property. His father, the property architect, made a presentation on the proposed project. The majority of the speakers at that meeting were residents of the Canyonside/Upper Briggs Terrace neighborhood. There was a motion made not to allow the 10 foot variance. The vote was 4 to 3 with Davis, as chair, then voting no. There was a question as to whether the chair of the LUC could only vote to break a tie and the issue was brought to the CVTC so it could make its own recommendation to Regional Planning. That is when the CVTC heard the issue, including from local residents, and made its decision to deny the request. “This request for the setback variance now goes to a future LA County Regional Planning hearing downtown,” Davis said. “If Planning denies the variance, the home can be built if it is set back 10 feet from the front property line.”

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Update On Efforts to Locate Missing Hiker Monica Reza

A message was issued from Acting Captain Ryan A. Vienna of the Crescenta Valley Station: “A week ago, Monica Reza went missing while hiking near Mount Waterman in the Angeles National Forest. “An extraordinary search was initiated that involved not only involved our Los Angeles County Search and Rescue (SAR) teams, but numerous resources from throughout the state leveraging local, state and federal assets.

The use of forensic technology, photography, airships, canines and other specialized tools were utilized in this effort leaving nearly no available resource untapped. “While today [Sunday, June 29] concludes our initial response phase of this operations, the investigation will continue by our Homicide Bureau: Missing Persons Unit. Our search efforts will be limited and continuous as data and information further

inform our efforts. “Our hearts go out to Monica’s family, friends, coworkers and the community who have shown great concern for her disappearance. We appreciate the numerous members of the public who have reached out to get involved in the search. It is important to understand the area Monica went missing in can be highly technical and difficult for inexperienced hikers. Given this is an ongoing investigation,

we would ask the public to avoid actively searching this area. On behalf of the family, we are conveying their request for privacy at this time. “We ask anyone with information regarding Monica Reza’s disappearance to please contact Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau - Missing Persons Unit, Detective Shannon Rincon or Detective Richie Sanchez at (323) 890-5500.”


Jewelry Store Theft Suspects Arrested

On Tuesday, May 27, Glendale police officers responded to a burglary that occurred at Bidrussian Jewelry located at 1102½ S. Glendale Ave. Officers discovered that a hole had been cut through the roof of the business and an unknown

amount of jewelry had been stolen. No suspects were in custody at the time. Following the incident, Glendale Police Dept. – Burglary detectives launched an investigation and developed leads identifying

possible suspects. Working in coordination with local agencies, detectives initiated surveillance on the group. On the evening of Sunday, June 29 investigators received information indicating that the suspects were preparing to target another jewelry store, Rodeo Jewelers at 1560 Foothill Blvd. in La Verne. As the suspects attempted to gain entry through the roof, law enforcement officers coordinated to take the group into custody. The suspects also used signal jammers and cut wires to the location during the incident. A total of eight suspects were observed at the scene. Seven were successfully

apprehended with the assistance of local agencies, including the La Verne Police Dept., Claremont Police Dept., Glendora Police Dept. and deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. – San Dimas Station. All suspects are foreign nationals believed to be involved in similar crimes spanning both their countries of origin and the United States. All seven male suspects are currently in Glendale police custody. This investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. – Burglary Unit at (818) 548-3127.



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Accident on Danny Street

On Friday, June 27, Glendale Police Dept. dispatch received a non-emergency phone call at 9:12 p.m. The call was a BMW accident detection message and concerned a traffic incident with unspecified injuries in the 3700 block of Danny Street. The dispatch was notified that airbags had been deployed and

a black BMW 8401 convertible was involved in the collision. Glendale Fire Dept. and Glendale police responded and arrived at 9:24 p.m. Glendale police established there were no injuries and canceled GFD. It was discovered that a black Escalade was also involved.

CRIME BLOTTER

JUNE 30
Gould Avenue and Paulette Place in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a woman who reportedly had the side passenger mirror broken due to a road rage incident. According to the victim, as she was driving northbound on Gould Avenue when she noticed a 2023 Hyundai Tucson tailgating her. She believed the vehicle was attempting to pass but due to the narrow residential street and parked vehicles it was not possible to pass. As the victim approached the stop sign, the suspect’s vehicle pulled up alongside her on the passenger side. The driver, a male, yelled at her and struck the passenger side mirror of her vehicle breaking it. The suspect then drove away. The suspect has been described as a White male, 40 years old, unshaven, heavy set and at the

time wearing a white muscle shirt. The incident occurred at 6:50 p.m.
JUNE 29
3000 block of Park Place in Montrose, items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle overnight.
JUNE 27
600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an unidentified suspect walked into the store at the location with a black duffle bag and stole 11 men’s polo shirts. The suspect was witnessed removing the tags and security magnets from the shirts and placing them into the duffle bag; he then left the building. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic in his 30s with black hair, a “short fuzz” beard and was about 5’8” tall and weighed about 160 lbs. see BLOTTER on page 19

Obituary

Vivian Gertrude Beutell

Dec. 1, 1932 – June 19, 2025

Vivian Gertrude Beutell (Stall), 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 19 in Sylmar. Vivian was born on Dec. 1, 1932 to August and Gertrude Stall in San Antonio, Texas. Vivian was one of six siblings: Dorthy Funke, Sam Stall, Betsy Farmer, Leroy Stall and Janelle Lewis. She is survived by her two children Rick and Christopher; six grandchildren: Zachary Paul Lewis, Jasmine Viviana Beutell, Joshua Raphael Beutell, Kyle Mathew Lewis , Ryan Daniel Lewis, and Jacob Leonardo Beutell; two brothers: Sam Stall and Leroy Stall; and sister Betsy Farmer.

She attended high school in San Antonio, graduating in 1950. Her first job in high school was as a soda jerk, making soda and ice cream treats for customers. After high school, Vivian attended night school at St. Mary’s where she earned accounting certifications. Shortly after, Vivian moved to California with several of her siblings.

Vivian was a faithful and devout Catholic. Having felt a calling into ministry, she worked for some time in a convent while exploring the possibility of becoming a nun. She later worked as the office manager and bookkeeper for the Rosary Hour, serving the archdiocese of Los Angeles for over 40 years. It was during that time that she met her beloved husband of 54 years, Paul Thomas Beutell.

Paul and Vivian were married on Nov. 25, 1967. They welcomed their son Rick on Dec. 30, 1968. They both shared a deep love and selfless commitment to their family, caring for Monica Alford for several years and later adopted Christopher, children of Vivian’s youngest sister Janelle Lewis.

Vivian is preceded in death by her parents August Emile Stall and Gertrude Anne Stall (Beck); sisters Dorthy Funke and Janelle Lewis; and husband Paul Thomas Beutell.

In honor of Vivian’s life, a viewing and rosary was held at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Canyon Country on Thursday, June 26 followed by the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. then a reception.

The family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Vivian and the family.

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GCC from Cover

“I have read the actual staff report.”

Glendale resident Patrick Murphy recalled the resolution passed in 2020 included language that the person who chaired the Housing Authority would go on to be the mayor but that “did not make it into the ordinance” while the “best interests” clause was not discussed in the resolution but does appear in the current law.

“How that happened, who knows?” he said.

Murphy advocated going back to the underlying thinking.

“It worked. It worked for several years,” he said. “It didn’t work for the last two years because ... well, we all know why.”

Councilmember Dan Brotman recalled the deliberations, observing that “the ordinance was well-intentioned but obviously has not worked and has made things worse, in fact. Maybe it’s the national political climate that’s seeped into the work we do here in Glendale.”

Brotman shared his conclusion to remove the ordinance.

“At this point,” he said, “the best thing we can do is just eliminate it.”

“The process has become very political and that is the problem,” Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian commented.

“Whatever changes you make to this ordinance, if you’re not part of the majority you will be [passed over] and that’s the reality of it ... at the end of the day, majority rules; the majority will make the decision. We never had this – we had some issues in the past but before this ordinance we never had the mayoral selection process be so harsh that it divided the community in two and they were really against each other. I’m not happy about it,” Councilmember Gharpetian said adding that the “best interests” clause is insulting in that it allows the council to exclude a member from serving as mayor.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian reported that he had introduced the process back in 2020 with the intent of enhancing fairness and consistency. He wrote in a communication circulated in advance of Tuesday’s meeting that to him “the role of the mayor in Glendale is not about power or politics – it’s about service, stewardship and symbolism. It’s about demonstrating to our residents that we govern with integrity, not ego. That we listen. That we lead together. And that we believe in the promise of shared leadership.”

“As someone who has stepped aside when it was my turn, who has stood by decisions rooted in equity and who helped create the very framework we rely on today, I remain committed to strengthening the process – not for me, but for everyone who will follow,” Kassakhian concluded. “Glendale deserves nothing less.”

Mayor Ara Najarian agreed that the “best interests” clause had not been in the original resolution and that it had “slipped by.” Mayor Najarian reported that he had challenged the “best interests” clause in court after he sued the city when he was not selected mayor and that the judge was clear that the selection of mayor is a legislative act, that no reason need be given. The judge said that it should be expected that in the process of selecting a mayor there would be “backdoor deals” or agreements or communications.

“There’s always going to be a problem, someone who believes they should be the next mayor. The expectation of being mayor is what creates the bitterness when they are not selected,” Mayor Najarian said. He urged the council to “can the ordinance, forget the seniority rule. Let council members decide. Let all the council members strive during their term to maintain good relations with their colleagues. No one is guaranteed a seat.”

The council voted to repeal the ordinance (Councilmember Elen Asatryan abstained) and to entertain further discussion about the date of the annual mayoral selection and

how to best bridge the time between April and July.

City Attorney Mike Garcia reminded the council that the new rules it adopted for council meetings go into effect on July 3. At the next council meeting on Tuesday, July 15, there will be an additional period near the beginning of the meeting for public comments on any topic, related or not to an item on the council meeting agenda. Time for announcing community events will be dedicated to community events. Time for oral communications will continue to be available at the end of the council meetings as well.

Mayor Najarian announced a series of upcoming community meetings to discuss the North Hollywood-Pasadena BRT (bus rapid transit) “that is faster and more reliable,” set to add 22 new bus stations along the 19 miles connecting North Hollywood, Glendale, Eagle Rock and Pasadena. A virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The call-in number is (213) 338-8477 and the meeting’s webinar ID is 849 6832 2391. The Glendale community meeting in-person is set for Wednesday, July 16 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 201 E. Colorado St. More detail is available directly from Metro: <https://www.metro.net/projects/noho-pasadena-corridor/>.

Mayor Najarian also announced the city’s series of summer concerts that started this week on Wednesdays in Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd. and on Friday evenings, starting on July 11, in Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St. Katja Rieckermann Group kicks off the Brand Summer Music Series on July 11. Concerts at both locations begin at 7 p.m.

“Join us for a live performance by a talented band in a family-friendly setting. Bring a picnic dinner and folding chairs or blankets for seating ... and don’t forget your dancing shoes!” Information about Friday’s concert at Brand Park can be found at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/54022/18>.

WATER from Cover

CVW reached out to the Governor’s office and the California Dept. of Water Resources to ask questions about groundwater and what the future may hold for local communities. Below are the questions and answers from the California Dept. of Water.

1. How much more groundwater does the state need to serve communities?
2. Is there anything the public can do to help with data collection?
3. Will the Governor be reaching out to the public, including the scientific community like those at JPL, to find new inventive ways to collect groundwater?

Across the state, 85% of Californians depend on groundwater for some portion of their water needs with groundwater also acting as a buffer and supplying up to 60% of the state’s water supply during drought years.

We encourage the public to engage with their local water management agencies to learn more about the groundwater conditions in their region as well as use tools like CAGroundwater Live (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLIVE/>). Residents who rely on wells are strongly encouraged to report when their well goes dry to [Chttps://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report/](https://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report/) to help inform state and local agencies.

California is currently collecting more groundwater data than ever before thanks to new partnerships and technology. We will continue to seek out partnerships and information to support comprehensive data collection.

When asked about groundwater collection specifically in Crescenta Valley CVW was referred to the Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster, whose office stated it would not be able to answer the question concerning the Crescenta Valley. The question was simple: Will the Governor, or other state offices, be looking at water rights

ordinances that tie the hands of many smaller communities?

This question was inspired by the long proposed project by Crescenta Valley Water District concerning the Dunsmore Watershed/Verdugo Wash that runs through Crescenta Valley Park. During rainstorms the wash rushes with water. CVWD had proposed to put a pipe into the wash that would redirect the water to replenish the groundwater in the area. This seemed like a sensible proposal since that water currently runs to the LA River and then out to sea; however, due to LA water rights this water belongs to Los Angeles. There does not appear to be any plans by LA for water reclamation or storage facility for this water’s path.

The City of Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power (LADWP) is responsible for managing the City’s water rights under the Los Angeles City Charter. Section 673(a) of the City Charter states, “The City shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the City’s rights in the waters of the Los Angeles River, in whole or in part.”

Sections 673(c) and 677(b), however, allow the City “to enter into contracts with any public agency for the exchange of water as long as the water exchanged is replaced in full to the City within a reasonable period set by the board.”

“In other words, LADWP cannot allow Crescenta Valley Water District to use the City’s water rights, but can exchange water with Crescenta Valley,” according to an email response from LADWP in an earlier interview with CVW.

The question still remains and is not complicated: if the state needs to find more ways to collect groundwater will it look at antiquated water rights ordinances as a partial solution?

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

From Clean Air To Smog – And Back Again

When I was a kid in the early 1960s, smog was a fact of life. I remember that every summer a thick haze of bitter acrid smog blanketed our valley. When we played in the street, the ends of the street were sometimes not visible. The San Gabriel Mountains were visually non-existent. I still remember the smell of the air during the summer, sharp and sour, a smell so strong you could almost taste it. After a day of playing my lungs ached, my head hurt and my eyes stung.

It was a far cry from what the founders of the Crescenta Valley envisioned. In the late 1800s, lung diseases like tuberculosis, bronchitis and asthma were epidemic, made worse by industrial pollution in big cities of the east coast. There was no cure for these diseases but they could be treated with clean dry air. Dr. Benjamin Briggs, who had lost a wife to tuberculosis, had traveled the world to find

the cleanest driest air. He found it here in the Crescenta Valley and so founded La Crescenta as a refuge for people with damaged lungs.

For the early years of the 20th century lung sufferers came from all over the world to live here and breathe the clean air of our valley. But that quickly changed with the advent of WWII. Defense industries put up smokestacks and factory workers bought cars. In July 1943, a thick haze descended on Los Angeles and our valley. Was this smoke from a fire? Some even suspected a gas attack from the Japanese. This was LA's first truly bad smog event.

The word "smog" was actually a turn of the century British term for the mixture of coal smoke and fog that plagued London. Many cities experienced bad air as the industrial revolution marched forward. But Los Angeles was particularly vulnerable. The mountains trapped the smoke in the LA Basin, and the natural

inversion layer over the top held smoke in place, like a lid on a pot. Even the early Spanish explorers noticed that smoke from Native-American villages created a layer of haze over the basin.

But it didn't cause a problem until the 1940s when smog began to affect the average citizen. Even farm crops in the LA area began to wither and die from the noxious air. To the eyes of residents, the source of the problem was obvious: industrial smokestacks made visible smoke, as did smudge pots for orange orchards and smoke from backyard trash incinerators. It certainly wasn't cars. Why, you couldn't even see car exhaust!

"We're not to blame! It's industry!" (You could call them "smog deniers.")

Science of course knew the truth. A scientist from Caltech determined in 1948 that it was the chemical reaction of sunlight and hydrocarbons from unburned gasoline that was

causing the majority of our smog problem. But the public wanted none of this "scientific mumbo-jumbo." A sort of mob-mentality pushed back on the science: "It's not us, it's them!"

It took a public relations campaign in the late '50s and early '60s to change the public's perception. It was kicked off in 1956 by the head of the newly formed Air Pollution Control District who, for the news, locked himself in a smog-filled chamber for a couple of hours. He staggered out to the flashing of news cameras with burning eyes, a headache and a 22% reduction in lung capacity. Demos like this were able to shift the public's perception to realizing that cars were the main problem.

The biggest change toward clean air was the enactment of the federal Clean Air Act in 1970. California followed on with a raft of laws targeting auto emissions and industrial pollution and over the decades

the air has become markedly clearer. It's still not completely clean. Our inversion layer still holds in smoke and exhaust, but the switch to electric and hydrogen vehicles should continue to make air cleaner.

While I don't miss the headaches, the burning eyes and the achy lungs, I do miss one thing ... the smog made for some truly great sunsets.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Thanks’ Gavin Newsom

In a federal lawsuit, Governor Gavin Newsom accuses the Trump Administration of violating federal law, usurping local authority and wasting financial resources in the

deployment of troops on the streets of Los Angeles.

Okay, Gavin. Let's talk about wasted resources.

How about the projected cost of \$128 billion for the high-speed rail project that has yet to lay one

mile of track? Thanks, Gavin.

How about \$30 billion – or was it \$40 billion? – in Employment Development Department (EDD) funds that went to criminals, death row inmates and overseas syndicates because of lax

oversight by you and former EDD director Julie Su? Thanks again, Gavin.

How about \$13 billion in health care for illegal aliens – excuse me, undocumented migrants? The amount equals the current

\$13 billion budget deficit – a structured deficit that you refuse to talk about.

Thanks for nothing, President Newsom!

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Hair Therapy

They say that you don’t really know what you’ve got until it’s gone and that is certainly true of most things. People move so fast; we hardly take the time to appreciate the special gifts we are given and the people we have come to love. Life is fleeting. Spending moments with gratitude in our hearts keeps us grounded and helps us to become better humans to each other and to ourselves. One of the relationships that I have cultivated over the years that I never forget to be grateful for is my friendship with Lore (pronounced LOR-EE) Lis.

Lore and I both grew up in Sunland. She was a couple of years ahead of me in school and our sisters were friends, but I didn’t really spend time with Lore until we were both adults. In the month leading up to my wedding day my sister, Lisa, convinced me to have my hair professionally styled for the big event. I was a simple girl back then and hadn’t really done that before. I was just planning to fluff up my long blonde hair myself – maybe even curl it. I thought better of it though, when Lisa came back from her pre-wedding cut and her hair looked amazing. As it turns out, her hair stylist was Lore. Lore had been cutting hair for the past 12 years and had gotten quite skilled. She agreed to “set me” on the day of the wedding and the week before we did a practice run. That day, I spent an hour or more in the chair getting all curled up while getting to know Lore for the first time. I was pleasantly surprised how comfortable I felt talking to her as we swapped stories and learned about each other. We laughed the whole time. The atmosphere in the shop was relaxed and I felt right at home. By the end of my appointment my wedding stress had melted away and I looked like a princess. She had talent.

Before long, I found myself

returning to Lore every eight weeks or so. She made me feel like I was the most important person in a room full of clients and I looked forward to the refresh and reboot. Husband Jeff soon followed and one by one, so did our kids. She was so gentle and kind with them as the comb worked to tame their mopheads. I progressed to long-hair perms during the 1990s and later added some color. I always looked forward to our great talks, which I came to call “hair therapy.”

Lore is well known in the greater foothills area having worked and owned several shops around town from Shadow Hills to La Cañada Flintridge and beyond. Not only is she respected as a talented stylist but she also does her magic while sharing her heart, adding insights into life and always engages with a touch of humor. She is hilarious. A friend recently said to me, “You can get a haircut anywhere. What Lore brings is priceless.” That is so true.

Over the course of the past 40 years, Lore has been a fixture in the life of my family and has become my dear friend. We have shared stories of joy and cried through our tragic losses. We talked about the deeper meaning of life and the need to clear away the everyday minutiae. These discussions were deeply personal and took place during my time in the chair. You can’t get this experience from ordinary service providers.

Lore has been weighing a lifestyle change for some time and finally announced her retirement. She will be leaving Layers in La Cañada Flintridge on Aug. 1. She plans to move with her husband Stephen to their mountain retreat in Tehachapi and we wish them many adventures.

Lore will be missed more than mere words can express.

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Saving Water Shouldn’t Cost Taxpayers at Tax Time

By Ardy KASSAKHIAN

In Southern California, water isn’t something we take for granted. Whether we’re in the middle of a drought or just waiting for the next one, conservation is a way of life. We’ve developed policies and built entire programs and systems around the idea that every drop matters. So it’s baffling – and frankly counterproductive – that the federal government still taxes people for doing the right thing: using less water.

You read that correctly. If you use a rebate from your local water agency to install drought-tolerant landscaping, upgrade to a water-efficient toilet or invest in smart irrigation, the IRS considers that rebate taxable income. So while each of us tries to reduce pressure on our limited water resources, support state conservation goals and cut our water bill, the federal government is treating us like we’ve just picked up a profitable side gig.

This is why I support the Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act (H.R. 1871/S. 857) – a commonsense, bipartisan bill that simply says: don’t tax water conservation rebates. It’s modeled after similar energy efficiency incentives, which the IRS doesn’t tax. If you install solar panels or a high-efficiency HVAC system, your rebate is tax-free. But if you replace your lawn with drought-friendly landscaping? Congratulations! Here’s a 1099 form.

As Glendale’s representative on the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I’ve seen firsthand how vital water conservation is. Metropolitan supplies water to nearly 19 million people across six counties. That’s about one in 17 Americans. And much of that water comes from hundreds of miles away – from the Colorado River and Northern California. So the less we use, the better off we are. Every saved drop counts.

To encourage conservation, since 1990 Metropolitan has paid out over \$900 million in rebates for things like turf replacement, efficient appliances and smart landscaping. And those investments work. Replacing just one square foot of turf with drought-tolerant plants can save up to 55 gallons of water per year. Multiply that across thousands of homes, and the impact is enormous.

Yet once that rebate hits \$600 or more, the IRS gets involved – treating your efforts like taxable income. Imagine taxing someone for using a reusable water bottle or taking public transit to work. That’s the message we’re sending when we penalize people for being environmentally responsible.

And while we’re making it harder to conserve water, energy rebates remain untaxed. That disparity makes no sense especially when both are incentives that are critical to our response to the climate

crisis. Snowpack in the Sierras is unreliable. The Colorado River is shrinking. Reservoir levels are rising and dropping with greater fluctuation than the stock market. And still, we make it harder – not easier – for people to help.

That’s why I recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for this bill. I met with members of Congress alongside a coalition of water leaders and environmental advocates. We carried a simple message: conservation shouldn’t come with a tax bill.

This legislation isn’t controversial. It has bipartisan support, a small budget impact (less than \$10 million per year) and aligns with every public message we send about the importance of conservation. It’s a smart fix to an unnecessary problem.

Southern Californians aren’t looking for handouts. We just don’t want to be penalized for doing our part. The federal government should be encouraging water conservation – not taxing it.

Congress should pass the Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act. And let’s stop taxing common sense.

Glendale Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian is a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The mission of the MWD is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

GUEST OP-ED » JONATHAN SHARP

What is Fair? A National Mesothelioma Registry to Improve Health Outcomes for Los Angeles Veterans

Shortly following WWII asbestos use in America increased exponentially, with this material being integrated into civilian and military constructions and installations. By 1970, the U.S. used more than 1,400 million pounds of asbestos with limited knowledge of its effects on human health. While asbestos is generally harmless if left undisturbed, breaking this material

disperses tiny fibers into the air which, when inhaled or ingested, have malignant potential.

Among all asbestos-related illnesses, mesothelioma, a rare cancer, currently has no known treatment while diagnosis still poses challenges leading to a high rate of error.

Asbestos exposure influences the emergence of mesothelioma in a dose-

dependent manner, meaning that the more fibers inhaled and the longer the exposure, the more likely it is for this disease to occur even decades later. Around 3,000 people are diagnosed in America every year and a third of them are veterans who were exposed in the military during peak asbestos use. Among all veteran groups,

see MESOTHELIOMA on page 18

NEWS FROM CV CARES » YOUTH AMBASSADOR LEAH JUCKSCH

Celebrating Accomplishments of CV Cares

My name is Leah Jucksch and I am a youth ambassador with Crescenta Valley’s CV Cares. The month of May was packed with meaningful events centered around mental health and community connection.

We began with a lunchtime tabling event at Crescenta Valley High School in partnership with the CVHS Cares Club. Students filled out mental health surveys, won fun prizes and took a moment to focus on their well-being. With the help of the Couch Conversations company, LAFD and others, we offered a relaxed and welcoming environment for students to speak openly about what’s on their minds.

The highlight of the month was our long-awaited Community Wellness Fair. After months of planning, we came together with one goal: to create a safe, uplifting space where families and individuals could unwind, connect and explore mental wellness. The fair had something for everyone and featured yoga, journal-making, skincare workshops, meditation, vision boards, inspirational murals, haircuts, delicious food and a variety of free resources. From powerful speeches to lively drum circles, the energy was nothing short of incredible. The feedback was extremely positive and refreshing as people talked about their own experiences and their thankfulness for such a thoughtful

community event. We are so grateful to have been part of this experience and hope to continue to enact change with the support of the community.

To close out the month of May, we held our final CVHS Cares Club meeting of the school year. We shared a survey to gather student input, discussed future goals and laid the foundation for welcoming new ambassadors in the future.

In June we were reminded of how powerful the community can be in supporting mental health. We’re excited for what’s to come and so thankful for everyone’s unwavering support; we couldn’t have done this without the work of some extraordinary people.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Farmhouse Restaurant
Opens in Descanso Gardens



By Ruth SOWBY

Barely a month old, the Farmhouse has come to Descanso. The restaurant, offering a farm-to-table menu, is the newest dining experience for the community. Farmhouse features an indoor/outdoor bar crafted from fallen oak trees reclaimed from the Gardens. General Manager Jason Salmon estimates that more than 200 guests a day are visiting the Farmhouse.

Chef Richard Mead uses ingredients from California's local farms.

"I'm excited to create a dining experience that captures the essence of the gardens and celebrates its unique charm throughout the year," said Mead.

Farmhouse is located in the Descanso courtyard. The restaurant offers indoor/outdoor seating in a garden setting. An open kitchen allows guests to observe chefs preparing their meals. Like the bar, tables are also made of Descanso's fallen trees that are recycled. Seasonal plant installations add to the ambience of the restaurant.

Farmhouse at Descanso is open for lunch and dinner. It is also available for special events.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
TOP: Farmhouse offers guests farm-to-table dining in Descanso Gardens.
ABOVE: Farmhouse hostess Olivia Thompson shows off the restaurant's bar that is made of fallen oak trees reclaimed from the Gardens.
BOTTOM: The Farmhouse is drawing more than 200 guests a day. The side patio is especially popular with Descanso visitors.

RadNet
Implements AI into
Low-Dose CT Scans

RadNet incorporates artificial intelligence (AI) into low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) screening for lung cancer – advancing lung cancer detection at its earliest stages.

LDCT screening for lung cancer is a specialized, painless test that uses low doses of radiation in order to find lung cancer before it is symptomatic and before it has spread.

Implementing AI into LDCT screening for lung cancer has significant advantages, including improved diagnostic accuracy, which can lead to even earlier diagnoses and potentially better outcomes. AI also allows the specialty-trained team across the RadNet network to personalize screenings for individual patients and reduce radiation doses even further while obtaining exceptional image quality.

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death in the United States but the key to surviving cancer is finding it in its earliest stage when treatment is most likely to be successful. Several prominent groups, including the American Cancer Society, recommend

anyone at high risk for lung cancer to begin screening with low-dose chest CT at the age of 50.

Screening people who are at high risk for lung cancer annually with a low dose chest CT can reduce the death rate from lung cancer by 20%.

According to Dr. Scott Brandman, director of Thoracic Imaging at Arizona Diagnostic Radiology, "About 46% of lung cancer cases are diagnosed at a late stage when the disease has spread from the lung to other organs."

There are a few factors used to assess candidacy for this screening, all of which involve a patient's smoking status:

- At least a 20 pack-year smoking history (meaning, ½ pack per day for 40 years, one pack per day for 20 years, two packs per day for 10 years, etc.)
- Current smoker or have quit smoking within the last 15 years
- 50 to 80 years of age.

Most importantly, this screening test is covered by almost all insurance plans for most people at high risk.

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Staying Cool is Healthy

Staying Safe in Hot Weather



Watch for these signs of hyperthermia:

- Dizziness
- Muscle cramps
- Swelling in your ankles and feet
- Nausea and weakness
- Rapid pulse

Tips to prevent hot-weather illness:

- Drink liquids
- Limit caffeine and alcohol
- Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothes
- If it's too hot, try exercising indoors

Learn more about staying safe in hot weather at www.nia.nih.gov/hot-weather-safety.

Summer heat has been in the headlines across the nation, reminding us that very hot weather has a serious impact, including heat-related illnesses. Hospital emergency personnel see patients with mild dehydration to those experiencing serious organ damage, and worse.

Hot weather can cause difficulty in the body's ability to regulate its temperature, which is especially challenging for older adults. As we age, our bodies typically do not adjust as well to sudden temperature conditions and many prescription medicines affect the body's response to temperature, including the ability to sweat as a means to cool down.

Let's enjoy the season and avoid hospitalization by recognizing and addressing heat-related conditions such as:

Heat syncope, which is a sudden dizziness that can happen when you are active in hot weather which can be exacerbated by beta blockers. If you feel dizzy, rest in a cool place, put your legs up, and

drink water.

Heat cramps are the painful tightening or spasms of muscles in your stomach, arms or legs. Cramps can result from intense exercise in the heat. Rest in the shade and drink water or sports drinks with electrolytes. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

Heat edema is a swelling in your ankles and feet when you get hot. Elevate legs to reduce swelling. If that doesn't work quickly, check with your doctor.

Heat exhaustion means your body can't cool itself properly. Symptoms include thirst, dizziness, weakness, incoordination, nausea, heavy sweating, normal body temperature with cold and clammy skin, and a rapid pulse. Rest in a cool place, drink fluids and seek medical help if symptoms persist. Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke, so act quickly.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency where the body's temperature exceeds 104°F. Symptoms include fainting,

confusion, dry skin and an abnormal pulse. Immediate medical attention is necessary, along with moving to a cooler area and cooling the body with cool clothes, baths, showers or fans.

Remember it is important to be cautious and get relief quickly when you are overheated otherwise you may begin to feel sick or risk a heat-related illness that could cause serious health issues.

I invite you to contact the USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging if you find you need services and/or support. Consults are complimentary and the webpage has listings: uscvh.org/aging-resources. Resource Specialists are on hand to listen and research options; call (818) 949-4033 or email Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu.

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Comic Tom Dreesen Makes Local Appearance



By Ruth SOWBY

North Hollywood's The Comedy Chateau hosted comedian Tom Dreesen as part of its 4th Annual International Comedy Festival. On Thursday, June 26 the comic hosted a two-hour seminar, "The Joy of Standup & How to Get There." Some 30 comics – veterans and newcomers, most from the nearby communities – attended. Introducing Dreesen was Comedy Chateau owner Felix McNulty.

Dreesen is known for partnering with Tim Reid. They called their act "Tim and Tom." They were the first biracial comedy duo in the U.S.

Eventually, each comic went their separate ways. Reid was a regular on "WKRP in Cincinnati" and Dreesen hooked his star to Frank Sinatra.

He spent 13 years touring with him as his opening act. Sinatra and Dreesen played in 45-50 cities a year.

At the seminar, Dreesen discussed how positive perception, visualization, self-talk and a sense of humor is necessary for every performer, especially comics.

Laughing at yourself is key, he advised.

"Your first joke or two should describe the dumb things you did," said Dreesen. Another tip: "Don't give up on new material. If it bombs, give it another chance to work."

Dreesen's seminar was taped, parts of which will be shown on Instagram and other social media outlets.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!
The Art of the Counter Offer

Dear Phyllis,
After years of reading your real estate advice, I have a question. My son and his wife recently made an offer on a condominium. It was very underpriced, and there was a total of twelve offers. The seller's agent only responded to the three highest offers. When my son checked the final selling price, he was surprised it did not sell for higher. It sold for \$950,000; he was prepared to offer \$1,000,000. I wonder why the seller's agent did not respond to all buyers.

Janice

Dear Janice,
Thank you for being a longtime reader and sharing your son's experience. The situation you described highlights the nuances of managing multiple-offer scenarios. The art of the counter offer:

maximizing price in a hot market.

In competitive markets, especially when a home is intentionally priced below market value to spark interest, seeing a flood of offers is not unusual. However, how the seller's agent responds to those offers depends on their strategy, experience, and sometimes the seller's preference. Some agents, opt to narrow the field and issue counteroffers only to the top contenders. Their reasoning might be to streamline the process, avoid overwhelming the seller with too many options, or focus on buyers who have already shown strong financial commitment. As you have pointed out, it can leave money on the table if other buyers, like your son, were willing to go higher.

In contrast, my approach as a Realtor is to respond to all offers in a multiple-offer situation with a counteroffer that invites

buyers to submit their "highest and best" price. This maximizes the seller's chances of getting the best price and terms. In your son's case, this method could have prompted him to submit his \$1,000,000 offer, potentially driving the price above the \$950,000 it sold for. While we cannot know why the seller's agent chose to limit their counters, they may have misjudged the pool of buyers or prioritized efficiency over exhausting every opportunity.

That said, your son was not entirely out of options, even without a counteroffer from the seller's agent. He and his wife could have proactively instructed their Realtor to reach out and improve their offer. In a hot market, buyers sometimes take this initiative.

I wish your son and his wife the best in finding their dream home!

Phyllis



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

TOP: Comedy Chateau owner Felix McNulty, left, and comic Tom Dreesen share the stage at the Comedy Chateau's 4th International Comedy Festival in North Hollywood. ABPVE: The Comedy Chateau in North Hollywood hosts comedy shows featuring national as well as local comedians.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Knott’s Brings the Summer Fun with Ghost Town Alive and Summer Nights



By Charly SHELTON

Summer is heating up in Buena Park, but Knott’s Berry Farm has found the perfect way to cool it down – by turning back the clock to 1885 and keeping the party going after dark. Knott’s brings back its classic summer celebrations – Ghost Town Alive and Summer Nights – for the season. These two limited-time events remind us that the real fun at Knott’s isn’t so much the rides but immersing yourself in the history and stepping into the story.

Ghost Town Alive is one of those experiences that sounds simple on paper but once you’re there you realize how immersive it really is. During the day, the streets of Calico spring to life with townsfolk, cowboys, outlaws and deputies all weaving an interactive story around the guests. You become part of a living, breathing western town where everyone has a part to play, whether it’s joining the Pony Express, voting for the next mayor or tracking down wanted criminals.

It’s not just for kids either. Adults get just as swept up in the storyline. And honestly, it’s even more fun than hitting the roller coasters. There’s something about strolling through Ghost Town, chatting with characters who stay in character no matter what you throw at them, that transports you right into an old western – minus the dust and rattlesnakes.

The day ends with a hoedown in the town square, to end all remaining storylines and celebrate the day. Then as the sun sets and the lanterns light, Summer Nights takes over with live music, food booths and that laid-back backyard party energy that Knott’s has perfected. We caught a concert at sunset and played lawn games around the Calico Park area as the heat of the day (finally) subsided. Between the band on stage, the cool breeze rolling in and the block party vibe, it was the perfect end to the day.

It’s easy to get caught up in the coaster-park aspect and forget that Knott’s has been doing themed entertainment longer than most parks have been in business. Ghost Town Alive and Summer Nights tap into that legacy, blending old-school charm with modern fun. Whether you’re wrangling outlaws, kicking back with a boysenberry sangria or just soaking in the live music, it’s summer done right – with a little Wild West flair.

Knott’s summer events are on now through Sept. 1. Visit Knotts.com for more info.

Photos by Charly SHELTON

LEFT: Summer Nights at Knott’s brings to life another aspect of the theme park.

RIGHT: Ghost Town Alive is an immersive experience that appeals to both kids and adults.

MONA Presents the Work of Artist Michael Flechtner

The Museum of Neon Art announced the work of Michael Flechtner: *Ecce Artifex* on display starting on June 26. The opening for this retrospective will take place from 6 - 8 p.m. on July 11 and is free to the public.

Michael Flechtner has made a lasting mark on the art form of neon through his mastery of three-dimensional sculpture and employment of visual puns as well as his role mentoring future generations of neon benders.

“It is the very definition of a retrospective. It is amazing to see this body of my work, spanning almost four decades and to recognize themes, associations and ideas revisited and revised with always different and interesting results,” said the artist.

Born in Tiffin, Ohio, Flechtner had an early interest in colored light and electronics. He incorporated some into his first artworks while a Bachelors of Fine Art student at Columbus College of Art and Design and during his Masters of Fine Art studies at Wichita State University.

After a trip to the Museum of Neon Art, Flechtner decided he would learn how to bend neon so that he could move to Los Angeles and participate in the flourishing new media scene. He enrolled in a six-week neon fabricating class with Freddy Elliott in Salina, Kansas. This taught Flechtner enough hands-on skills to work in a neon sign shop after relocating to Los Angeles. He pursued commercial neon by day and his own sculptural neon by night at his studio in Van Nuys.

“Considering my first visit to MONA in the late ’80s and really discovering this world of ‘neon art,’ my having an exhibit at MONA is really things coming full circle!” Said Flechtner.

In 1991 Flechtner presented his first solo exhibition at the Museum of Neon Art. His best-known public work in Los Angeles is the Neon Aquarium at Olympic and Sawtelle, completed in 1998. In 1999 he became a J. Paul Getty Trust Fund Fellow. He was commissioned by the USPS in 2011 to design a postage stamp for the Forever series: the Neon Celebrate! Stamp. The original artwork is held in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

MONA hours are Thursday-Saturday from noon to 7 p.m., Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free for MONA members; general admission is \$10, seniors (65+) – \$8, Glendale residents (with ID) – \$5, children (12 and under) – free (with an adult), veterans (with ID) – free and EBT holders (with card) – \$3.



Photo courtesy of MONA

Notice of Public Hearing



This is a notice that the District will consider the continuation of the capital charge on the county tax roll approved in 2023. A report containing a description of each parcel receiving water service and the amount of the charge for each parcel for the fiscal year 2025-26 is available for inspection at the District office and on the District’s website at www.cvwd.com/property-tax-roll-information.

A public hearing will be held on:

**TUESDAY,
JULY 22, 2025
6:00 P M**

at CVWD Board Room
2700 Foothill Blvd
La Crescenta, CA 91214

You may file a written protest at or before the hearing.

Contact us at (818) 248-3925 or feedback@cvwd.com with questions, comments, or concerns.

If you would like to transfer the capital charge to your utility bill, please contact us or visit our website to complete the required form. Forms must be submitted by July 15, 2025. If a form was submitted last year, it will remain in effect.

Scene in L.A. July 2025

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Summer is here at last and that means it's time to go see one or more of these fabulous shows playing currently in our local theaters!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue so attendees should bring a face mask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater before definite plans are made.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month, or are already running:



“Festival of Arts Fine Art Show & Pageant of the Masters ‘Gold Coast: Treasures of California’” Southern California’s most anticipated art event returns this summer bringing to Laguna Beach a season of creativity, culture and unforgettable experiences. The Festival of Arts Fine Art Show opens Tuesday, July 2 followed by the premiere of this year’s all-new Pageant of the Masters production, “Gold Coast: Treasures of California” on Saturday, July 5. Together these two iconic events transform Laguna Beach into the ultimate summer destination, welcoming visitors from around the world to explore exceptional artwork, enjoy daily live music, take part in hands-on activities and witness the Pageant’s legendary theatrical illusions under the stars.

From July 2 through Aug. 30, the Festival of Arts Fine Art Show will showcase over 100 of Orange County’s most accomplished visual artists – including 16 first-time exhibitors – in a juried exhibition of original works ranging from painting and sculpture to photography, ceramic, and jewelry. Many are award-winning artists at the top of

their field, offering an extraordinary range of styles and perspectives. All artwork is available for purchase, making the Festival a must-visit for collectors and art lovers alike. Visitors can meet the artists, learn about their creative process and experience firsthand the very best of Southern California’s art scene.

For the full list of exhibiting artists, event highlights and live music schedule, visit www.foapom.com/summer-art-show.

Then, on Saturday, July 5, the curtain rises on the 2025 Pageant of the Masters, where art steps out of the frame and onto the Pageant stage. This year’s theme, “Gold Coast: Treasures of California” features a collection of masterpieces from California’s most prestigious museums, collections and iconic monuments from the state’s most recognizable cities. Tickets are available at www.foapom.com/pageant-of-the-masters.

The show runs through Aug. 29 at the Festival of Arts Grounds in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 494-1145 or visit www.foapom.com.



“Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Offers Military Discounts All July and Extends Hours for Holiday Weekend” The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway will operate with extended hours July 4 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. On Friday, July 4 the first tram car up will be at 8 a.m., the last tram car up will be at 9 p.m. and the last tram car down will be at 10:30 p.m. Join the Mount San Jacinto State Park rangers on a guided nature walk along the 1½-mile Desert View Trail on Sunday, July 6 at 11 a.m. or the ¾-mile Long Valley Nature Trail loop at 1:30 p.m. Those interested should meet at the bottom of the cement walkway located just outside the Mountain Station after riding the tram to the top. Guided Nature Walks are free to attend with general tram admission. Beat the heat and celebrate the Fourth of July Holiday Weekend in the cool mountain air at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway!

For more information, please call 888-515-TRAM or 760-325-1391, or visit www.pstramway.com. The extended hours run July 4 through July 6 at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway in Palm Springs. For tickets, call (760) 325-1391 or visit www.pstramway.com.



“Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story” charts the rise of one of rock ‘n’ roll’s earliest icons from his small-town Texas roots to becoming a cultural phenomenon. Featuring timeless hits like “Peggy Sue,” “That’ll Be the Day” and “Everyday,” this toe-tapping musical will have audiences dancing in their seats while gaining insight into the man behind the music. This is not just a show – it’s a full-blown concert experience with actors performing every note live on stage as they bring Buddy Holly’s legendary music to life.

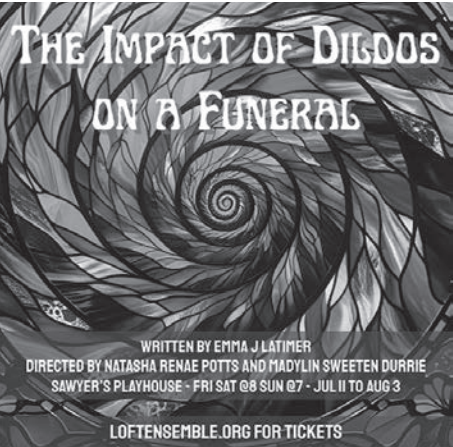
Written by Alan Janes, with music by Ryan O’Connell and directed by Keith Andrews, it runs July 11 through July 27 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 856-1999 or visit www.musical.org/events/the-buddy-holly-story.



“Disney’s FROZEN The Broadway Musical” For the first time in forever, experience the musical phenomenon that has taken the world by storm! Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, “Disney’s FROZEN The Broadway Musical” includes all the film’s beloved songs by Kristen Anderson-Lopez

and Robert Lopez, along with new music written exclusively for the stage!

Written by Jennifer Lee, with music by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez, and directed by Yvette Lawrence, it runs July 11 through July 20 at the Kavli Theatre at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center in Thousand Oaks. For tickets, call (805) 449-2787 or visit www.5startheatricals.com.



“The Impact of Dildos on a Funeral” Close friends find themselves locked inside a funeral home with no cell signal after the staff goes missing. As they try to honor the deceased’s mostly humorous wishes, secrets surface, grudges are reshaped and hard decisions must be made. This dark comedy of errors will challenge audiences to examine how we handle the past to create a better future.

Written by Emma J. Latimer and directed by Natasha Renae Potts and Madylin Sweeten Durrie, it runs July 11 through Aug. 3 at the Sawyer’s Playhouse at Loft Ensemble in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 452-3153 or visit www.loftensemble.org.

“The Marriage Zone” What if you had a second chance? What if you were a struggling 40-something couple who got a glimpse into the future and could see how it all turned out? What if you had a chance to do it all differently to try to make it work? Beth and Cal get that chance one afternoon while selling their house – as their past, present and future all collide. The results are both hysterical and poignant.

Written and directed by Jeff Gould, it runs July 12 through Aug. 30 at the 905 Cole Theatre in Hollywood. For tickets, visit www.onstage411.com/marriagezone.

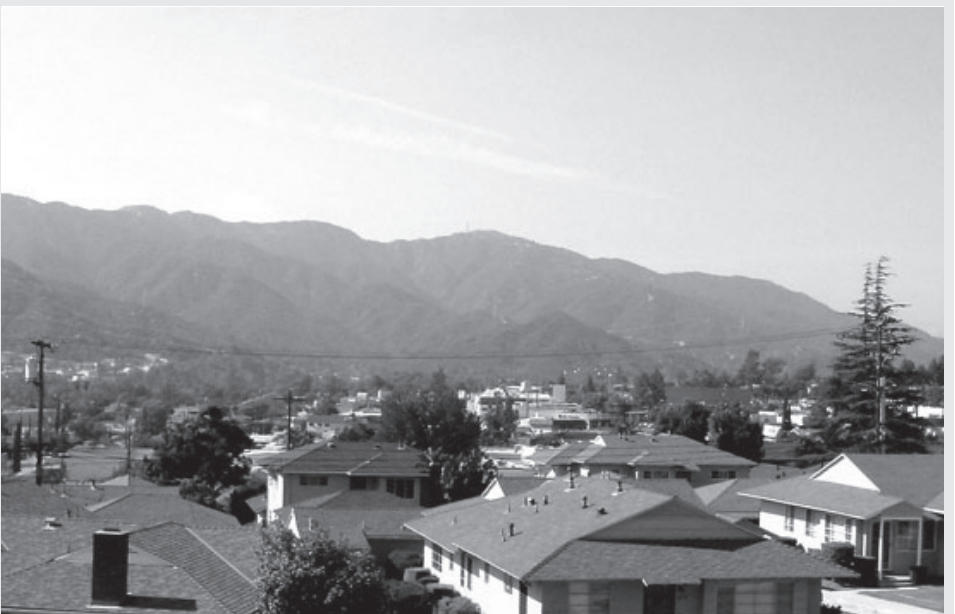
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THEN & NOW



THEN: Crescenta Valley at the turn of the century was the destination of health seekers from all over the world because of its clean, pure air. But by the late 1930s, Los Angeles’ famous inversion layer, combined with a growing population, caused the Mt. Lukens fire lookout tower to have to be moved further back in the San Gabriels because of interference in observations due to a growing smog problem. This shot looking west over Montrose from Vali-Hi was taken in late October of 1967. Ironically, the sons and daughters of those who had moved to Crescenta Valley to cure their lung ailments now suffered through summers with aching lungs, stinging eyes and air thick with ozone.

Crescenta Valley Smog Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



NOW: This is the same view west over Montrose in late October. Although the air is far from pure, at least we can see our mountains now. Even though the number of cars has doubled, the air pollution is only a fraction of what it was 50 years ago.

JUST FOR FUN

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The club will be dark on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them are:

- Foothills Community Choir is open to all ages and continues through Dec. 13. Practices are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Open to all.
- Summer Theatre Camp is a four week summer camp that ends with a performance on July 12. Camp is from June 16 - July 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., M-F. "Seussical Jr." will be performed by children from

ages 10-13. Registration is open.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

SUMMER PROGRAM BREAK

The regular 2nd Saturday programs at Bolton Hall Museum are on a summer break during July and August. Regular programs will resume on Sept. 13.

In the meantime, Bolton Hall Museum remains open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for summer visits.

MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

Canasta is on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other's company.

Participants are asked to bring their own art supplies – whether watercolor, acrylic, ink or pencil (no oil paints). Meetings are every Monday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at

Montrose Library.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT LCPC

The Outreach Committee of the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a gala Independence Day on July 4 at 7:30 p.m. Americana 2025 will feature the Foothill Brass Septet under the direction of Noel Collins. The band will be performing selections of patriotic and Americana music by such notable composers as Sousa, Tchaikowsky, Handy, Bizet and more. This event takes pace in the courtyard of the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. There is ample parking in the west side, lower parking lot with an easily accessible back gate entrance. Fireworks will

be viewable following the band concert, so bring a lawn chair and snacks!

There is no admission charge. Come one, come all on the 4th of July and enjoy the LCPC Americana 2025 festivities on Independence Day.

VIKKI ZHANG AT OUAT

On Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m., internationally acclaimed illustrator Vikki Zhang will visit Once Upon a Time bookstore in Montrose as part of her bicoastal book tour. She will be promoting the book she illustrated, "If a Bumblebee Lands on Your Toe" and other works she has done.

Once Upon A Time is located at 2207 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.

see CALENDAR THIS on next page

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



ACROSS

- 1) Whines

6) Page with views, briefly

10) Go for

14) "La Boheme," e.g.

15) Airport pickup

16) Camera diaphragm

17) Bats, balls, pads, etc.

20) Gluttony and lust

21) Astros' home

22) 4x4, for short

23) Bit of medicine

24) Medicinal plant

28) Indian industrial city

30) Rec area at a barracks

32) Tag anew

35) Workout unit

36) You'll find them at airports
- 40) Watch pocket

41) Like rich desserts

42) Grime fighter

45) Things to uphold

49) Yo-Yo Ma's instrument

50) Call by intercom

52) Chronic drinker

53) Largest living bird

56) Gull-like bird

57) Sound advice

61) "Turandot" tune

62) A razor has one

63) Door-hanging device

64) Desires

65) Custodian's collection

66) Avid

DOWN

- 1) "Playing" critter

2) Arrogant and snobbish

3) Freetown currency units

4) Blunders

5) Gained a lap

6) Artificial bread spreads

7) Arouse, as interest

8) Flightless flock

9) "That oughta ___!"

10) Painter of portraits

11) Boiling blood

12) Reunion attendees, usually

13) Suffix for the best

18) Sneaker feature

19) "Ring Around the Rosie" flower

23) Remnant

25) Standard of measurement

26) Denials

27) Guitar blaster, briefly

29) Part of some email addresses

30) Art ___

31) In satisfactory condition

33) Biology lab gel

34) "Air" or "ami" preceder

36) "Hyper" ending

37) Genesis shepherd

38) Capitol Hill worker

39) Cold cube

40) TV monitor?

43) Warm welcomes

44) It may be held underwater

46) Inquiring

47) Type of chair or lizard

48) Play producer

50) Greedy

51) Molar maladies

54) Arduous journey

55) Carnival attraction

56) LaBeouf of films

57) Calendar square

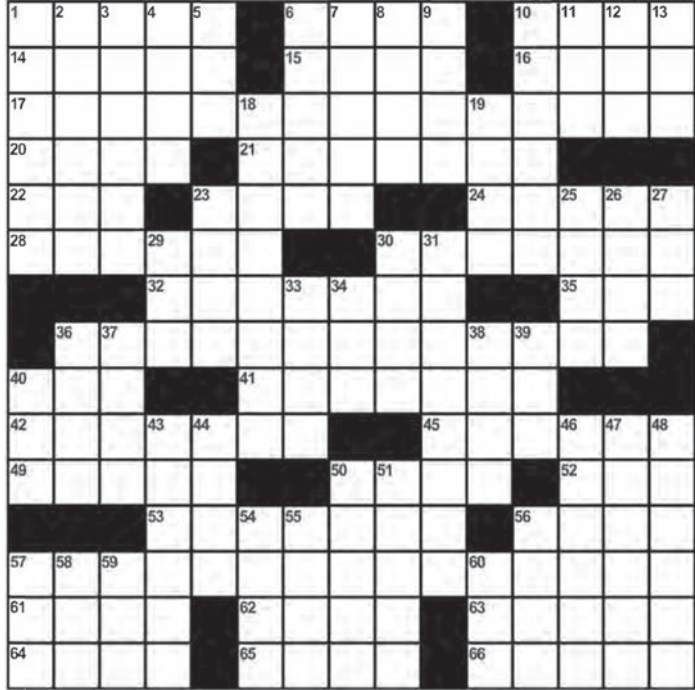
58) A metal-bearing mineral

59) Type of cup or soldier

60) Common title beginning

STUFFED!

By Hank Bowman



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

June 30, 2025 - July 6, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

This seems to be a fairly upbeat period for you. Something is changing despite any health problems you may have. You're eager to pay attention to your health, because you have firsthand proof of how good you feel when you make the effort. You also seem to be getting energy from within. A spiritual force is putting a smile on your face.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It might be wise to slow down a little and cut out some unnecessary activities. Take the chance to reflect on your priorities, especially any issues associated with your health. Think back over the past several months and see if you notice any patterns. Has your weight changed? Do you feel more or less energetic? Are you making an effort to stay fit? The answers will guide you.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Take some measures to feed your nervous system. You may be doing a lot of thinking now. Also, the stress of working in a corporate environment can slowly wear you down. You might be especially sensitive to recycled air or fluorescent lighting. If you nourish yourself properly, these things won't seem so bad.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

No matter what ailments you may have, it's always nice to get some healing advice from someone else rather than try and sort them out alone. You might benefit from any form of treatment that involves natural minerals or an earth-based approach to wellness. Check what's available in your area, and don't be afraid to experiment.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You're going to be inspired to change your approach to health in a big way. A conversation with someone, program, or perhaps a book will provide that one piece of information that encourages you to turn your life around, especially in the sense of your energy level. A challenge to a long-held belief could make a huge difference to you.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Keep that spirit of joy uppermost in your heart and it will seep into your body and mind to help you feel happy and well. You're fitter than ever, and this trend seems set to continue for some time. Most of all, it's your outlook that is having this

wonderful effect on you. The lack of worry and your newfound belief add up to just one thing - glowing health.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Don't worry too much about trying to have the perfect body. Sometimes the stress of trying to achieve such a thing can work against you. This period is excellent for making a fresh start if you feel ready to do so. Be good to yourself, but know your limits.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your feelings can wreak havoc at the cellular level if you insist on holding onto bitterness, anger, jealousy, hurt, or other negative feelings. In order to feel your best, let go of such emotions. By doing so you'll feel lighter, happier, and more energetic. Not only that, but you'll look years younger, too. Isn't it worth it?

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your gung-ho approach to life isn't necessarily reflected in the way you look after your health. Perhaps you're a bit lazy in this respect. Maybe you neglect to eat the right foods because it's easier to cook the way you've always cooked. The same could be true of your exercise routine. When you put your mind to getting fit, you can outshine everyone else. Why not try?

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's time to rethink your strategy and experiment until you find the best way to stay healthy. Don't get stuck in a rut. Research your options and try different foods, diets, and other ways to keep fit apart from going to the gym. It will make a world of difference. You thrive on any exercise that keeps you supple.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It might be a good time to learn to dance, and use that means to express your feelings. Whether you prefer freeform, rock, jazz, ballet, or belly dancing, expressing yourself through your body is deeply satisfying and adds to a sense of well-being. It will also enable you to tune into your instincts and give you confidence. Go for it.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It's time to look at how you can change your image, including your body shape. Don't rush into a new diet and exercise program. You'll do a lot better if you can take it slowly. The aspects are good for getting started. If you begin now, you'll probably stick with it.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Where’s the Refund for our Mexican Vacation Rental? I’ve Been Waiting for Months.

After Betsy Webster cancels her stay at an apartment in Puerto Morelos, Mexico, she’s offered a partial refund. But the money never came. What should she do?

Question: My husband and I reserved a room in the Layla Guesthouse in Puerto Morelos, Mexico earlier this year but had to cancel for personal reasons. We canceled within the required time frame and requested a refund (minus a 6% cancellation fee) but have yet to receive it, despite assurances from the guesthouse that it was being processed. Can you help us?

– Betsy Webster,
La Grange Park, Illinois

Answer: You should have received your refund by now. But I think I know the reason for your delay.

The Layla Guesthouse is a six-room boutique hotel that was in the process of turning itself into longer-stay apartments when you contacted me. Your refund may have gotten lost in the shuffle.

The guesthouse applies a cancellation policy that’s similar to one of a cruise line or tour operator. If you cancel within 20 days of arrival or more, you’ll get 94% of your entire stay refunded. (The 6% cancellation fee covers the credit-card swipe fee and currency conversion.) If you cancel between

19 and 14 days before your arrival date, you’ll get 70% back. If you’re between seven and one day, it goes down to 25%.

You knew about these fees and agreed to them. In some ways, they are more generous than what you would have gotten with Airbnb and Vrbo. In other ways, they are not. For example, none of the other platforms charge you 6% cancellation fees.

I would normally say that you could have avoided this problem by using one of the vacation rental platforms but I’ve seen more than a few refund problems with Airbnb and Vrbo. Companies are quick to take your money and slow to return it, regardless of company size.

It looks like you canceled your reservation by email well in advance of your stay and received confirmation that the cancellation was being processed. You followed up several times, only to be told by the guesthouse they were experiencing technical difficulties, then that your refund was being processed. However, you never received the money.

If a business promises you a refund in writing but doesn’t deliver, you may be able to talk



Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT

to your bank about a credit card dispute. A chargeback under the Fair Credit Billing Act would help you recover all of your money. A dispute department will view your email from the hotel confirming a refund is being processed as a credit memo and claw back the money.

After months of waiting, you contacted me for help. My team contacted Layla Guesthouse on

your behalf. You also followed up with the guesthouse to press your case. Eventually, a guesthouse representative reviewed your case and issued a full refund.

Your experience illustrates the importance of persistence and following up. It also shows the value of a paper trail. By keeping a record of your correspondence with the guesthouse you were able to prove that you had canceled your

reservation and were entitled to a refund. In the end, your patience and determination paid off.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems.

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

Community members are invited to join the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club, a community of stamp enthusiasts that meets regularly to share their passion for this timeless hobby.

The Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club meets every third Tuesday at the LA County Library - La Crescenta located at the corner of La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at 7 p.m. in the second floor community room.

For more information about the club and upcoming meetings, call (818) 903-4451.

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays; on Mondays and Fridays there is country line dancing from noon-1:30 p.m. The Sunland Senior Center runs programming from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a donations-based lunch served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunland Senior Center is located at 8640 Fenwick St. in Sunland. For further information, call (818) 353-9571. These special events are free.

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NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » MOLLY BURKE

Summer Days & Community Spirit

While we’ve been busy behind the scenes preparing for an exciting fall season, we were also honored to celebrate a special milestone in our community: the grand opening of the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills’ new Ideal Mission, right here in Montrose. This momentous occasion marks over 40 years of dedicated service to the community and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills’ new Ideal Mission on this remarkable achievement! See the attached photo!

Now, as we soak in the sunny days of summer, we encourage you to take a stroll through our charming neighborhood. Whether it’s revisiting an old favorite or finally checking out that spot you’ve been meaning to try, supporting our local shops and restaurants is what keeps Montrose vibrant. Neighbors supporting neighbors is what makes this community so special so consider this your sign to drop in, say hello and enjoy all that our town has to offer.

We’re also already gearing up for this year’s Montrose Oktoberfest set for Saturday, Oct. 4! Be sure to mark your calendars and don’t miss Bingo, Beers and Brats, our pre-Oktoberfest bingo night, on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Glendale Elks Lodge #1289, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. It’s the perfect way to kick off the fun leading up to one of our biggest community events of the year. More details to come!

Stay cool, stay connected and thank you for being part of this incredible community.

Celebrating Our New MVCC Member:

- *Sabrina’s Pizzeria Napoletana* – Serving Neapolitan-style pizza, traditional Italian pastas, rustic entrées and house-made desserts in a welcoming indoor-outdoor setting. sabrinas.co

Celebrating Our Returning MVCC Members!:

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MVCC Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, Sept. 13 - Bingo, Beer and Brats at Glendale Elks Lodge #1289, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. More details to come!
 - Saturday, Oct. 4 from noon to 10 p.m. - 46th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest in the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Ave. in Montrose.
- Remember to shop local!

Molly Burke
MVCC Executive Director

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER » “OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS”

Getting to Know Your Local Chamber of Commerce

We’re fortunate in the Crescenta Valley that there are three chambers of commerce at the ready to help local businesses and residents.

A chamber of commerce is described

as “a business network, typically a local organization of businesses, whose primary goal is to further the interests of businesses within a specific geographic area. They advocate for the business community,

provide networking and educational opportunities and offer various services to their members.” These include community outreach events like the Hometown Country Fair that the CV Chamber hosts, Oktoberfest that the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber hosts and the Fiesta Days celebration organized and sponsored by the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce. These organizations also hold business mixers that encourage attendance by local business owners and residents. The cities of Glendale and Burbank (as well as others) also have vibrant chambers of commerce that advocate for local business.

Many chambers, including the CV Chamber, are fortunate to provide scholarship support to local graduating seniors. On July 8 at 6 p.m., the CV Chamber is having a mixer when we will give checks to our recipients. Reviewing the applications and having to choose the recipients was not an easy task. Thankfully our Scholarship Committee members were up to the task and after much consideration chose our four seniors: Lucy Bell, Inji Jeong, Alyssa Kim and Joanne Lee. We’re proud of them and their accomplishments and are happy to offer some financial assistance as they move forward in their scholastic career. Plan now to attend our July 8 mixer at Sadler Hall (on the campus of St. Luke’s of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd.) at 6 p.m. to offer congratulations.

The cost to attend a CV Chamber mixer is \$15 for chamber members, \$20 for non-members. Plan now to attend!

And calendar July 28 when the Chamber hosts Charly Shelton who will be

speaking on AI uses in small business. He will help to demystify some of the rumors, conjectures and fear to get at the actual reality and marketable skills that a small business can make use of to enhance its productivity and data analysis. If you’ve ever had questions regarding AI you won’t want to miss this presentation! It’s at 6 p.m. at Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Call (818) 248-4957 to RSVP.

Welcome, new member!
The CV Chamber welcomes Vasquez Jewelers, a new member to the CV Chamber family! Located at 2383 Foothill Blvd. ‘C’ in La Cañada, Vasquez Jewelers boasts over 30 years of experience, and performs expert repairs on watches, clocks and jewelry, and creates custom designed jewelry by special order. Call Vasquez Jewelers at (818) 249-9085 for hours and more!

And don’t forget that this Friday is the CV Fireworks extravaganza! Come to La Crescenta Elementary School, 4343 La Crescenta Ave., and plan to enjoy an afternoon of fun culminating with the fantastic fireworks celebration. Tickets are just \$9 presale, \$10 at the door. Visit cvfireworks.com for details.

For details on any Chamber event simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto: “Our Business is Your Business.”

Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce

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MESOTHELIOMA from page 10

Navy veterans have a 540% increased risk of mesothelioma, as these people inhaled substantial amounts of asbestos working below deck in Navy ships.

To improve care for these people, a National Mesothelioma Registry was opened for discussion in 2019, supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS). Now, six years later, the project has made no progress. Noting that a large number of those affected are former military staff, support from the Dept. for Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Dept. of Defense (DoD) is necessary.

These federal bodies could not only fund feasibility testing and research but could also share data on asbestos exposure and support the development of this national database.

Coastal states carry a significant burden of asbestos-related illnesses due to shipbuilding

activities carried out for decades in these regions. In California, a total of 27,080 asbestos-related deaths were reported between 1999 and 2017 with 5,100 attributed to mesothelioma alone. In Los Angeles for the same period, 4,979 people lost their lives to asbestos illnesses including mesothelioma, asbestosis and lung cancer.

In California, 4.3% of the adult population served in the military, totaling more than 1.4 million people. Almost half a million served in the military when asbestos regulations were not yet implemented, leading to an increased incidence of disease among these groups. In Los Angeles, from a total veteran population counting 62,818 individuals, more than 20,000 served in Vietnam, over 3,000 in Korea and more than 400 served in the Second World War, all periods aligned with unrestricted asbestos use. In La Crescenta-Montrose, out of the approximately 500

veterans who live here, 400 served during this time, making this group particularly vulnerable to developing asbestos-related illness.

In early stages, mesothelioma manifests with non-specific symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain and dry cough. As mesothelioma is rare, and decades can pass between exposure and disease development, many people fail to connect these symptoms with past asbestos inhalation, further contributing to a delay in diagnosis. In this context, the national registry includes periodic survey-based rapid screenings, collecting data on patient histories and triggering further investigations when past asbestos exposure is present.

Mesothelioma is severely under-researched, not only because of its rarity but also because researchers face statistical barriers in conducting these investigations, given the reduced

number of available patients who may take part in clinical trials. In this case, a common database as proposed by the national registry could facilitate access to larger sample pools and drive-up scientific efforts for developing better diagnosis and treatment approaches.

Considering the potential positive effects that a National Mesothelioma Registry could have on improving care and research efforts for this disease, implementing this project is essential not only for people suffering today but also for future generations. Although the VA does provide compensation for asbestos exposure for claims filed under the PACT Act, veterans who receive healthcare and resource access have little use for these benefits if clinical practice is underdeveloped. For the VA, upholding its promise and duty of care in the event of illness also means supporting research

efforts and clinical developments that would provide fair access to improved diagnosis and treatment methods to veterans who need it most.

Jonathan Sharp is the director of Financial Operations for the Environmental Litigation Group, P.C. He is also an environmental attorney, handling cases of toxic exposure, including claims processing and preparations for veterans exposed to asbestos, advocating for policy improvements and just compensation.

WEATHER from page 2

Since that day Linda and I could not keep a straight face when she would ask how my daughter and her dog were getting along. When I told her I had to have him shipped to me from Pennsylvania there was another roar of laughter.

Then another time my younger daughter, the same one who had sat under the press table at district headquarters, felt that a teacher had been unfair to her. I went to the teacher, got nowhere, then went to Linda who arranged a meeting with the teacher, my daughter and me. She monitored the meeting, which was not at all pleasant. Throughout it all, Linda was supportive of our point of view. She kept everyone calm and resolved the issue. My daughter later said she was just glad her principal had her back.

And that's the legacy that Linda leaves ... she always had the backs of all of the students she served. She was a positive light in the darkness ... and a friend.

For our weather: It goes from warm to hot. Today will see a high in the upper 80s with temperatures continuing to rise through Tuesday with highs in the low to mid 90s.

BLOTTER from page 6

At the time he was wearing a white and black button up shirt with the sleeves rolled up and black pants. The suspect also had both arms fully covered with tattoos and a tattoo on the left side of his neck.

The theft occurred at 11:59 a.m.

JUNE 26

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported that she observed on video footage a suspect, described as a White male, about 30 years old with brown hair and brown eyes who at the time was wearing a white shirt and black pants, enter the store. He then stole nine bottles of liquor and walked out of the store. He entered a black BMW 5 Series and the vehicle drove out of the parking lot at 4:55 p.m.

Editor's note: Details included in the crime reports are taken directly from the reports on file. The Crescenta Valley Weekly is not responsible for the incompleteness or inaccuracies in the original reports.

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In a recent report from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the number of “renter households paying more than 50% of their income on rent increased dramatically, rising over 12.6% between 2015 to 2022. From 2019-2023, the number of people who entered emergency shelter for the first time increased more than 23%.”

In a testimonial from a woman, Stacy, who received Ascencia services, the outreach offered by the organization is evident and lasting.

“I would not be where I am today without the support of Ascencia,” Stacy said.

In 2018, Stacy was living in Big Bear and battling severe health issues. She tried to keep up with the mounting medical bills but became overwhelmed financially. After

losing her apartment, she was left with no choice but to relocate to Los Angeles to be closer to resources. Little did Stacy know that the next five years would have her living in shelters and encampments.

“You may wonder how Stacy managed to keep her sense of humor while living on the streets. We really couldn’t begin to understand what it takes to keep a positive attitude after being homeless for five years. However, we have come to know here at Ascencia that every person we serve is a unique individual with beautiful nuances and complexities. Like Stacy, they are some of the strongest people you will ever know and are true survivors. When Stacy enrolled in Ascencia’s Intensive Case Management Services, her Case Manager Caroline discovered she had been issued a housing voucher

and immediately took all the proper steps to place Stacy in recuperative care to receive the medical services she needed and began working hard to find her an apartment,” according to an Ascencia post on social media.

Eventually Stacy was approved to have her own place. She was overwhelmed when an Ascencia case manager handed her the keys to her apartment.

Ascencia needs support from the community. Anyone interested in supporting Ascencia can go to

its website www.ascenciaca.org, contact (818) 246-7900 or email info@AscenciaCA.org.



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