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Los Angeles County Probation Canine Detection Team Discover Cache of Weapons

An Illegal Assault Weapon Among the Firearms Discovered by K-9 Penny and her Handler

GLENDORA - An illegal AK-47, three handguns, ammunition and a bag full of high capacity magazines were discovered yesterday by a Labrador retriever named Penny and her handler, members of the Los Angeles County Probation Department Canine Detection Team. The discovery was part of a routine probation compliance search at the residence of an individual on probation in Glendora who was not permitted to have access to firearms. The probationer and his brother, the alleged owner of the illegal assault rifle, were subsequently arrested by the Glendora Police Department.

Penny first detected the scent of several ammunition boxes in the living room and the adjacent dresser drawer, both of which contained a large amount of ammo. The team then searched the defendant's bedroom where Penny alerted on a green bag which contained 2 handguns. She also notified her handler of an open black gun case under the bed. The gun case contained a third handgun. Moving on to the garage, Penny alerted on a bag that contained several loaded high capacity magazines while the human components of the team



Penny, A member of the L.A. County Probation Canine Detection Team

found an AK-47 assault weapon in a locked cabinet (see attached photos).

In November 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved and funded the implementation of a K-9 detection program for the Los Angeles County Probation Department which would be specifically trained in the detection of illicit narcotics or firearms. Last November, The Department pro-

cured three dogs. In addition to Penny who is trained to detect firearms and ammunition, Springer spaniels Chloe and Lola are part of the team and are trained to detect narcotics. Chloe, Penny and Lola joined their handlers in over 80 hours of training in K-9 handling and detection before the dogs and their Deputy Probation Officer handlers went into action. Since November, the Canine Detection Team has found ammunition, cocaine and over a pound of marijuana during routine residential probation operations.

"The dogs and the handlers that make up the Canine Detection



Illegal AK-47 Assault Rifle Discovered by the Los Angeles County Probation Canine Detection Team



Three Handguns Discovered by Penny, a Labrador retriever who is part of the Los Angeles County Canine Detection Team

Team have become an effective tool for L.A. County Probation," said Reaver Bingham, Probation Chief Deputy for Adult Services. "The K-9's have become part of

the probation family and are assisting the department in keeping weapons and narcotics off the streets of L.A. County."

Glendora Community Coordinating Council February Awardees

GLENDORA - Matt Bartlett is a very active volunteer in the City of Glendora. He is a member of Kiwanis taking on the Co-Chair position of the 2018 Flash-back event and actively promotes all the other programs Kiwanis is involved in such as Casino Night, Scholarships and much more.

Matt took the challenge of becoming the President of Glendora Welfare, an organization that strives to meet the emergency needs of those in need with such things as food vouchers, clothing, utility payments, etc. as soon as he came on board in 2015. He is a level headed leader, a great listener and problem solver and would give you the shirt off of his back. He is always part of the solution when there is a problem and gives of his time for others.

Matt is also heavily involved with Glendora National Little League. He has been a part of the board helping with equipment and merchandise sales for many years. He's also been one of the most reliable coaches the past few years, even coaching the ALL Star team! Matt can always be counted on to come out as a board member and help at its Pancake breakfast, field maintenance day, tryouts, opening ceremonies and closing ceremonies. He has been a model volunteer and men-



Matt Bartlett, receiving Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Award from Janet Stone, Library Director.

tor to the children and adults participating in the Little League program. We are very honored to recognize Matt with February's Humanitarian Award.

Ellie, Audrey, Kaelyn, Hayley, Nolie, Gianna and Gianna are all 5th grade students at Sellers Elementary. Towards the end of last school year they approached their principal, Mr. Bishop, with a proposal for a bake sale service project to help raise funds for their school library. Unfortunately, there were restrictions for selling food items on campus during school hours but they did not let this news squash their drive and desire. Over the summer they decided to hold a bake

sale on Glendora Ave. one Saturday and were able to raise \$350.00. A Sellers parent plus the PTA then offered to match their funds and they were very excited to present \$1,050.00 to the Seller's library. We are very honored to recognize these hard working students with February's Youth Recognition Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank Citrus College for being our meeting sponsor.



Ellie Kern, Audrey Carrillo, Kaelyn Scoffinger, Hayley Swire, Nolie Swire, Gianna Grise and Gianna Frisella receiving Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Youth Recognition Award.

DART Continues to Make an Impact

DUARTE - The Duarte Area Resource Team (DART) provides excellent opportunities for high school age people and our community. DART was created to help build positive relationships between local youth and Public Safety through community involvement. In the past three years, over 500 children between the ages of 6 and 18 have been engaged in DART and other CAL GRIP funded youth programs. Current DART President, Yesenia Chavez, has been a member of city programs since the 6th grade. She has provided over 1000 hours of volunteering in the Duarte community and currently serves on the Mayor's Youth Council. Vice President, Aranza Caballero joined DART as a Junior, and just this year has already provided 200 hours toward community projects. It is estimated that DART has saved the City of



DART President, Yesenia Chavez, DART Vice President, Aranza Caballeo and Duarte Kiwanis President, Diane Hernandez.

Duarte over \$20,000 through their volunteer efforts in just 2017. The Duarte Kiwanis Club was honored to hear the update and very pleased to provide further assistance to this great pro-

gram. If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.

Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers Needed

GLENDORA - If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, meet new friends and feel good about what you do, you should think about joining FPH's wonderful group of volunteers. There are opportunities to work at the front desk, in the gift shop and other places throughout the hospital. You may choose to work just a few hours a month or a couple of four hour shifts a week. It's what works for you.

Interested people are invited to join us for lunch Friday, March 16th at 11:30am at the Glendora Library's Bidwell Forum to learn more about this worthwhile organization. We hope that following lunch and



Garry Reynolds, Betty Gervais and Charlene Rasmussen encourage community members to join them for lunch to find out more about becoming a valued Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary volunteer.

an introduction to our group, you will stay for a dime auction which is sure to be lots of fun. Reservations are required

and can be made by calling (626)857-3103 by Friday, March 9th.



Escort For "The Wall That Heals" To Start At Fairplex



SAN DIMAS - San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) announced that the Vietnam Veterans, "The Wall That Heals" will be arriving on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Fairplex, Gate #1, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona CA at 9:00 AM. A special escort for the "Wall" will start at 10:00 AM and will go through parts of the cities of Pomona, La Verne, Glendora, Covina and then to its hosting location in San Dimas at Lone Hill Middle School, 700 S. Lone Hill. "The Wall" will be escorted by a number of patriotic motorcycle clubs, local police, fire departments and others.

Hikers To Get Wilderness Lessons And Directions On Trails In Glendora's Big Dalton Canyon

GLENDORA - 'Getting lost is half the fun,' is what many have said, especially after they have found their way. The City of Glendora is betting the other half of us fully enjoy knowing where we're headed from the get-go.

"I would want to know what I'm getting into, plus if I brought my grandkids I would want to know where I'm taking them," said Debbie Lopez, who is lead on a project that will help the hundreds of people who weekly hike the trails in the Big Dalton Canyon Wilderness Area find their way.

"I have lived in Glendora most of my life and didn't know the wilderness area was even there growing up," said Lopez. She is now the management analyst for the City of Glendora where Big Dalton Canyon is one of two wilderness areas within the city limits. Lopez secured a grant to add kiosks at entry points to trails in the wilderness area, along with 3 interpretive signs and 5 trail head map signs to help hikers understand both where they are and appreciate the flora and fauna they are seeing.

To get the job done, she



California Conservation Corps members cut lumber for building informational kiosks at Big Dalton Canyon trailheads.

called on the young men and women in the California Conservation Corps - 18 through 25-year-olds who sign up for a year of paid environmental service to the state of California.

"I thought the project might go a little slower when I saw how young they were but it really is moving along."

Kamani Wilson is on the

team of a dozen Corpsmembers who were busy last week digging post holes, cutting lumber and pouring cement for the

Works and Wonders

We have a sort of guest columnist this month: meet Gale.

Here's an excerpt from Gale's "online profile," so to speak, at www.gale.com:

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Now that you've been introduced, here's what Gale has to say about just one of the many things you can do 24/7 with your Glen-



By Janet Stone

dora Public Library card, by using the eLibrary at glendoralibrary.org:

"There are always two sides when it comes to controversial subjects. For instance, take a hot button issue like gun control. With tragedies in the news far too often than imaginable, the gun control debate is placed front and center in the headlines. Whether you're writing a research paper or are looking for support resources for your debate team, Opposing Viewpoints In Context helps students and researchers gather talking points and new perspectives for their arguments with content from Opposing Viewpoints In Context.

This multi-platform, mobile friendly tool offers a dedicated portal focused on the 2017-2018 National Debate Topic [Federal Funding and Regulation of US Public Education] as well as ad-

ditional portals on related topics such as Espionage and Intelligence, and National Security. Portal pages also bring together comprehensive topic overview essays alongside expert content.

If you're in need of pro/con perspectives from authoritative voices, Opposing Viewpoints In Context delivers, covering today's hottest social issues from capital punishment to immigration, to marijuana. You name it it's in there, with more than 20,100 pro/con viewpoints to pull from. And, the differing views present each side of an issue and help students develop information literacy, critical thinking skills, and the confidence to draw their own valid conclusions.

If charts and graphs are your thing, there are plenty of those to source statistical information from, including interactive maps showing trends in a readily understandable way. And, Opposing Viewpoints In Context offers 300+ profiles of federal agencies and special-interest groups to help with your research efforts.

Burning the midnight oil with a last minutes project? Not a problem. This resource is available 24/7. Give it a test drive at glendoralibrary.org, or for more information, contact Glendora Library at 626-852-4891."

kiosks and signage. The work has not gone unnoticed by hikers.

"They always ask, 'What are you guys building over there?' We tell them we're building a kiosk and they're like 'Oh, okay that's cool!'"

Rosie Garcia is one of those hikers and is relieved to hear the signs are going up. "My sister and I hiked this for the first time a month and a half ago and when you get to the top we weren't sure which way to go," said Garcia.

Not only will hikers have improved signage, the 650 or so children who attend the summer day camp program at Big Dalton will use the signs to learn about the area's flora and fauna.

Meanwhile, Lopez is certain the signage will increase community pride and encourage local residents to experience Glendora's unique wilderness area, "That's really half the fun!"

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Board Of Supervisors Approve \$43 Million To Increase Los Angeles' Affordable Housing Stock

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) voted unanimously to approve funding and environmental documentation for nine multifamily affordable housing developments to be built in the cities of Lancaster, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and South Gate, as well as the unincorporated areas of Athens-Westmont, East Los Angeles, and Willowbrook. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) will administer the funding.

As a result of its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Round 23-A, released by the CDC in September 2017, 20 projects were successfully selected. A portion of the units are being funded through Measure H and will be reserved for homeless individuals and families. Additionally, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles is providing 237 of the 300 Section 8 Project-Based Vouch-

ers and/or Project-Based Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers that are allocated for this round.

The nine projects approved by the Board today will provide 558 units of quality affordable housing for homeless households, low-income families, homeless veterans, and frequent users of the Department of Health Services system. The housing will be complemented by wrap-around services, such as counseling and training, to help residents become healthier community members. The remaining 11 projects are anticipated to go before the Board for approval before August 2018.

Monique King-Viehlend, CDC Executive Director stated, "Ongoing attempts to defund Federal affordable housing resources puts future developments like those approved today at risk, and the County's special needs population with limited options to improve their current situation. With the support of the

Board, and our partners, the CDC remains focused on fighting to preserve and maximize every dollar we get to continue creating more affordable, sustainable, and accessible housing opportunities in the County." Since 1998, the CDC has administered over \$500 million in annual NOFA funding.

With the Board's approval, the nine development projects can proceed with their application submittals to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee for tax credits and/or tax-exempt bond financing. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) programs gives State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies the equivalent of nearly \$8 billion in annual budget authority to issue tax credits for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households. It is one of the most important resources for creating affordable housing in the United States today.

Azusa City Council Appoints Sergio Gonzalez New City Manager

He will work closely with council and staff to improve city operations and quality of life in Azusa

AZUSA - The Azusa City Council, at its February 20, 2018 meeting, appointed Sergio Gonzalez as City Manager, effective April 2, 2018. He was selected from a field of 80 applicants.

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Azusa City Council, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Sergio Gonzalez to the position of city manager for the City of Azusa," said Mayor Joseph R. Rocha. "With his strong leadership skills and significant city management experience, particularly in the San Gabriel Valley, he will be a great asset in helping us address community needs and continuing to strengthen our economic base which enables us to provide quality public services."

Gonzalez is an experienced public administrator encompassing all areas of local government. He was the city manager for the City of Hermosa Beach responsible for the day-to-day operations of the city. The City of Hermosa Beach is a full service city of 20,000 residents with 145 full time employees and an annual operating budget of \$45 million.

Prior to his service at Hermosa Beach, Gonzalez served as the

city manager for the City of South Pasadena, California from November 2011 to May 2017. The City of South Pasadena is a full service city with a population of 25,913. He managed the daily operations of the city with a \$27 million dollar general fund budget and overall \$50 million budget including water, sewer and other special funds. The City employed over 200 full-time and part-time and seasonal employees. At the City he initiated an aggressive public engagement strategy which utilized social media for the general plan update and annual budget adoption process. He also spearheaded a comprehensive program of repairing an aging infrastructure which rehabilitated streets, water and sewer systems using funding options which included bond proceeds and state revolving loans.

Prior to being appointed South Pasadena's City Manager, Gonzalez was the Assistant City Manager from 2008 to 2011. As the assistant city manager Gonzalez developed and implemented the operating budgets; represented the city in real property negotiations for acquisitions and sales of city owned properties; and also served as the City of South

Pasadena's public information officer and the city's personnel director/risk manager.

Gonzalez earned a Master of Science in Public Administration as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degrees from California State University, Los Angeles. He is actively involved with the California City Management Foundation and the Municipal Management Association of Southern California. He is a Board of Trustees member for California State University at Los Angeles and an Accreditation Program Advisory Board Member for the Masters in Public Administration at California State University at Los Angeles.

"I am honored to be Azusa's next City Manager and look forward to working closely with the City Council and our City team in providing superior public services, solving community issues and moving the City forward," said Gonzalez.

Gonzalez will replace Interim City Manager, Don Penman who served in this capacity for the past six months.

For more information, please contact Don Penman at (626) 812-5239.

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Monterey Park Fire Department Publishes Disaster Preparedness Guide

MONTEREY PARK - At the February 21, 2018 Monterey Park City Council meeting, the Monterey Park Fire Department introduced a Disaster Preparedness Guide that is now available on the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov. The guide contains valuable information for home and business owners in the event of an emergency such as an earthquake or a terrorist event.

The intent of the disaster preparedness guide is not to alarm residents, but rather, to empower them. Now is the time to prepare for any type of event by completing simple tasks such as developing an escape plan for your home, building an emergency supply kit, and reducing brush near or around your home if you live in a potential brush fire area.

It's also important when developing a plan to make sure you exercise the plan so all in your family are familiar with it. As the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Planning for an incident such as an earthquake will help prevent some of the tragedies that we see all too often on the news in the aftermath of an earthquake.

If an event such as a large-scale earthquake were to hit our area, services such as natural gas, electricity and water might be off for hours to days, to possibly weeks. Services such as the fire department and police department could also be delayed as a result of increased call responses. This is why self reliance is so important. Putting together your emergency home kit with items such as food, water and medica-

tions is so very critical to not only your comfort but quite possibly, your survival. Learning basic first aid and CPR is also a very useful and important skill. These skills are not only important during an emergency event but also in daily life. The motto of the Community Risk Reduction Division of the Monterey Park Fire Department is to "Be Prepared...Not Scared." By preparing your home and your family for any type of event, you will be ready, organized and confident.

This guide is to be used as a tool. Feel free to add to it as your specific circumstances dictate. Should you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Fire Department at 626-307-1423 or visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

44th Annual City of Arcadia Mayor's Community Breakfast Featuring the State of The City Address

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 7:30 a.m., Arcadia Community Center

ARCADIA - This year the City of Arcadia is partnering with the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce to host the 2018 Mayor's Community Breakfast featuring the State of the City Address. This new take on the City's featured event gives Arcadians a fresh opportunity to come together as a community and share in the spirit of our hometown.

"We are excited to be partnering with the City of Arcadia to host the Mayor's Community Breakfast," said Arcadia Chamber CEO Karen Mac Nair. "Bringing the State of the City Address to this signature event in Arcadia is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the City's profile, and the Cham-

ber and Foothill Credit Union are proud to be sponsors."

"The theme for this year's breakfast is about Legacy," said Mayor Peter M. Amundson. "Arcadia is great because of the devotion and dedication of those who came before us. As Arcadians, we each play a role in shaping the future of our community. I encourage everyone to do their part to keep Arcadia great." Mayor Amundson will speak further on the subject of "Leaving a Legacy" in his State of the City Address.

This year's keynote speaker is former Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich who served Arcadia in the Fifth Supervisorial District from 1980 to 2016. His

36 years as a County Supervisor were characterized by his commitment to public safety, effective and responsive representation, support for small business, and addressing the needs of our County's foster children, seniors, and veterans. Mr. Antonovich will share some of his views on the virtues of service and legacy.

Tickets to the event are \$20 per person, with a breakfast buffet included. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Foothill Unity Center.

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Water Tax Is Back

Just when you thought Governor Jerry Brown couldn't find anything else in California to tax, he has. Back up and moving forward will be SB 623 (Monning, D-Carmel) the tax on water that was initiated last year and couldn't get enough support so became a 2-year bill. The state legislators need a 2/3 vote to pass this tax or any tax like the gas tax the public roiled against.

Water - essential for human and animal life, as well as, a sustainable ecosystem and Brown and the Sacramento progressives want to tax it. Tax it and make water unaffordable for our low-income and homeless populations and place a huge strain on the middle class citizens of this state.

We are hearing the same once again. The ... we gotta save ... cry we always hear when Brown wants a new tax enacted. Like the gas tax we gotta have to fix the potholes. And, we now know it isn't for fixing potholes but to repay the general fund and for transportation projects. This time it is a water tax to address a lack of safe drinking water for those who live in rural, disadvantaged communities and how important it is to address this public health and social issue.

Brown created a \$190 billion budget with a \$13.5 billion reserve and he can't find money in that budget to provide enough dollars to ensure safe drinking water for the poor in rural communities without taxing water? Taxing every drop of it we drink, and taxing every drop used to provide the needed food we eat. The first ever tax on water will have a huge impact, not only on the poor in rural areas, but on all



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

of us and our agricultural communities as well as commercial ventures in California.

Water agencies have come out loud and hard on this issue insisting it will turn water purveyors / agencies into taxation fronts for the bureaucracies in Sacramento. By initiating the first time ever taxation on water, it opens the door to a continual round after round on increases on a very essential commodity needed for a healthy lifestyle and life itself.

Last year, when SB 623 first surfaced there was no proposal for a tax on water. The proponents played cloak and dagger with the tax idea and at the last minute inserted the following:

- A tax on water of \$0.95 up to \$10 a month depending on the size of the water meter.
- Beginning July 1, 2020, anyone who purchases water from a public water system is to be assessed a water fee established by the State Water Resources Control Board. (SWRCB).
- SWRCB consulting with California Public Utilities Commission will adopt regulations to exempt low-income customers but allows SWRCB to up-

date the water tax as an emergency regulation.

- Imposes a tax on the sale of fertilizer and allows the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to retain up to 2% for implementation and enforcement.

- Imposes a Dairy Safe Drinking Water Tax and requires CDFA to adopt regulations and retain up to 2% for implementation and enforcement.

- Establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and requires all those taxes collected, minus administration costs, to go into this fund and allows SWRCB to appropriate those monies.

Is that what the game plan is this year for SB 623? Last year Brown and author of the bill, the Democrat from Carmel Monning, expected to raise \$100 million a year with \$6 million going to State Water Board and \$22 million going to California Department of Food & Agriculture. Estimates on last year's proposal was \$2 billion over 15 years.

One disturbing caveat in the bill: State Water Board was prohibited from enforcing actions against agricultural operations for exceeding nitrate groundwater objectives or other pollution standards until January 2033. Will that be there this time around? How does that help the poor in those areas achieve good, clean, quality drinking water?

Title of the bill last year was Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and probably will be the same this year. Stayed tuned and hear or see something about a water tax, send it to me. I'm ready for the fight!

"Time Jockey" - Entertainment Tonight

By Joe Castillo

San Gabriel Nights... When each town starts up, it usually has similar buildings, businesses and organizations as other towns. A police station, library, post office, school and local market are the usual common buildings which start off a new town but in time different types of buildings are introduced. In San Gabriel, movie houses became the first type of entertainment in the city.

In 1911, the San Gabriel Theatre first opened under the ownership of the John Feldmiller family. Silent movies were first shown on an Edison hand-cranked movie project under a tent with folding chairs used by customers. With the success of the theatre, a small building was built with a brick foundation and stucco walls. The building design was a Mission-style façade and it was able to seat 200 customers. Plus there was enough room for a piano player who supplied the only sound and sat next to the movie screen itself.

When the silent movie era ended, a new sound system called high-fidelity which created a higher quality sound reproduction system was in-

stalled in the movie house. Hi-Fi movies would lead the movie industry into a new and popular era and would lead to the growth of more movie houses and theatres.

When the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse started showing new talkie movies, the end of the San Gabriel Theatre became inevitable. In 1930, the playhouse began showing movies and in 1932, O.W. Lewis leased the playhouse for 10 years just so he could show talking movies. But Lewis wanted his own facility and in 1942 he built a new movie house in San Gabriel and also named it the San Gabriel Theatre complete with a state of the art sound system, loge style seats and enough room for 750 patrons. The cost was \$75,000 but Lewis saw a booming opportunity to make back his investment.

For the next 15 years he was correct, and his investment grew with his new theatre in San Gabriel. In 1957, Lewis sold the theatre to the Edwards Perkins Theatre Company who renamed the movie house Edwards Century. It remained under the ownership of Edwards until 1991 when it was

sold and became known as Kuo Hwa Theater until it was torn down in 1997. Edwards also owned the San Gabriel Drive-In Theater with a 2,400 square feet building which served as the corporate headquarters and office building. The drive-in theater had enough room for 1,100 cars all watching one large outdoor screen.

As the City of San Gabriel grew, the old movie houses were no longer needed and were torn down to make room for new businesses and buildings. Today, all that remains is the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse which continues to operate in showing plays, musicals and on some special occasions a silent movie. Entertainment still continues in the city, and even though no official movie house exists within city limits, the history of movies within the city is still an integral part of the history of the city...

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San Dimas HEROES Announces Essay Contest On The "Wall That Heals"

SAN DIMAS - San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) will be hosting the Vietnam Veterans "The Wall That Heals" at Lone Hill Middle School, 701 S. Lone Hill Ave. in San Dimas, on March 22 - 25, 2018. "the wall" is FREE to visit and open 24 hours during the four days it will be in San Dimas.

The HEROES Organization, as part of their educational program, will be sponsoring an es-

say contest for students grades 6 through 12. Students are asked to write a one-page essay focusing on their visit/reaction to "the wall." Students who wish to enter the contest may pick up a graphic organizer to help guide their writings at the HEROES booth located near "the wall." Local schools are welcomed to participate and asked to send in the top three essays from each grade level (6-12). If a school isn't partici-

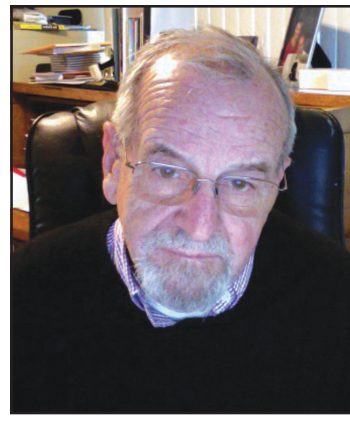
pating, student may submit their essays on their own. Essays should be mailed to San Dimas HEROES Essay Contest, PO Box 4216, San Dimas, CA 91773 or emailed to SanDimasHEROES@aol.com. All essays must be received by April 6, 2018 to be eligible. A scholarship prize of \$100 will be awarded to one student at each grade level. For further information, please call 909 677 9557.

My Most Significant Heroes

As I continue to follow my own advice and pass the magnet of memory over my life, there are two names that did not need to pop up, because they remain firmly in my consciousness. Yet in all the years in which I have produced these weekly columns I have never written about either of them. (Why that is true is a matter to be discussed with my analyst—if I had one.) I refer to Charles Henry Bayer, Sr. and Helen Grover Bayer—my parents. Since my parents were individuals, I will write about them one at a time, beginning this week with my father.

There never was a kinder, more gentle man than my Dad. I suppose lots of children would make similar comments about their fathers. In this case it is true! The family was not financially able for him to finish high school, but nevertheless during my early childhood he graduated from a university by taking night classes and passing exams. He had briefly wanted to become a pastor, but after a year of Bible classes by mail, that dream became a financial impossibility. He was never more proud of me than he was the week I came home from church camp and announced that I had decided to be a minister. My decision somehow fulfilled his own dream.

My first memory of Dad centers around the times he and his father, "Pop-Pop" would walk to the rail yards in Philadelphia to gather lumps of coal that had fallen off the trains' tenders, and then sell them in coffee can on the city streets. That's how we made it through the Depression. Nevertheless, combining brilliance and hard work, he eventually became an assistant to the Vice President of Engineering and Design at General Electric, and was finally head of engineering at one of GE's major plants. Late in his career he was the corporation's representative in Europe. He got along with everyone, and the company knew it. (I wanted to mention the importance of his vocation, but this column is not about that, but about our re-



Charles H. Bayer

lationship.)

He and I did lots of fun things together, from fishing trips on the Jersey coast where for a dollar we rented a rowboat, to baseball games sitting on benches in the Shibe Park bleachers. When I was five my brother, Peter, began to go with us.

I never heard my father say an unkind word about anyone, except the time that he called Brother Fox an "old goat" when that church member objected to welcoming a "colored" couple who wanted to join our congregation. Racism was not to be tolerated! They finally did join, with my parents acting as their sponsors. A couple of years later our church gave birth to a largely Black congregation. My father was its lay leader until the new fellowship had gotten on its feet. He was also the financial backbone of this new church.

I supposed I learned from him that no negative thought about anything or anyone should ever be lodged in one's heart alone be expressed. If he faced a problem we would never know it, except that we observed he would suffer for days from hives that covered his body. The only relief was to be immersed in our bathtub filled with cold water laced with some sort of anti-itch medication. But there was never a complaint. Only the positive about life was to be articulated.

That absolute perspective also had its dark side. When the surgeon met us in the hospital waiting room, having operated on my mother who had liver cancer, and said that there was nothing he

could do, my father thanked him for his good work, and suggested we go to a nearby Italian restaurant—but never a word about the devastating news. He could not handle the inevitable, and when mother died he refused to talk about it—so we never did.

When my brother, Peter was dying, Peter and I both broke into hard deep sobs when Dad arrived at the hospital. It was the first time they had seen each other following a two-year-old argument. Dad immediately reminded us, that we didn't cry in our family. O yes we do Dad, as both of us realized during his last illness, as I prayed with him. Is it any wonder there was the fiction in our family that we never allowed a negative thought to take residence? When John, my son, was killed, Dad announced that a head cold would prevent him from attending the funeral just a mile from where he lived. It was just Dad who "could not do that." What I knew, however, was the depth of grief that he secretly carried throughout much of his life.

Over my years I have probably internalized much that needed to be expressed. But unlike Dad I could not always keep it hidden. When John, my son, was killed, it was two months before I could make it through a church service without breaking up. The magnificent Missouri congregation would weep with me until I was able to continue. Keeping it all submerged has often haunted me, and it has taken me years to conquer that way of not dealing with the hard issues of life.

Like many of us, I profoundly regret my failure to tell my father how much I loved him. Nevertheless, I have never doubted his blessing on me, even if he might never have realized the depths of my thanks to him and my blessing on the man he was for me. He is now enshrined in one of those niches at University Church, Chicago, even if the niche appears to be empty.

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\$1.5 Billion Gold Line "Brain Train" Extension Breaks Ground at Citrus College

Citrus College was the site of a historic milestone in regional transportation when the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority recently broke ground on its \$1.5 billion light-rail extension of the Metro Gold Line.

Known as the "Brain Train" because of its proximity to nearly 24 institutions of higher education from Los Angeles to Montclair, completion of the Foothill Gold Line will ultimately connect the Inland Empire to the San Gabriel Valley, the West Side and Long Beach.

During the groundbreaking, regional leaders, such as Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Duarte Mayor John Fasana and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, focused their remarks on the quality-of-life and economic benefits of completing the Gold Line. Construction alone is expected to generate \$2.6 billion in economic output, 17,000 jobs and nearly \$40 million in tax revenues.

Higher education leaders in our region, however, are focused on the dramatically expanded opportunities of low-income and first generation college students to access the many colleges and universities located along the Gold Line, which will be made possible by convenient, cost-effective light rail transportation.

As a member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am tremendously proud of the college's advocacy efforts on behalf of the Gold Line - an effort that spans more than a decade. Citrus Col-



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Citrus College Governing Board Member

lege trustees, Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., and students and staff lobbied legislators in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento and hosted Gold Line events on our campus. We also spoke at numerous Metro board meetings in downtown Los Angeles, wrote guest columns and participated in many other advocacy efforts. I commend my colleagues on the board for their visionary leader-

ship that will benefit students and the residents of our communities for countless generations to come.

In March 2008, Supervisor Hilda Solis, then a member of Congress, held an event at the sites of future stations along the route of the Foothill Extension. The event, which she called "Walk the Line," began at the site of what today is the APU/Citrus College Station, located across the street from Citrus College. On that day in 2008, there was nothing but empty track, vacant property and a vision for the future in the minds of the elected officials and community leaders assembled.

In a testament to what can be accomplished when diverse communities and stakeholders work together on a common goal, many of those same individuals gathered at Citrus College to celebrate groundbreaking on the final phase of construction of the Foothill Gold Line.

Baldwin Park Unified Campuses to Host Family Science Nights

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park Unified will hold a trio of Family Science Nights to explore the evolution of massive star clusters. Cal Poly Pomona Associate Professor Matthew S. Povich and his team will show families how to ex-

amine the clusters using telescopes. The events run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, **March 6** at Sierra Vista High School, 3600 N. Frazier St., Baldwin Park; and Thursday, **March 8** at Elwin Elementary, 13010 E. Waco St., Baldwin Park.



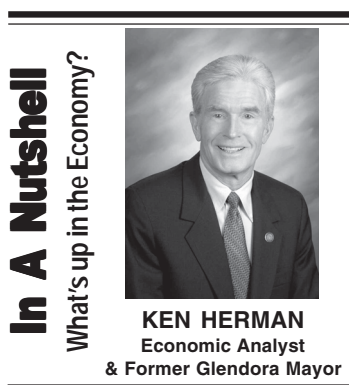
The "VIX" Needs a Fix

Recently the stock market made back more than half the losses it suffered in the previous two weeks. The Dow industrials rose 4.25%, the S&P 500 rose 4.30%, and NASDAQ shot up 5.31%. But in my opinion, the biggest news last week was that FINRA (the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority), which regulates broker dealers, is now looking into whether prices linked to the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) have been manipulated. The VIX is derived from S&P 500 options prices and FINRA is specifically looking at whether or not traders placed bets on S&P 500 options to influence the prices for VIX futures.

Last Tuesday, The Wall Street Journal reported that the VIX might have been manipulated: "Traders trying to move prices for VIX futures and options could achieve this by making options bets at a special auction that takes place each month to calculate settlement values." A whistleblower has urged regulators to investigate this possibility of VIX manipulation, even though the CBOE is fighting back in a public spat that is not very flattering.

Exchange Traded Notes, an option mutual fund designed for portfolio protection, and multiple risk-parity products promoted by the hedge fund industry all failed! These portfolio insurance products are likely doomed. The VIX soared in popularity in the past decade as a popular hedging tool, but when everybody is engaged in the same or similar hedging activity, a "Black Swan" event all too often happens.

That is apparently what happened in early February when the options tail (i.e., VIX) wagged the dog (i.e., the S&P 500). This investigation won't end soon, and it probably won't end without



In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?

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some pain to some big names. These regulatory investigations can take several years to come to conclusions, but VIX portfolio insurance and risk-parity products will likely be doomed until Wall Street designs another type of portfolio insurance.

Interestingly, former SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt said on CNBC on Friday (Feb. 16), "It's quite clear that these index's options can be manipulated. And when there were complaints about possible manipulation, the CBOE, as the marketplace, should have sprung into action." If a former SEC official is blaming the CBOE, nothing is going to likely get fixed, since the regulators are starting to blame each other.

The new Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said that the Fed will "remain alert" to any risks to financial stability. This was his first attempt to calm the financial markets. Powell added that "We are in the process of gradually normalizing both interest rate policy and our balance sheet with a view to extending the recovery and sustaining the pursuit of our objectives." Translated from Fed-speak, Powell intends to shrink the Fed's balance sheet by selling \$10 billion to \$50 billion per month in Treasury and mortgage-backed securities that it had accumulated after the 2008 financial crisis. Since the Fed has to maintain orderly interest rates to

"normalize" and unwind its balance sheet, I think you can assume that the Fed will not let interest rates rise too high, too fast.

I believe short-term we may see more financial market pain. When the flush out is complete the indexes will stabilize and volatility will subside. That is the ideal time to buy stocks, which were unfairly punished in a rush for liquidity. That is the opportunity in all of this. I recommend you sit tight and have a shopping list ready to buy beaten down quality company stocks.

The pain of the sell-off will subside, and there is still really no better place to put your money than equities. The fundamental picture is great and this technical and mechanical sell-off will subside soon. Good buying opportunities will be abundant. Winston Churchill reminded us that "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Focusing on the new tax bill briefly, the U.S. Treasury recently announced a budget surplus of \$49 billion in January, the first month under the new tax law. Tax receipts were \$361 billion and expenditures were \$312 billion. That won't happen every month because Congress just passed a new spending bill to keep the government running, but with corporations repatriating taxable cash from overseas, the Treasury will soon be bursting with large checks written by U.S. corporations that are bringing billions in cash back into the USA.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We can still make the payments on our home, but even with the rise in prices, we still owe more on our home than it is worth. Is there anything we can do?

According to ATTOM Data Solutions (a long-term real estate data company), there are still about 9-percent of mortgaged real estate properties that are 'underwater.' An independent mortgage broker should be able to gather your information and give you some options. Some lenders still offer over 100-percent loan-to-value home loans to help borrowers afford to stay in their home.

Is the interest on student loans tax deductible?

If you've been making payments, on time, up to \$2,500 (maximum deduction) is allowed, providing your adjusted gross income is less than \$80,000 (filing 'single'), or \$160,000 (married, filing jointly). If you are in the 25% tax bracket, you might save up to \$625. Watch the mail, or download from your student loan online account, the 1098-E which you will need as proof of how much interest you paid during 2017.

My W-2 has a code DD in box 12. What's that?

Box 12, Code DD is the cost of employer-sponsored health coverage. This is for your information only, and is not taxable for 2016. It should include both what you paid and what your employer paid for your health coverage. (ref: www.irs.gov)

We bought a home in 2017. What are our tax breaks?

Information is available at State and Federal tax websites, or ask your CPA if you qualify to take deductions for mortgage in-



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terest, points paid at settlement, property taxes, exclusive use of home office space for a small business, mortgage insurance premiums, home improvement loan interest, and construction loan interest.

Can you tell me about Roth IRAs?

Although a Roth IRA is not tax deductible, it has many benefits. As long as you follow the rules, you won't have to pay taxes on any of the money you take out, including the growth. Not subject to federal income tax, "qualified distributions" are distributions which are made after a five-year waiting period, and which are made: 1. after the taxpayer reaches age 59 1/2 or 2. In the event of a taxpayer's death, 3. Because the taxpayer becomes disabled, or 4. To pay for "qualified first-time home-buyer" expenses (there are limits). Distributions which are not "qualified," are subject to tax and possible penalties. A real plus is that Roth IRAs are not subject to the mandatory distribution requirements triggered on traditional IRAs at age 70 1/2. All this said, it depends on how much household income you have whether or not you are even allowed to have a Roth IRA, and regardless, you are

limited to how much money you can put into a Roth IRA annually - probably not enough to retire on.

How does life insurance fit into financial planning?

Some life insurance policies carry benefits that you can take advantage of while you are alive. For example, a Fixed Indexed Universal Life insurance policy gives you the reassurance of having life insurance, potential cash accumulation, plus the option to access that cash account down the road for any reason. One of my clients is a teacher and single mom. After reviewing several different investment avenues, she chose to get a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy. Conservatively, this fixed indexed universal life insurance policy's illustrations shows that she'll be able to fulfill all her goals - insurance, optional college fund, and retirement income. She even pays a little extra for 10 months, enabling her to skip paying premiums for the two months she doesn't get paid each year.

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Employee Vs. Independent Contractor

As business owners, it is important to classify your workers either as an employee or an independent contractor. If your worker is an employee, you will pay the employer's payroll taxes, workers compensation, benefits, etc. For independent contractors, you will only pay the agreed service fee and issue a 1099 at the end of the year. Most of the time, business owners will ask the workers to sign a contract as an independent contractor. But still, the business owner gets sued for back wages, overtime and benefits in the end.

The IRS provides relief for businesses who classified their workers as independent contractor. Under Section 530, there are three relief requirements you need to meet for your business not to owe employment taxes. To receive relief, you must meet all three requirements below:

1. Reporting Consistency - Timely filing of all required federal tax returns consistent with your treatment of each



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worker as an independent contractor. If you did not file the required information returns such as the 1099-MISC, relief is not available for the business.

2. Substantive Consistency - your business and any predecessor business must have treated the workers or similar workers as independent contractors. If you treated similar workers as employees, you will not qualify for the relief.

3. Reasonable Basis - There are several reasonable basis that a business can establish for treating workers as in-

dependent contractors. First, you relied on a court case or a ruling issued to you by the IRS. Second, your business was previously audited by the IRS and the independent contractors were not reclassified as employees. Third, a significant segment of the industry where your business belong treat similar workers as independent contractors. Fourth, you relied on other reasonable basis like an advice from a lawyer or accountant who knew the facts of your business.

The state of California Employment Development Department (EDD) does not conform with IRS Section 530.

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

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The Importance Of Choosing The Correct Oil

If you purchase your own oil for your vehicle you need to always check your owner's manual so you select the correct oil for your vehicle. The American Petroleum Institute Service Classification can be found on the oil's label in what we call the API Donut to make it easier to select the proper oil. Here is what you will see...API SERVICE SN on current oil classifications. The SN means the oil was introduced in October of 2010 for 2011 vehicles and newer. The good news is this type of oil is perfectly safe to use in older vehicles as well.

Here is a little history lesson of oils through the ages:

- SA oil was the very first that API ever classified. These

oils were for engines built before 1930. These days, of course they are considered obsolete.

- SB oil was for cars built from 1930 to 1962
- SC oil was for car years 1963 to 1967
- SD oil was for car years 1967 - 1971
- SE oil was for car years 1971 - 1979
- SF oil was for car years 1979 - 1987
- SG oil was for car years 1988 - 1992
- SH was for car years 1993 - 1996
- SJ was for car years 1997 - 2000
- SL was for car years 2001 - 2003

- SM was for car years 2004 - 2011

- SN is for car years 2011 and current

Currently, if the number in the API donut is not showing an SN, SM, SL or SJ then it is obsolete. Again, always consult your owner's manual. Oils are constantly changing to make them more resilient, longer lasting and better for our environment.

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California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Holds Free Small Business Tax Seminar in Glendora

GLENDORA - The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) invites business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to attend a free Small Business Tax Seminar in Glendora on Tuesday, **March 6, 2018**.

Those looking for assistance with state and federal tax issues, as well as those who want to expand their business knowl-

edge, will benefit from the informative presentations. Topic discussions will include avoiding common sales and use tax problems, employee versus independent contractor, better business through better records, and forms of ownership. Representatives from the CDTFA, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal

Revenue Service will conduct presentations and answer questions.

Small Business Tax Seminar will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) at the Glendora Public Library, Bidwell Forum, 140 S. Glendora Avenue, Glendora.

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or online at <http://www.cdtfa.gov/seminar>

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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA Volunteer Drivers Needed

Do you have some extra time to spare? Are you a good driver? The Azusa Senior Center has a great volunteer opportunity for you! The Azusa Senior Center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers to deliver lunches to our homebound seniors in the city of Azusa between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Prewitt for more information at (626) 812-5204, ext. 5303.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

ARCADIA Senior Expo

Join us for a morning full of FREE fun, food and information. The Senior Expo will feature various organizations from senior related fields, such as: housing, in-home care, insurance, health, wellness and more. Organizations will be passing out information, as well as a few goodies. All attendees will receive free refreshments and entry into the raffle. Boxed lunches will be sold the morning of for \$2 and will be served at 11:30am. Arcadia Senior Services is hosting this FREE, informational Senior Expo at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, on Friday, **March 9** from 10am-12:30pm.

For more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

Instructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more information.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinochle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

The group is open to men and

women 50 or older. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information call 626-281-6771.

BALDWIN PARK Senior Trips & Tours The Riverside Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada:

Wed., Thurs., Fri., **March 7th, 8th, and 9th.** Departure time at 8:00 am and Return time at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a 3 day, 2 night stay in Riverside Hotel in beautiful Laughlin, Nevada. The Riverside Hotel hosts 40,000 square feet of your favorite slots and table games. If you get tired of gaming you can take advantage of the optional tours, dining restaurants, museums and theaters or nearby outlets, at your own expense. Price include: 2 breakfast buffet, 1 dinner buffet, and a fun book, room reservation and transportation also includes luggage handling. California ID is required. Double occupancy room is \$90 per person. Single Occupancy room is \$125 per person.

For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

Income Tax Appointments

Starting in February, AARP will be providing free tax assistance to the senior community 55 years of age or older. This service is available only on Thursday and appointment is necessary. To schedule an appointment, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am - 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel. Applications are available at covina.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Covina's T.E.A.M.

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is looking for Covina teens who would like to help out and volunteer in their community. Join Covina's T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) and participate in service projects and community events each month. Attend a meeting for more information. Meetings held on Tuesdays (**March 6, and April 10**) 6-7

p.m. at Cougar Park, 150 W. Puente Street. No preregistration required.

For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Basketball And T-Ball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Winter Basketball for ages 18 months-11 years and T-ball for ages 3-6. These programs provide instruction and fun in a non-competitive atmosphere. For more information or to register, please call (626) 384-5340 or visit covina.gov.

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Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513.

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Manicures And Haircuts

Citrus College Cosmetology will provide complimentary manicures and haircuts at the La Fetra Center. This service is completely free of charge and is available to anyone over the age of 18. FREE! Thursday, **March 1**, 10:00am - 12:30pm. To schedule an appointment please call (626)914-0560 or visit the La Fetra Center.

Glendora Adult Basketball Program

Southland Sports Association is offering adult basketball leagues in Glendora. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday leagues begin March 12, 2018.

Registration will be accepted, Monday, March 5, through Friday, March 9, 2018.

For more information, please contact Frank Ortiz, Adult Sports Coordinator, at (818) 425-9789 or go to the City of Glendora website at www.ci.glendora.ca.us.

San Antonio Winery Trip

Take a trip with us as we visit the oldest and largest producing

winery in Los Angeles with 100 years' experience of wine making. This day trip will include a guided tour of the San Antonio Winery with a tasting of four hand-crafted wines served with a delicious assortment of antipasti and hors d'oeuvres. Included is a souvenir wine glass to help you bring home a part of the magnificent winery. Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$35 Per Person (21 and over only) Saturday, **March 10 11:30am to 4:30pm**

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes stressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-8:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center please contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or please email jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us.

LA VERNE

Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont,

La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900
To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Blood Pressure Screenings is at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on the **Second Tuesday of the month** from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and on the **Fourth Wednesday of the month** from 9:00am - 10:00am

Caring Crafters

If you have an interest in knitting, crocheting and hand work or would like to learn, join us at the Monrovia Community Center **every Wednesday**. The Friendly Crafters is a social group that meets every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is designed to foster friendships and provide social opportunities while crocheting and knitting. The group always welcomes new participants to teach and share new ideas! This free program is offered to all Seniors and Active Adults! Crafters meet every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center.

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

Stretching is essential for our bodies. The Department of Community Services invites seniors to join our weekly senior stretching and exercise class. The class includes stretching techniques geared toward seniors over 50, though the class is great for anyone in need of a good routine. Movement increases range of motion, relaxation, and decreases risk of injury. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring a towel and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Classes are at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$2 per class.

La Fetra Center

Senior Classes

Sing For Health Sing For Joy

You don't have to sing well to get all the benefits! Come join our group for a great time of laughter and singing. Singing releases endorphins known as those "feel good" chemicals in your brain. It also increases circulation and oxygen to your blood. Singing is a great way to relieve stress and will leave you feeling happy for the rest of the day! Mondays, through April 30, 2018 9:00am - 10:00am Pre-register at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560.

*\$10.00 is payable to the instructor for printed materials.

Classic Cinema

Join us as watch classic films from the golden years in Hollywood. This class will focus on how movies were made and the background of the films. Following the movies there will be a question and answer portion that will help you appreciate your favorite movies even more! Mondays, through May 21, 2018 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Pre-register at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560.

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

WEST COVINA

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: ehernandez57@aol.com

Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.

- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center has an award-winning lunch program that provides a **daily lunch service** for seniors, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging.

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.

High School Volunteer Fair

GLENDORA - High School Students! Do you need volunteer hours, but aren't sure where to look? Or, do you want to give back to the community, but don't know what organization you might want to volunteer with?

If so, the Glendora Library is the place to be on Saturday, **March 10th**, from 10 - 12 PM! Be sure to drop in to the Library's Friends Room during

this time to meet with groups and organizations that have volunteer opportunities for High School students.

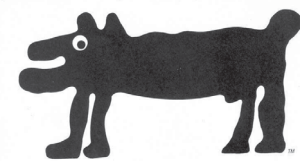
No registration necessary. For more information, please call (626) 852-4891. The library is located at 140 S Glendora Ave. For information on this and other Library happenings, visit www.glendoralibrary.org.

Medical Auxiliary Needs Volunteers

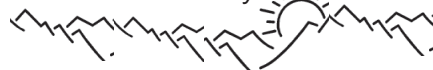
COVINA - The Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Auxiliary needs volunteers. If you are a senior citizen, retired, or simply looking for something to do, join the auxiliary and be a volunteer! Volunteers are needed in the following areas: The Front Desk; the Gift Store; The Sur-

gery Waiting Room; the Bargain Box; Newspaper Delivery to patients and other areas of the hospital. Call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email heram@tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the volunteer process.

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City Of Azusa Employee Inducted To Platelet Donation Hall Of Fame

Thomas Van Dorn recognized for his extraordinary commitment to donating platelets

AZUSA - City of Azusa employee and American Red Cross platelet donor, Thomas Van Dorn has been inducted into the Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame for his commitment to platelet donation. The Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame recognizes individuals nationwide who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to platelet donation. Donation centers across the country submit nominations from which 12 inductees are chosen annually based on their demonstrated commitment and passion to donating platelets and/or encouraging others to do the same.

"We are excited that the Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame has recognized Thomas," said City of Azusa Mayor, Joseph R. Rocha. "The Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame induction is a fitting tribute to one of our most dedicated employees. We look forward to Thomas receiving this honor for his commitment to platelet donations which he started in 1997 and will total 1001 units on Saturday, February 24, 2018. His commitment to donating platelets has helped save and improve countless lives for 21 years."

Van Dorn's dedication to helping save lives rises to an exceptional level. He is aware that platelets only last for five days and are in constant demand and every year he competes with himself to raise the amounts that he can donate. He has twice given platelets while the person in need waited for their transfusion.

Van Dorn started donating whole blood in 1987, and became a platelet donor ten years later. He knows the importance of platelet donations first-hand, as his son died at an early age after having received many



Thomas Van Dorn

platelet transfusions. Since then, Van Dorn has donated in his memory.

Blood donation is far from Van Dorn's only contribution to the community. He has worked for The City of Azusa in California as a Community Improvement Inspector for the Business License Division for 8 years. He is active in the church, and also in the arts, participating in many local musicals, barbershop quartets, and choirs - in fact it was through The Second Generation Choir that he met his wife 33 years ago.

The staff at the American Red Cross, Fullerton Donor Center, where Van Dorn donates platelets, says, "Mr. Van Dorn is a great human being, a hardworking man, a devoted husband, and a loving father and it is his love for all his family and humanity that allows him to devote two and a half hours every two weeks to donate the three units of blood."

"He finds this as his way to stay connected to the memory of his son Mitchell, hoping that other people will do the same in memory of their loved ones," they added.

"The staff at the Fullerton donation center is the best," says Van Dorn. "They are extremely good to me; even after all the good natured grief that I give them."

For nearly twenty years, Fresenius Kabi has partnered with blood centers across the country to recognize individuals who demonstrate unwavering commitment and passion for donating blood and encourage blood donation. Many volunteer their time to the centers where they donate, helping staff with recruiting and other activities. The United States blood supply relies on blood donors to assure a safe and reliable supply of lifesaving blood and blood components to treat patients.

The induction ceremony for Van Dorn will be on Saturday, March 3 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fullerton Red Cross Blood Donation Center, 1144 Rosecrans Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92833. For more information please visit the Fullerton Red Cross Donation Center's website at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/locations/fullerton-donor-center>

Glendora Woman's Club To Present Storyteller Bronwyn Schram

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will hold its monthly luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, March 6, at the clubhouse, 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

The Club day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m., said Club President Chris Lear. Following will be the catered luncheon at noon-time in the afternoon program featuring storyteller and entertainer Bronwyn Schramm.

For Ms. Schramm's program titled "Irish Tales," in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, she will share stories and tales about Ireland, said program vice president Helen Storland. Ms. Schramm has two degrees in the classics, has taught Latin, and has been a stage manager and a ballroom dancer, according to press information. Her programs of stories and songs reflect her great love for nostalgia, stories, and dogs that she shares with her audiences.

At each club meeting, a special display titled "Members Participation Art Display" will feature a different theme. This month's display theme will be "Anything Green" in keeping with St. Patrick's Day and members are encouraged to share an item from home for the display, said committee member Joy Martau.

One of the club's ongoing service projects is Shepherd's Pantry located in Glendora. Each month at club meeting, members are asked to donate nonperishable food items for the Shepherd's Pantry project that serves those families in need in 10 area cities, said project chair



Bronwyn Schramm, storyteller and entertainer, is presenting her program "Irish Tales" for the Glendora Woman's Club on Tuesday, March 6. Her visit marks a return engagement to the Woman's Club.

Gloria Liddle.

Coming up on March 20 will be the club's Fashion Show and Luncheon, and annual event that provides funding for the club's philanthropies and service projects, said Fashion Show co-chairs Joy Martau and Carolyn Cunningham. This year's theme for the Fashion Show will be "Journey to Hawaii." Fashions will be from Dressbarn and Undercovers, with the catered luncheon by Ritz Catering.

Available at the meeting will

be a special table featuring the sale of Fashion Show tickets at \$40 per person, opportunity drawing tickets, and information flyers. For information about Fashion Show tickets, call 909-598-0554

For information about joining the Woman's Club, special events and service projects, call Patty at 909-929-0684; for information about renting the clubhouse, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130.

Vietnam Veterans: Have You Received Your Lapel Pin?

SAN DIMAS- The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration has provided a special lapel pin for living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks. Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin. San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S.



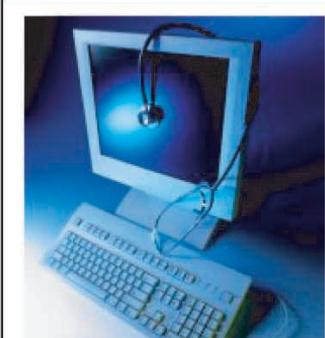
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to Commemorative Partners for dignified public presentations to living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks.

(Helping Establish a Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) is proud to announce that they will be issuing these pins during their hosting of the Vietnam Wall, "The Wall That Heals." The "Wall" will be located at Lone Hill Middle School, 700 S. Lone Hill Ave. in San Dimas, March 22 - 25, 2018.

To receive your lapel pin, you must provide a DD214 (NO PIN WILL BE AWARDED WITHOUT THIS FORM)

and one other form of identification. You can mail this information to San Dimas HEROES/Vietnam Lapel Pin Project at PO Box 4216, San Dimas, CA 91773. You can also provide this information during the four days the "Wall" is in San Dimas by visiting the San Dimas HEROES booth between the hours of 9AM to 5PM. The HEROES Organization is looking forward to thanking you for your service and welcome you home.

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