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# Glendora Kiwaniannes Turn 35

**GLENDORA** - Dressed in the fashion of the fifties, the Glendora Kiwaniannes celebrated 35 years of service to the community at a meeting held Thursday, April 4. "Every year we celebrate our founding in April 1984 and honor our charter members," said Kandy Nunn, who serves as president of the club this year.

Charter members Cathy Napoli and Jan White were in attendance and reminisced about the first years of the club's formation. All past presidents who attended the event were also recognized.

Three women were honored for their service. Linda Price was celebrated with a Legion of Honor Award for having been a member of the club for 25 years. Becky Harris and Karen Kobus were honored for their service to the club with a Distinguished Service Award. Both women co-chaired last fall's Designer Bag Bingo event which raised significant funds for Kiwanianne projects.

"We support many groups in Glendora. We offer grants to teachers to bring the arts into the classroom, scholarships for graduating high school students,



**TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE** - Kandy Nunn, (left) president of the Glendora Kiwaniannes, presents a Legion of Honor Award, to Linda Price for her 25 years of membership in the club. She is the tenth club member to receive the award.

support for children, youth, and seniors in the city. And for the past seven years we've sponsored a Leadership Academy for junior high children to help them learn leadership skills," said Nunn.

The club will sponsor a Community Tea on Saturday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sellers Elementary School Cafeteria to raise funds for grants to teachers to bring art into the classroom. "It's truly amazing what the teachers do with the monetary grants! They purchase art sup-

plies, reference material, audio visual material and bring professional artists into their classrooms to talk to students."

Tickets for the Community Tea are now on sale for \$25 by calling Debbie Deal at (626) 712-0962, or may be pur-



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE** - Kandy Nunn presents a Distinguished Service Award to Becky Harris for her work, along with her co-chair Karen Kobus (not pictured) on last fall's Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser. Helping with the presentation is Carolyn Thomas (right) who won the award last year.

chased online at [www.gendorakiwaniannes.org](http://www.gendorakiwaniannes.org). Guests will sit at theme decorated tables created by local service groups in town and the Kiwanianne members. The Glendora Historical Society,

Corral 35, Citrus College Alumni Association, the Glendora Woman's club and others will be decorating tables. "It's a wonderful pre-Mother's Day event. We serve a traditional tea luncheon," said Nunn.

# Edgewood High School Senior Wins \$40,000 Edison STEM Scholarship

**WEST COVINA** - Edgewood High School senior Carissa Castro's hard work in the classroom and passion to improve access to clean water have earned her a \$40,000 scholarship from Edison International - one of just 30 given to high school students across Southern California.

Castro, who was surprised by her mom and fellow ASB members during a physics class on March 20, was selected from more than 2,000 applicants to be an Edison Scholar.

"Honestly, I didn't think I had what it takes to win, so I feel really validated and proud," Castro said. "As people who have the privilege to go to school and study, we should give back to the community and benefit from the things we've learned."

Edison International annually awards \$1.2 million to seniors who are determined to change the world and pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields at four-year universities. At the top of her class with a 4.5 GPA, Castro is choosing between UC Berkeley and CSU San Jose. She plans to study



**Edgewood High School senior Carissa Castro is surprised with a \$40,000 scholarship from Edison International during her physics class on March 20.**

mechanical engineering, with a goal of inventing tools that help others.

"The school community is incredible here," Castro said. "Everyone here looks at you and you know they care; teachers who I didn't think noticed me were congratulating me for winning."

The Edgewood Schools prepare students for success in college and career through Interna-

tional Baccalaureate (IB) programs, which provide a globally focused education pathway. All of Edgewood's IB Diploma Programme candidates were accepted into four-year universities, and Edgewood graduates are thriving at universities like Harvard, Cornell, Stanford, NYU, UC Berkeley, UCLA and USC.

# Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors Luncheon

**ARCADIA** - The annual Salute to Seniors Luncheon sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. At this special event, the Arcadia Rotary Club along with the City Council, Senior Commissioners, and other guests will honor Lee Shimmin, the City of Arcadia 2019 Senior of the Year!

*About The Honoree* - Congratulations to the 2019 Senior of The Year, Lee Shimmin. Over the past 39 years Lee has volunteered in many capacities ranging from board member to President for many Arcadia organizations. Lee has not only volunteered countless hours to the Arcadia Community, but has also made generous contributions by speaking at various civic groups on the history of Arcadia. The City would like to congratulate Lee for his service, dedication, and contribution to the community.



Lee Shimmin, the City of Arcadia 2019 Senior of the Year!

# Tour the Ellsworth and Ione Green Home

**LA VERNE** - On Saturday, April 13th, the La Verne Historical Society (LVHS) will sponsor a tour of the Ellsworth and Ione Green Home, currently owned by Ed and Susan Hume. Built in 1917, this cozy craftsman bungalow is located at 2607 Third Street in the historic Lordsburg District on one of the prettiest streets in La Verne. Tours begin at 11:00am with the last tour at 2:30pm. Folks can show

up anytime within the time shown. Tours are 15 to 30 minutes depending on the group. A docent will lead each. There is no registration.

This craftsman bungalow home has a long front gable with exposed rafter tails sheltering a beautiful porch. Heavy pillars of locally-quarried rock give the house a sense of being anchored to the ground, a feature in many craftsman homes. Your tour hosts

will describe their DIY restoration triumphs and upcoming projects and show you their custom detached wood-working studio. Spoiler alert: Ed Hume built the bathroom cabinets!

The tour is free and open to the public. Raffle tickets will be for sale at the Historical Society table.

For questions, call Sherry Best at 909-596-4679.

# Jazz Under the Stars



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**GLENDORA** - Please join us for a fun and relaxing evening, Friday, **May 3rd** at "Jazz Under the Stars", from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Glenkirk Church in Glendora. Come and enjoy live jazz music played under the stars by the award winning Glendora High School Jazz Band, while enjoying

some delicious desserts, participating in our Opportunity Drawing and bidding on some fabulous items at our silent auction. You will find items such as, dinner gift cards, wine, tickets to performances and much more.

This event is one of our biggest fundraisers and helps us

to maintain a quality and successful music program. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased in advance, or at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Stacy Toms at (702) 234-7893 or email her at [stomsrca@yahoo.com](mailto:stomsrca@yahoo.com).

# Easter Events at Lake Avenue Church

**PASADENA** - On Good Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Tenebrae Service in the Worship Center recreating the emotional aspects of Christ's suffering on the cross with speakers, choir, orchestra, organ, meditation, prayer, poetry and scripture readings. There will also be a children's service for kindergarten through fifth grade in room 203 of the Family Life Center.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, there will be Easter Services at 9 and 11 a.m., with a welcome

from pastor Jeff Mattesich and special message from senior pastor Greg Waybright. Services will be followed by family activities, such as eggs, games, crafts, and chalk art, along with coffee, tea and breakfast rolls.

Childcare will be available for both services for children from birth to pre-kindergarten on the first floor of the Family Life Center, and parking will be available in the West Parking Plaza, just offsite at the south-

east corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway (enter off Mentor St.).

For more information, e-mail [worship@lakeave.org](mailto:worship@lakeave.org) or call the church at 626.844.4721. For childcare information e-mail [earlychildhood@lakeave.org](mailto:earlychildhood@lakeave.org) or call 626.817.4856.

Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, next to the Gold Line station at Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway.

# West Covina Fire Department's School Visit

By George Ogden/WCFD

WEST COVINA - The West Covina Fire Department's Station visits connect the community to the members of the Fire Department that serve and protect them day and night. Fire Engineer Andy Robertson teaches the kids from West Covina Christian School during their station visit. West Covina Fire Association local #3226 made it clear that they love their community and reaching out into the community and kids and getting connected.

Is "Field Trip Friday" a thing? Well, they think it should be... the kindergarten class visited West Covina's Fire Station 3 recently. The students had a great time learning about fire safety and the important roles firefighters play in our community.



Fire Engineer Andy Robertson teaching the kids about fire safety.

# California Retired Teachers to Hear of the Huntington Library's Remarkable Works

ARCADIA - When Henry E. Huntington settled in California from New York, he was already an established businessman and collector of art and rare books. His cultural gem in San Marino is the Huntington Library, along with his art collections and gardens. How much do visitors to the site really know about the Huntington Library as a research library? Volunteer docent Sandra Mader, a representative of the Huntington Speakers Bureau, will focus on the Library as a source for research in her presentation to members of the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CaRTA-SGV) at their April meeting.

The CaRTA #71 luncheon meeting will take place on Friday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 W. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$13. For those who pay at the door, the cost is \$14. Please call John Gera at



Huntington Library docent Susan Mader will speak at a Retired Teachers' meeting on April 12.

(626) 286-0714 for reservations by April 5.

As a volunteer docent, Sandra Mader works in the Huntington Library and also leads school tours. A retired educator from the Whittier schools, Mader enjoys her time at the Huntington and is happy to tell her audiences about the year-long Huntington Centennial celebration beginning this fall. A commemorative

rose named "Huntington's Hunderdth" has been developed for the occasion!

Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to current educators and to any others interested in joining this active group. CaRTA's motto is "Your Partner in Pension Protection."

# Baldwin Park Councilman Pacheco Calls for Appeal of Lawsuit Settlement

By George Ogden

BALDWIN PARK - Councilman Ricardo Pacheco of Baldwin Park is calling for an appeal of the court settlement awarded to former police Chief Lili Hadsell millions of dollars. The councilman stated the following:

"I will be asking our City Attorney to appeal the recent court ruling which in my opinion wrongfully awarded former Chief Lili Hadsell seven million dollars. My decision on the termination of Ms. Hadsell was never due to gender discrimination instead it was due to my dissatisfaction on the way she handled community complaints about towing undocumented driver's cars and sometimes arresting them. Ms. Hadsell was also allegedly conspiring to bring in the Sheriff's department and provide the city's safety services which went against my core belief of continuing services with our own police department. I believe it is fiscally prudent to explore the

appeal based upon these various factors and what I believe was a lack of witness statements and a biased jury during court proceedings."

Lili Hadsell who sued the city for a wrongful termination along with some sexual harassment allegations, basically naming Councilman Ricardo Pacheco for going on Social Media making statements similar to "Hadsell would get on her knees to get her promotions". Also, Pacheco wanted her to break the law and basically side step California state law by not applying the law when there are violations. Examples would be impounding vehicles

of those who were driving and had no driver's license and using race by his statement of "undocumented drivers" as a cause... Whereas, it is very clear in the California Vehicle Code as to what the law is. In arresting some people there would obviously have to have cause or reasonable cause to take them into custody. Simply driving without a driver's license in not cause for an arrest unless there is a warrant.

She felt that other upper management within the Police Department was compromising her ability to perform her job well. She was terminated with a 3-2 council vote.

# El Monte High School Celebrates Renovations to Lion Stadium



El Monte High School celebrated the complete renovations to Lion Stadium on March 20 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured are El Monte Union Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga, Board of Trustees Vice President Florencio F. Briones, Member Carlos G. Salcedo, Member Maria Morgan, Clerk Ricardo Padilla, President David Diaz and Principal Robin Torres.

EL MONTE - The El Monte High School community came together on March 20 to celebrate the completion of renovations made to Lion Stadium, which features a new snack bar, restrooms and permanent bleachers to seat more than 2,000 spectators, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"This will be the place where we host games, rallies, assemblies and graduations for many generations to come," Principal Robin Torres said. "This would not have happened without a community that believes in our children and education. Thank you for giving El Monte High School students and families a place to call

home." El Monte High broke ground on the bleacher renovation project in 2017. Lion Stadium was renovated to increase seating capacity for spectators to enjoy a broad range of sports, including football, soccer, and track and field, as well as commemorate other milestone events.

"I am excited to start my senior year being the first student to compete in this facility," El Monte High varsity football player Abel Cueva said. "We will not disappoint our community or families. We will represent Lion Country with pride."

The site features new fencing,

landscaping, a gate entrance and ticket booth. Seating includes a home stand for 1,173 guests, a stand for 824 visitors and additional seating for up to 100 guests. The \$6.6 million project was funded by Measure D.

"This beautiful facility marks the beginning of a new era for El Monte High School," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "Our Board of Trustees has made enhancing our classrooms and athletic facilities a priority, and I want to thank our community for voting yes on Measure D and supporting our efforts to ensure our students have high-quality environments in which to learn."

# Arcadia Joins Lawsuit Seeking To Stop Cannabis Delivery

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia has joined 24 local agencies in a lawsuit against the California Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC) after a recent decision that allows commercial delivery of cannabis in California, including in cities that have regulated or banned commercial marijuana.

The lawsuit, filed by attorneys at Churchwell White LLP, seeks to invalidate recent regulations by the BCC that violate the will of voters and the law by purporting to allow delivery of commercial cannabis to any physical address in the state. The lawsuit contends that the regulations con-

flict with state law, which allows the commercial delivery of marijuana only when it complies with local law.

California voters passed Proposition 64 in 2016, which decriminalized marijuana possession for recreational use. The law, however, gave cities the ability to regulate or ban marijuana sales in their jurisdictions. The Arcadia City Council did just that, banning all commercial and industrial marijuana uses, including the prohibition of deliveries and mobile vending. While Proposition 64 specifically allowed cities to enact such bans, recent BCC regulations allow state-li-

censed marijuana businesses to deliver anywhere in California regardless of local preference.

"The BCC regulation eliminates the ability of cities to regulate commercial cannabis deliveries within their communities," said Mayor Sho Tay. "We want to make sure that the promises made to voters under Proposition 64 are kept, and ensure the state does not take away local control."

The lawsuit, filed in Fresno Superior Court, aims to overturn the state regulation so that cities and counties can block or restrict marijuana deliveries in their borders.

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## County Moves To Streamline Delivery Of Measure H-Funded Homelessness Services To Cities And Providers

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**—The Board of Supervisors has approved a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda L. Solis directing county agencies to develop a plan to streamline contracting processes with local cities to ensure more efficient delivery of homeless services and resources through Measure H.

“Combatting the crisis of homelessness in Los Angeles County is a task that cannot be tackled by one entity alone,” Supervisor Barger said. “Just as every individual’s experience of homelessness is unique, the set of solutions created to address the issue, as well as the stakeholders involved in implementing those solutions, must be appropriately comprehensive.”

Los Angeles County is currently collecting and allocating an unprecedented level of resources to combat homelessness. Distributing these resources has met some challenges in the contracting process. There

are also opportunities to improve communication and data sharing mechanisms with cities, Continuums of Care, and Councils of Governments.

“Today’s Board motion will streamline the way the County contracts with our cities in the delivery of local homeless services, and it will improve the County’s communication with cities,” Supervisor Solis said. “Enhanced communications and a streamlined contracting process will lead to innovative Countywide solutions that will allow us to offer our most vulnerable residents permanent housing.”

Today’s action directs the CEO Homeless Initiative and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to enhance their efforts to engage cities and Continuums of Care and to support their unique solutions including prevention, rapid rehousing, outreach, and enhanced services for transitional age youth.

There will be a report back in 45 days with recommendations on the enhancement, including regular listening sessions and communication mechanisms for a meaningful exchange of information, including city-level data on Measure-H funded services.

## Supervisor Offers \$10k Reward For Information On Swastika Vandalism

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**—Supervisor Kathryn Barger will ask the Board of Supervisors to approve a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the perpetrator(s) involved in the burning of swastikas on a lawn of a residence in San Dimas.

The two 3-foot-high symbols were burned into the synthetic grass in front of a home in the 1400 block of Greenhaven Street Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Two other swastikas were burned into the pavement of West Tudor Street, about a block away.

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s San Dimas station

is investigating and has not received any viable clues regarding this crime.

Supervisor Barger expressed deep concern over the crime and hopes her reward might encourage witnesses to come forward and provide information to this investigation. “These are blatant symbols of hate and violence that have a serious and troubling impact on everyone in our community,” she said. “Those responsible should be held fully accountable for their actions.”

Supervisor Barger encourages anyone with information about this crime to contact Sergeant Rob Galbraith at (909) 450-2700.

## Animal Care Officers Begin Door-to-Door Licensing Enforcement April 24

**MONTEREY PARK**—Officers from the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will be conducting field licensing enforcement in the City of Monterey Park beginning Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

The City of Monterey Park contracts with DACC for animal licensing services. Field enforcement efforts are designed to ensure residents’ dogs and cats are in compliance with licensing requirements, which is mandatory in the City of Monterey Park. California state law requires that all dogs over the age of four months be vaccinated against rabies and be licensed. Puppies may be vaccinated at three months old, but still are not required to be vaccinated until four months of age. Securing a dog or cat license is essential to assisting animal control agencies if a pet becomes lost.

Pet owners are reminded to be in compliance with the licensing ordinance. Residents not in compliance will be subject to license fees and delinquency charges, including a \$40 field enforcement fee, to offset the cost of the department’s field services. You can secure a new license by printing the application online at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>, or visit-

ing your local county animal care center. If your license is not delinquent, you can also renew it on-line at [www.animalcare.lacounty.gov](http://www.animalcare.lacounty.gov).

There are six Los Angeles County Animal Care Centers: Downey, Baldwin Park, Carson, Castaic, Lancaster and Agoura Hills, plus the Antelope Valley Adoption Center in Lancaster.

For more information, please contact City of Monterey Park Animal Services Officer William Estrada at [westrada@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:westrada@montereypark.ca.gov), 626-307-1217 or visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov).

## Arcadia Adopts Historic Preservation Ordinance

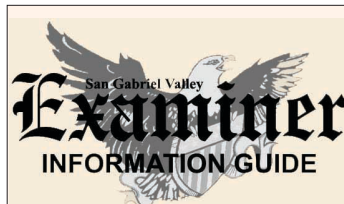
**ARCADIA**—On April 2, 2019, the Arcadia City Council adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, a first for the City of Arcadia and marking an important step in the identification and preservation of historic buildings throughout the City. The Ordinance represented the culmination of several years of community engagement and involvement. The project began in 2015 with an effort to determine what historic resources exist in the City, and to identify the various patterns of development throughout the City’s history. The City contracted with well-respected Pasadena historians Architectural Resources Group, Inc., to develop a Historic Resources Survey and Context Statement, as well as to draft the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The Survey identified a number of important structures, some of which rise to the State and National levels for historic sig-

nificance. Arcadia’s rich history includes not only obviously important structures such as the Santa Anita Park Grandstand and Queen Anne cottage at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, but also iconic structures related to City-founder Lucky Baldwin and the Baldwin family, homes designed by famed architects Wallace Neff and Richard Neutra, and commercial structures such as the Harold Bissner designed Denny’s building with its famous windmill. “Like any important new regulation, the Ordinance was truly a community effort, with numerous well-attended public meetings and discussions. In the end, the final Ordinance represents a balance between private property rights and the ability to protect and preserve important buildings,” said Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Jason Kruckeberg. The main tenets of the Or-

dinance are the facts that it is voluntary, and property owners can come forward to designate their own properties. “The Historic Preservation Ordinance is a thoughtful, important step in the preservation of not only buildings but of Arcadia’s heritage,” said Mayor Sho Tay. “We listened to our residents and developed an Ordinance that fits our City.”

Now that the Ordinance is in effect, the City will be working with local organizations such as the Arcadia Historical Society and Los Angeles Conservancy in assisting residents and property owners in designating their buildings as historic if they so choose. If you are interested in learning more about the Historic Preservation Ordinance and its implementation, please contact the Arcadia Planning Division at (626)574-5423 or visit the City’s website at [ArcadiaCA.gov/HistoricPreservation](http://ArcadiaCA.gov/HistoricPreservation).



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## Monrovia Unified Celebrates Early College Program During Dual Enrollment Week

**MONROVIA**—Michael Mendoza, a junior at Monrovia High School, has made it his priority to be the first in his family to attend college and is securing his path to college by enrolling in Monrovia Unified School District’s Early College program.

The partnership between the District and Citrus Community College offers students a path to college through courses that meet high school graduation requirements and provide college credits simultaneously.

“I will be the first in my family to attend college, and I will be paying for college myself,” Mendoza said. “The Early College program will help me get ahead academically and financially.”

The courses, which are offered at Monrovia High, also follow the school’s academic calendar.

“At Monrovia High School, we are dedicated to providing our students with every possible opportunity to prepare for college and beyond,” Principal Kirk McGinnis said. “We are continually looking for new ways to motivate and inspire our students. The Early College program is one way of doing that.”

The dual enrollment program helps students ensure they are reaching their academic goals while in high school and in their transition to college. The program also provides students with a taste of the college experience and exposes them to new fields of study.

“Monrovia Unified is committed to offering a curriculum that prepares every student for their future,” Board President Ed Gililland said. “Dual-enrollment provides our college bound stu-

dents the perfect opportunity to experience the rigors of college classes, get a head start on earning college credits, and dramatically reduce the cost of a college education.”

Classes available through the partnership include basic Photography, History of Rock and Roll, Physical Oceanography, Art History, and Strategies for College Success. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2WdM7Qs>.

“Our MHS students have shown success in the Early College program,” Superintendent Katherine Thorossian said. “Through our partnership with Citrus Community College, we are giving our students the resources they need to take the first step in their post-secondary education.”

## Information Forum On Immigration And Citizenship

**AZUSA**—The Azusa City Library’s Inspired Citizenship Program, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Incubator Consortium, and the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), will host an Information Forum on Immigration and Citizenship Saturday, **April 27** from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Azusa Civic Auditorium. The Auditorium is located at 213 E. Foothill Blvd., Azusa. The Information Forum will provide comprehensive information on immigration and naturalization to educate the public on these processes.

Guest speaker, Rodolfo Marquez, Immigration Attorney, is a member of the Los Angeles Incubator Consortium, will provide

information on asylum, deportation, DACA and rights under the law. The L.A. Incubator Consortium is a collaborative between Loyola Law School, Southwestern Law School, UCLA Law School, and the Los Angeles County Law Library.

Guest Speaker Miriam Núñez, Supervising Attorney of Citizenship at CARECEN, will provide information on the naturalization process, eligibility and English language requirements; CARECEN is a nonprofit organization that offers affordable naturalization and immigration legal services throughout Los Angeles County.

According to the most recent U.S. Census data, 31 percent of

Azusa residents were born outside of the United States. With citizenship instruction being an unmet need in the San Gabriel Valley, the Azusa City Library initiated Inspired Citizenship in 2014. Inspired Citizenship provides FREE weekly class instruction, one-to-one tutoring, naturalization workshops, and the annual information forum.

If you would like to become a volunteer tutor for the Adult Literacy Program contact the Adult Literacy Coordinator at the Azusa City Library, (626) 812-5266, [acalderon@azusaca.gov](mailto:acalderon@azusaca.gov). Please stop by the library to see what’s new or you can also check out what’s happening at the Library through Facebook and Twitter.

# Newsom Signs Bill On Charter School Transparency

The article in the L.A. Times, *Charter Schools May See New Rules*, has prompted new discussions about choices in education as well as the level of transparency of each and a structure requiring all education options to meet the same standards. Up front is Gov. Gavin Newsom who may be caught in a hard push between the unions and charter school advocates, especially since the LAUSD and Oakland teacher strikes.

The Charter School movement began in 1992, initiated by Sen. Gary Hart, (D-Santa Barbara) Chair of the Senate Education Committee, to provide choice for parents and low-performing students or students in poorly performing school districts and to thwart the efforts of a ballot measure, Prop. 174, Parental Choice Initiative. That initiative was proposing to provide \$2,500 annually to every school-age child to pay for private or parochial school tuition. The doors on charter schools opened in 1993-94.

The initial concept of a charter school was to allow that public school to operate free from the dictates of a bureaucracy, operate as a stand-alone school, free from the rules of a school district and state regulations. The school would set its objectives and goals and how they intended to accomplish those through the creation of charter documents.

In 2004, California Legislative Analyst Office provided an assessment of charter schools to determine if this transition to choice was working satisfactorily or if adjustments were needed. The LAO determined: charter schools were on an upward swing and growing and they were considered a viable reform strategy after two evaluations had been performed. The concept gave parents choice and involvement, increased teacher satisfaction, and gave principals more control over their schools and decisions to enhance the opportunities for students. LAO did determine the challenges the state faced with charter schools were financing



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**Lois M. Shade**  
**Former Mayor of Glendora**  
and accountability.

As part of the review process, California LAO contracted with Rand Corp in 2004 to review and assess California charter schools and found charter schools had generally ... "achieved comparable test scores with fewer public resources than traditional public schools ..." Additionally, Rand determined charter schools had not closed the achievement gaps for minorities, but had not created "white enclaves" or "skimmed" high achieving students from other public schools either as had been charged when charter school creation was proposed.

Rand, in their study, also determined that while charter schools remained on a par with public schools, they did provide greater emphasis on non-core subjects and alternative programs and recommended the charter school system of public education in California continue even though accountability was a "challenging" task.

For as long as charter schools have been around, transparency to ensure accountability has been an issue but never resolved by the elected officials in Sacramento. Gov. Newsom signed SB 126 in March which requires the 1,300 plus charter schools to comply with a variety of the same open meeting, conflict-of-interest, and disclosure laws as traditional school district governing boards. If the charter school elects to operate as a nonprofit public benefit corporation, the designating authority is not liable for

debts, obligations or claims. The bill emphasizes "... charter schools are part of the public school system ... and are under the exclusive control of the officers of the public schools."

Former Gov. Jerry Brown, while Mayor of Oakland, founded two charter schools - Oakland Military Institute and Oakland School for the Arts. These charters are being supported with something known as behested payments. Behested payments are donations made at the request of a politician for a legislative, charitable or governmental purpose. School districts would unlikely challenge charter schools funded by outside resources, like behested money, because they wouldn't affect the district budget.

While both sides of the charter school issue agreed to conditions in SB 126, Newsom has called on State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, to establish a panel of experts to examine the impact of charter school growth on district finances, and hopefully maintain the demand for transparency.

There are more bills on the horizon but not published.

- AB 1505 O'Donnell (D-70-Long Beach) would give school districts the sole authority to approve or deny and eliminate the 1992 charter school law the right to appeal to the county board of education.

- AB 1508 McCarty (D-7-Sacramento) would limit the growth of charter schools to 1,323, the current number, and no new schools would be allowed unless there were closures.

- AB 1507 Smith (D-38-Santa Clarita) would rescind the exemption for an approved charter school in one district to relocate to another district.

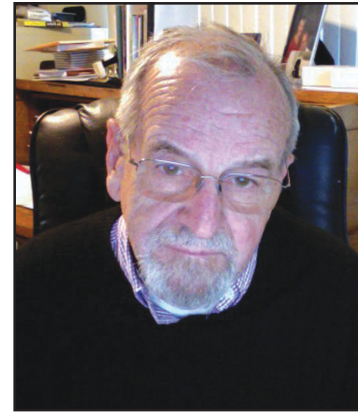
- AB 1508 Bonta (D-18-Oakland) is just one paragraph at this point but says the legislature should enact legislation to allow chartering authorities to determine whether approval of a new charter school impacts the financial, academic, and facilities of neighborhood public schools.

## Listening

I suppose we all occasionally find ourselves listening with our minds, not our ears, to persons we may not have seen for years, who in fact, have died. These conversations may be as real as if the dead were sitting in the next chair. Although long gone, the departed seem very much alive if only in the deepest recesses of our inner world.

And then there are those who believe that the dead have been reincarnated and are living in another reality, or even in another earthly life, but with whom the living can still communicate. While this way of looking at death is unlike anything many of us can even imagine, we must respect those who hold to that very different reality. No one has a right to stand in judgment or even to question someone's esoteric or private experiences. If there are charlatans who have bilked the unsuspecting, claiming they can produce encounters with deceased relatives, there are those who sincerely believe that communication with the dead is possible.

There has recently re-emerged a passionate fascination with one's family tree. This interest in genealogy has been fed by Mormons who search historical records in order to identify relatives who are then baptized into the faith in a ceremony that employs a proxy. I know those who have traced their family histories back as far as the tenth century. Now a genetic test will tell you what percent of who you are comes from your Viking or your Neanderthal heritage. Ours is one



**Charles H. Bayer**

of the few cultural traditions that does not make room for the active participation of ancestors. In most cultures no ceremony is complete without recognizing that the ancestors are respected as still being part of the ongoing community

At times we may hear of someone who has died asking that they be turned loose so they may rest in peace. I was not able to go on with life until weeks after the death of my son, John. One night he appeared in a dream telling me, who longed for a reunion with him, that he was dead, was not coming back, and I needed to let him go, and get on with my life. Surmising what I know about John, he would want me to move on beyond my grief, not spend my emotional energy hoping for a new personal encounter with him.

In the Christian tradition we still speak of the community or communion of saints, with a focus on what they have to say to us. We experience them and are surrounded by this "great cloud of witnesses," cheering us on as we "run the race that is set before

us."

I cherish reliving conversations and encounters with people from my past. Some of these encounters come both in my hours of sleep and in wide-awake moments. I have had dreams over the years that involved clear, memorable conversations. Most of the conversations that take place as I sleep quickly vanish the moment I wake up. Try as I might to lure them back, the encounter has slipped away never to be retrieved.

And then there are wide-awake memories that are as clear as any present reality. I remember my father running beside me the first time I ventured out on my big-boy's bicycle. I knew I was going to crash, but there was my father right beside me imploring me to "keep peddling." I can still hear my mother saying, "Charles, I'm so proud of you." Or perhaps that is what I believe she might have said.

Someone long ago compared his current generation to a bouquet-lovely for a while but rootless and destined to fade. Sometimes we progressives are tempted to believe that the only things of value consist of what we have thought and created. Henry Ford is credited with saying, "history is bunk." No, history is what makes valuable whatever we have and whoever we are. The generations of all those who have gone before still speak, are part of who we are, and our most important guides and teachers, and if we are wise enough, we will listen.

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## What Form Of Government Does The U.S. Have?

by Mr. D. B. Shimel

As you will often hear from those who should know better claim "we have a democracy". They are wrong! Our form of government is not a democracy. The United States has a Constitutional Representative Republic form of government.

A Constitutional Representative Government is based on the rule of law and the concept that the people are the sovereign rulers of this nation. In other words the people rule this country, but they do so through their duly elected representatives not by majority rule.

The Declaration of independence and the Preamble to the Constitution put into words the founding principles of our government. The first three words of the Preamble summarizes this concept when it states "We the People..." not 'we the government'. The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence states "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are the Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness -That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men deriving their just powers from the consent from the gov-

erned...". This paragraph best exemplifies the basic principal that the founders of this country most cherished. Remember, they were revolting against a monarchy and the political system in Britain that, at that time in history, vested all power in the king, the nobles and parliament, the commoners had almost no rights.

Why not a true democracy? Because the men who founded this country were learned men who observed that true democracies have always failed. The reason they fail is called "The Tyranny of Democracy". Democracies are based purely on the whim of the majority (50% +1 voters). Once the majority discovers that by electing people who promise and deliver unbounded free benefits from the government people will continue to elect these people. These politicians have to promise even more "free stuff" to stay in power. Eventually, this apparent government generosity will generate an unsustainable financial burden on the system. When the system cannot provide promised benefits the people eventually revolt. Anarchy takes over and the government collapses from within. Recent events in Greece demonstrate this when the people rioted in the streets because the government could not give the masses promised

benefits. Had Germany not stepped in with loans- and promised reforms within the Government of Greece - Greece would have suffered a total collapse

Today, we find many politicians sharing the theology of 'socialism'. In their utopian world everyone on the planet should share in the prosperity of the successful. This utopian sounding idea seems perfect but, history has shown it is a fantasy. Socialism has proven disastrous as it has never been successfully implemented anywhere or at any time in history. Two of the first colonies in the Americas; Jamestown and Plymouth tried a socialistic experiment. Both were on the brink of total failure and starvation before they abandoned the concept and went to a more capitalistic form of governing. This transformation is exemplified at the Jamestown colony. Before John Smith (yes of Pocahontas fame) became the leader, the Colony was on the brink of starvation. John gave up on the idea of shared land and shared crops by allowing each settler to have their own plot of land. The shift from 'give what you have - take what you need' to 'if you don't work you don't eat' was dramatic. The colony flourished. They went from starvation's door to an abundance of crops that resulted in the Thanksgiving holiday that we have today.

In summary: A representative Republic, administered by elected officials who are noble people whose objective is to protect the freedoms of the people, not their own personal quest for power will endure. Democracies become tyrannies because of the lust for power by the politicians and greed of the individuals.

Beware of the "Trojan Horse" of free stuff for it hides the tyranny of socialism.

*This topic will be perused in more depth at the upcoming discussion on the Constitution to be held at the Republican Center in Covina. The time and date for this event is: 27 April starting at 12 Pm. All are invited. For more information call (626)331-0738.*

## Create Your Own Political Party and Look Like an Idiot Forever

When you register to vote, you can declare a party you are connected to. Democrat or Republican are most common. Freedom and Peace along Green Peace and so on. You can actually make up a party and the voting records will keep you on the history books. Recently reviewing some political information, you would not believe what some people will put down. Mind you, YOUR NAME will be attached to this forever and you never know who may be checking this out for your job promotion or ???

Here are a few of these "Legal Parties"... Afro American, American Communist Party, American Nazi Party, Anarchy, Arabic Party, Beer Party, Birth-



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

day Party, Black Panther, Black Power, Boston Tea Party, Cannabis Party, Clean Up The Beach Party, Common Sense Party, Communist Party, Coors Drinking Party, Demopublican Party, Drop Acid, Not Bombs Party, Domino's Pizza Party, Favorite

Candidate Party, Fun To Party, Harty Party, Heads 4 Heads Party, House Party, Human Race Party, Islamic Party, Jesse Jackson Party, Keg Party, Kkk Party, Larry Flynt Party, Me Party, Meth Party, Nazi Party, New Year's Party, Pajama Party, Pot Party, Rock N Roll Party, Sex Drugs Head And Tail Party, The Who Cares Party, The Wild Party, Third Party and there are so many more ridiculous party names out there.

It is kind of sad that people are making a joke out of the voting process when so many soldiers gave their lives so we could have the right to vote.

*"That's Just the Way It Is!"*

## "Time Jockey" - Founding Of Pasadena

By Joe Castillo

*The Original 27...* Every city has its beginnings and the City of Pasadena is no different. In 1874, the present boundaries of Pasadena were included within the grant of Rancho San Pasqual, a rancho which had come under the same financial distress as many of the Spanish-Mexican ranchos since the establishment of California as a state. And like many of the rancho their lands were subdivided and placed up for sale.

Rancho San Pasqual was divided into twenty-seven parcels which were placed for sale on January 27, 1874 when twenty-seven individuals met and selected their choice sites near the Pioneer Bridge location near Or-

ange Grove Boulevard and the 210 Freeway. The 27 individuals were named: Baker, Banbury, Barcus, Bennett, Berry, Bristol, Clapp, Croft, Dana, Eaton, Elliott, Fletcher, Gibson, Green, Holmes, Hutton, Leavitt, Lippencott, L.J. Lockhart, T.J. Lockhart, Matthews, Mundell, Porter, Strickland, Vawter, E.J. Vawter and Yarnell. These were the founders of Pasadena and their purchased parcels would eventually be subdivided again and again and again, bringing more land owners and residents into the city which would eventually become the "Jewel of the San Gabriel Valley".

As the city grew it developed a patriotic character supporting all branches of the military and any resident who chose to be-

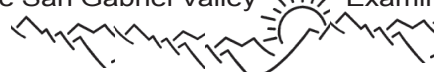
come involved in the military. After World War I, the city commissioned a bronze statue depicting various images of soldiers in action during the "Great War" and inscribed with the major battles of war including Saint Miheil, Meuse-Argonne, Oise-Aisne, Ypres and Lyes. Bertram Goodhue was the architect and Lee Lawrie was the sculptor of the 18-foot high circular monument which includes a flag pole rising from the base of the monument. It is inscribed with "In Proud Remembrance of Our Glorious Dead Monument". The monument stands near the location of where the founding fathers of Pasadena met to select parcels of land from the old Rancho San Pasqual grant and the

Pasadena Pioneer Bridge.

World War I brought about other monuments in other cities as well. In Los Angeles, before the Sunset Strip, the jazziest place in town was Broadway Avenue and its collection of theaters. In 1917, Sid Grauman commissioned architect Albert Martin to build a theater for the ground floor of what would become the Edison Building. The cost was exorbitant at \$1 million dollars but Grauman wanted a theater that would play to the top crowds of the growing film industry. Famed artist Joseph "Jo" Mora was brought in to sculpt images over the entire facade of the building. On February 1, 1918, the Million Dollar Theater opened to the bright lights with

stars Mary Pickford, Lillian Gish and Charlie Chaplin and the successful premier of "The Silent Man". The Million Dollar Theater would be the predecessor to Grauman's other two movie palaces, the Egyptian and the famous Chinese. The era of World War I brought about monuments of the brave soldiers and battles fought during the war as well as the expanding film and movie industry. Both types of monuments continue to stand today as a tribute to another time and era....

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# Money is Moving into Quality Dividend Stocks

Wall Street's concerns (and even fears) over a possible recession in Europe has been ignored by the raging bulls, who seem "hell bent" on taking the S&P 500 up and through major technical resistance. The driving force seems to be the notion that regardless of how dysfunctional the socialist European Union has been operating, the European Central Bank (ECB) would provide the juice necessary to rescue their already-failed economic model (with enough funds to advance the socialist democratic utopian society they envision).

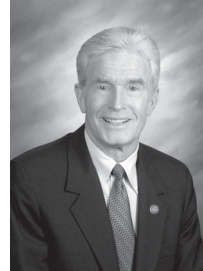
The euro-bulls seem to be "twisting in the wind". ECB President Mario Draghi provided (point blank) a 50% lower growth forecast (of only 1.1% from the 2.2% estimate laid out earlier in 2018). U.S. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell also dramatically changed his "we're a long way from normalizing rates" October statement to saying "the Fed will now leave rates unchanged for 2019".

This is an obvious departure from what was a robust forward economic outlook to one with the appearance of a man back-peddling at a breakneck pace. I find this kind of 180-degree pivot by those with their fingers on the pulse of the largest and most magnificent economy in the world transparently arrogant as well as concerning.

This is what happens when you let academics with no real-world private sector experience run the entire banking system. They are so out of touch with reality - relying instead on their textbook historical models - that they are blinded by backward-looking data. But when reality hits, as it did in the recent Fed policy statement, we witness a complete about face on Fed policy.

Every quarter-point increase in interest rates may take nine to 12 months to be fully absorbed into the economy. Under this assumption, the effects of the last four interest rate hikes have yet

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to be fully felt by the economy. Bear in mind that while China, Europe, and Japan have exhibited slower growth in GDP for the past year and a half, the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates nine times in the last three years.

We have heard about the effects of sky-high taxes on the EU economy and how that has affected Euro economic growth. The global 10-year sovereign bond yields are tumbling (lower). That means inflation is not a threat. Deflation on a global scale may be the 800-pound gorilla in the room. When one considers that central banks for the past decade have pumped more than \$12 trillion into the global financial system to counter the deepest financial crisis since the Great Depression, you'd think that inflation would be at least a talking point.

Instead, the big picture is eerily deflationary. The widely-followed Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index shows that the next big leg for commodities may be lower to challenge levels not seen since the first quarter of 2016. Wall Street is concerned and sensitive to negative telltale signs of exactly what big institutional clients are skeptical of, while recent data from Europe, Japan, and China support a case for a likely global recession.

I wish I could spin the evidence any other way, but based on the breakdown of trade negotiations with China, the delay and likelihood of a hard Brexit, the contraction of the export-reliant economy of Japan, and the rise of political insanity in the U.S.,

I'm of the view that investors should pivot hard into the relative safety of dividend-paying and growth-dividend strategies going forward for 2019.

Money already has been moving into quality dividend stocks. The world is awash in money - over \$12 trillion more than 10 years ago - and it has to go somewhere. When global bond yields are crashing to levels well below those of qualified dividend yields of blue-chip U.S. companies with pristine balance sheets, there is only one thing to do - buy the blue-chip dividends!

Ladies and gentlemen...the shift to relatively bullet-proof, all-weather, best-of-breed dividend stocks is underway. Yes, there are phenomenal growth stocks in the cloud, big data, 5G, media streaming, mobile e-commerce, and biotech/medical device spaces that offer outsized opportunities. There is a bull market somewhere in some 'stealth' company; but, it's my view that the previously smooth ride of 2019 is about to get much more volatile.

This volatility is part and parcel of a capitalist system, the system that is attacked daily by the likes of Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), and other soak-the-rich candidates. It's reported now that AOC's mother moved from New York to Florida because she didn't want to pay the eye-popping property tax on her home. I guess Bernie, AOC, and their friends haven't figured out that, on a global scale, when you were born in America, you've already hit the lottery. Hopefully the crazies will not be allowed an opportunity to screw that up for future generations!

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Tickets are available at [www.aNightAtTheMuseumGHS.eventbrite.com](http://www.aNightAtTheMuseumGHS.eventbrite.com).

# Your Money - Ask Julia

### Tax tips:

1. Income tax due date this year is Monday, April 15
2. There are a number of changes in the tax law that went into effect during 2018.
3. Keep in mind that filing an "Application for Extension to File" is NOT an extension to PAY. Make sure you pay as close to the actual amount due to avoid retroactive rejection and/or fines and penalties. If you have to pay by credit card, use one that gives you points as you pay it off. Look into transferring that amount to a low, or zero interest credit card. Then, aggressively pay off that credit card and start a savings account for next year's taxes.

**Are there any exceptions to taking money from my tax-deferred retirement account before I'm 59 1/2 without having to pay that 10% federal income tax penalty?**

Although you will have to pay taxes on money taken from your tax-deferred retirement account, there are exceptions that negate the 10% penalty. If it's an employee-sponsored plan, you might be able to access funds if: you borrow some, you become disabled, you get substantially equal payments, you leave that employer, you need funds for medical care, you obtain a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or, you die (your beneficiary receives taxable funds). If your tax-deferred retirement account is an IRA, you might be able to access funds if: you become disabled, you get substantially equal payments, you have un-reimbursed medical expenses in excess of



**Julia Yoder**

10 percent of your adjusted gross income, for health insurance premiums if you are unemployed, or if you die (again, your beneficiary receives taxable funds).

**My husband and I have to choose between saving for retirement and having life insurance because we cannot afford both. What do you suggest?**

Insurance companies are offering life insurance policies with cash-value accumulation potential that can be used while you are living! The tax advantages are incredible, too.

**How are Social Security benefits calculated, and is it better to start collecting at the youngest retirement age, or wait?**

Your 35 highest-paid years in the workforce are used to calculate your Social Security benefits. There could be as much as an 8-percent annual increase in the amount you could receive for each year that you wait, up to age 70. Some take their chances that they will live long beyond what the chart for their life expectancy indicates, so they choose to start collecting earlier. There is

a different set of rules for divorcees who are using their ex's income history to qualify for Social Security benefits.

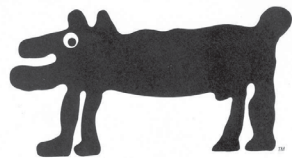
**We really want to buy a house, but it's going to take us years to save up for a 20-percent down payment. Do you have any suggestions?**

It will come as a surprise to over half of the people wanting to pursue the American Dream of homeownership to learn that you do not need 20-percent down to buy a house. There are so many loan programs available, and so many rates, and so many rules about use of gifted money. Then there's mortgage insurance and lender-paid mortgage insurance, impounds (aka escrow account), and conventional loan limits for each county in each state. Banks offer a limited selection; mortgage brokers and loan originators/loan officers offer a much larger selection. Before you start looking for a home, make sure you are pre-approved. Let me know if you need a free referral to a couple of mortgage brokers in your area.

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

## The Life Of A Car Battery

The two main reasons for shortened battery life are:

- Excessive heat - Heat causes battery fluid to evaporate, damaging the internal structure of the battery.
- Overcharging - A malfunctioning component in the charging system, usually the voltage regulator, allows too high a charging rate, resulting in a slow battery death.

To get the most out of your battery:

- Have your battery and its connections checked at every oil change
- Be sure the electrical system is charging at the correct rate. Overcharging can damage a battery as quickly as undercharging.
- Always have the battery replaced with one that's rated at least as high as the one originally specified.
- Keep the top of the battery clean. Dirt becomes a conductor, which drains battery power. Further, as corrosion accumu-

lates on battery terminals it becomes an insulator, inhibiting current flow.

Batteries do not always give warning signs before they fail. If your battery is more than three years old, it is probably wise to have it replaced.

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## How Are You Going To Celebrate Earth Day?

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans gathered in the streets, in parks and in auditoriums around the country in support of a healthy, sustainable environment. By the end of that year, the first Earth Day had led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This year, the EPA is hoping that same number of Americans will make a

difference—by pledging to choose ENERGY STAR certified products. Products that earn the ENERGY STAR label—everything from appliances and electronics to LED lighting, smart thermostats and air conditioners—are independently certified to save energy and reduce emissions of the greenhouse gases associated with climate change.

ENERGY STAR certified products not only help protect the climate, they help lower energy bills. According to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, a typical household spends about \$2,000 a year on energy. A home outfitted with products that have earned the ENERGY STAR can save 30 percent, or about \$575 a year. Over their lifetime, these products can save the average homeowner about \$8,750 on utility bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 77,000 pounds of carbon dioxide.

For more information about the ENERGY STAR pledge, visit [www.energystar.gov/earthday](http://www.energystar.gov/earthday). (NAPSI)

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## ARCADIA Annual Bookmark Contest at Library

Every spring children ages 3 to 14 can enter the Arcadia Public Library's annual Bookmark Contest. The winning design will be part of this year's Summer @ Your Library program. Is your child a budding artist? Pick up an entry form from the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room at Arcadia Public Library: all entries are due before 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. For more information, please call 626.821.5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library). The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

## Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our April 18 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. A favorite, Peter T. Lin is presenting a program on Spectacular Orchid Specimen Plants. Refreshments. All welcome!

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We will be heading to The Flower Fields in Carlsbad California on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 9:00 am -5:00 pm. The Flower Fields is a spectacular event that bursts into a rainbow of color every spring. Enjoy 50-acres of beautiful ranunculus flowers that cover a hillside overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Navigate through the pathways of a sweet pea maze and spend some time on a tractor-pulled wagon ride (included with admission). Musical guest Swingerly will be playing all your favorite Jazz standards in many styles. Gypsy Jazz, Swing Jazz, Traditional Jazz, and more! There is a picnic area for you to enjoy if you decide to bring your own lunch. We will also be heading to the Carlsbad Premium Outlets, which features 90 stores in an attractive outdoor village setting. Limited Tickets! Meals not included. Tickets are \$40 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$45 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

## COVINA

### Easter Eggstraganza

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department - Senior Services Division is holding Easter Eggstraganza at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Tuesday, April 16, from 11-11:45 a.m. (Egg Hunt) and 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. (Lunch). Nominal suggested \$3 donation for lunch through Nutrition Program. For more information or to register, call (626) 384-5380.

### BUNCO!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior

Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## DUARTE

### Woman's Club Spaghetti Dinner

The Duarte Woman's Club's Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held on April 26, 6-8 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge #1427, 2436 Huntington Drive, Duarte. Door prizes, raffles, and entertainment will add to the festivities. All profits support the Club's philanthropic projects including scholarships for local high school seniors. Tickets are \$15, children up to 10 years, \$6. To reserve your plate-a-pasta, call (626) 358-7028 or (626) 358-3718.

### Meals on Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

### 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.

## GLENDORA

### Benefit For The Glendora Museum

GLENDORA - Come together and celebrate Glendora's rich history! Join us for an evening of history, music, cocktails, and dinner. Help to preserve the collections of our region. Your support will aid the Society to continue its stewardship of our history. The museum is one of the city's landmark structures and provides a valuable community and educational resource. *A Night At The Museum* will be on Saturday, April 13, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Glendora City Museum, 314 N Glendora Ave, Glendora. Tickets are available at [www.aNightatTheMuseum-GHS.eventbrite.com](http://www.aNightatTheMuseum-GHS.eventbrite.com)

### 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. For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is Wednesdays 8:30 a.m - 12:00 pm.

### 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 contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or email at [jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us](mailto:jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us).

## LA VERNE

### Easter Egg Hunt

The La Verne Rotary Club and the La Verne Community Services Department Co-Sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt for children 1 to 12 years old. Participants may gather eggs, candy, and prizes. Bring your own baskets to collect the eggs.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20, 10:00am at Las Flores Park, 3175 Bolling Avenue and Emerald Park, corner of Genesee and Chelsea.

### 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 Commu-

nity 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

## 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

### 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 Holidays.

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# San Gabriel Unified Receives National Recognition for Increased Access to Music Education



Gabrielino High's Pep Band performs for SGUSD staff during a professional development day. San Gabriel Unified's music programs were awarded the Best Communities for Music Education designation by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.

**SAN GABRIEL** – San Gabriel Unified's efforts to provide high-quality arts and music instruction at all educational levels have been recognized with a Best Communities for Music Education designation, an award given to just 18 school districts in the state and 623 districts nationwide.

The designation, given by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation, celebrates school districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

"Music education – as well as the greater arts field – is important because it is a vehicle through which students can express themselves," Jefferson Middle School orchestra director Esther Minwary said. "Music making is a way for the students to simultaneously explore the emotional, physical, and intellectual worlds that they want and need in their growth process."

San Gabriel Unified provides a TK-12 pipeline of music instruction, beginning with foundational music lessons in elementary school, choral and band electives in middle school and 12 music, vocal and theater electives in high school.

The District has expanded elementary music programs over the last year, hiring a second full-time instructor and ensuring every elementary school provides K-5 lessons.

The District is also home to the TK-5 Music Immersion Experience (MIE) program – a two-time NAMM SupportMusic Merit Award recipient – which enhances student learning and achievement through music education.

Housed at Roosevelt Elementary, MIE offers all students daily fundamental music lessons; second- through fifth-graders can also sign up for three elective courses that meet one to three times a week.

"I am very proud of every

single San Gabriel Unified educator who brings music and joy to our students' lives," SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. "Their dedication to their craft and hard work with all of our students changes lives for the better. Congratulations to our outstanding staff on this well-deserved honor!"

# West Covina's New Interim City Manager

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - The West Covina City Council selected former La Puente city manager David Carmany as interim City Manager until they find a permanent City Manager.

With the council voting 3-2, with Mayor Lloyd Johnson and Councilwoman Jessica Shewmaker not supporting Carmany for the city's interim city manager job during a regular City Council Meeting. Johnson felt that during the interview process there were some evasive answers to some of the questions. Johnson also had interest in some other candidates as well. There was no indication why Shewmaker did not support Carmany and voted against the appointment.

Carmany produced his own press release and had asked if Mayor Lloyd Johnson's name be put into the blank area where a name would go praising the new City Manager. Johnson refused to allow that because he voted against the appointment and suggested that Tony Wu's name be used since he supported and voted for Carmany. However, Johnson said he would work with Carmany without question and would have his support during his time with the city.

Carmany indicated that he is ready to take on the challenge to



West Covina's Interim City Manager David Carmany

keep West Covina on track. He wants to have a balanced budget by July 1.

In the press release it stated that Mayor Pro Tem Tony Wu praised Carmany's 30 years leading city governments and "track record of identifying common-sense solutions to the high-profile problems facing public agencies."

Although Carmany seems to have good credentials and experience, he does carry some baggage. He was a subject of a lawsuit where there was a \$1.5 million law suit which was settled out of court. While serving in Manhattan Beach as their City Manager, a former Manhattan Beach employee sued the city. Patricia Schilling, who served as the administrative assistant to the city manager for seven years, claims in a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court that former City Manager David Carmany forced her to alter figures in staff reports, shred documents and falsify financial disclosure forms, and would often stand behind her desk and stare down her blouse,

all the while harassing her to the point of triggering a stress-related heart condition according to the lawsuit filed in 2014. She alleged she was harassed by its former top administrator and fired in retaliation for reporting misconduct.

In 2013, David Carmany was fired by Manhattan Beach for alleged sexual misconduct, misusing funds and intimidating behavior within the City Hall, according to reports.

Carmany was previously fired as city manager in Pacifica in 2003 "for cause" - but exactly what that cause was is unclear.

The council is looking forward to working with the new city manager and hopes that he will be able to give some direction for some solutions to some of the city's problems. The financially strapped city is looking for ways to save money without raising taxes.

His past experience with other cities should be a plus for the city while he is serving as the city manager.

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# Auto Club of Southern California and Seidner's Collision Center's Benevolent Rides

**DUARTE** - Seidner's Collision Centers and the Auto Club of Southern California will present a 2013 Toyota Prius to a local family on Friday April 12th, at Seidner's Collision Center - Duarte located at 1000 Evergreen St., Duarte.

This will be the ninth vehicle gifted to a family, many of whom are military veterans, since 2013. The Auto Club of Southern California donates the vehicle, Seidner's Collision Centers

make any needed repairs, and the title and keys are handed to the recipient. This doesn't take place without the generosity of the Auto Club and the hard work of the highly skilled technicians at Seidner's Collision Centers.

The recipient for this vehicle is James Whitaker a 27-year-old, recently married, Marine Veteran and Citrus College Student. Although James and his wife have some challenging times, they are always willing to volunteer as needed. James volunteers for the Veterans Success Center at Citrus College to help other veterans with disabilities. "James is a friendly face at the center, he enjoys lending a listening ear and talking to other vets in between his course work at Citrus." Says Maria Cruz, Veterans Success Center at Citrus College Director.

James and his wife, Sarah, are a new family trying to make a new start. Sarah works with special needs children at Cooperative Nursery School in South Pasadena. James is working on his Business Associate degree with aspirations of becoming an accountant. James uses public transportation to and from school. He has a challenging time finding employment due to his lack of reliable transportation so financially they are having a difficult time. In their free time James and Sarah volunteer at animal rescue shelters and help lost animals find a new home.

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## Professor Reaches Speaking Milestone

**SAN DIMAS** – A professor received an award from a local Toastmasters Club for his presentation mastery.

Jon Phillips, a Cal Poly Pomona professor, was presented with a certificate at the April 4 meeting of the “Toast to the Best” Toastmasters Club 5880 for completing Level III in his “Pathway.” The Toastmasters’ curriculum is divided into different

“Pathways” or tracks that develop certain skills; Phillips’ track is presentation mastery.

Phillips also was named the best table topics speaker at the meeting. The table topics section challenges participants to give short, impromptu speeches in response to questions.

Rich Watson, the club president, was named the best speaker of the meeting for his speech on “Wildfire Smoke.” The presentation was a rehearsal for his participating in the Toastmasters’ Division A speech contest on April 6.

Strategic Business Storytelling Workshop

Club member Peter Romero is holding a “Strategic Business Storytelling Workshop” on Wednesday, May 1, that is open to business owners, marketers, nonprofit leaders, entrepreneurs, and sales teams.

Romero will teach about why storytelling is used and how it works. The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 504 E. Route 66, Glendora.

The cost to attend is \$125. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.peterome.com>.

“Toast to the Best” is open to all who are interested in improving their public speaking or leadership skills. The Toastmaster club meets at 7 p.m., every first, third, and fifth Thursdays in the Parish Hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 505 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas.

For more information, visit <https://5880.toastmastersclubs.org/>, email [info@toasttothebest.org](mailto:info@toasttothebest.org), or call 951-505-0555.

## Striking Out on Your Own Freelancing 101

**ARCADIA** - Arcadia Public Library is hosting a workshop for adults who are curious about starting their own freelance business on Thursday, April 18, from 7 to 8:30 pm. This free workshop will cover establishing a niche program, preparing for the transition, and creating a business structure, security and a sense of community. No registration is required.

For more information, please call 626.821.5569 or visit the Arcadia Public Library’s website at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library). The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

## Glendora Genealogy Meeting

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, April 23 at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Pat Chavarria leads a refresher class on genealogy at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by the program: “Indigenous People of the Northwestern Mexico” by John Schmal. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.



Jon Phillips, left, receives a certificate recognizing that he has reached level III in the Toastmasters’ presentation mastery Pathway. Presenting the certificate is Art Douglas, vice president of education for “Toast to the Best” Toastmasters Club 5880 in San Dimas.



Jon Phillips, left, and Rich Watson were the best table topics speaker and best speaker respectively at the April 4 meeting of “Toast to the Best” Toastmasters Club 5880 in San Dimas.

## West Covina Police Dept. Update on William Mack and His Trip Home

By George Ogden/WCPD

**WEST COVINA** - There have been some inquiries about a recent story in the SGV Examiner, about two West Covina Police Officers finding a homeless man who is a veteran and, in a wheelchair, because he lost his legs. Officers Jeff Mosley and Dave Sifling encountered a homeless person, William Mack, curled up in front of a store at The Heights in West Covina. He was sleeping in a sleeping bag next to his wheelchair. He had lost his legs because of an infection.

The officers seeing the veteran was in need of help, got him coffee and something to eat. They listened to his sad story and found out that he had family in Florida. He had not been in contact with his family for some time. The officers made an effort to contact the family and they were successful. They wanted their family member to come back home to be with them. The story doesn't end there...

William Mack was provided transportation to LAX for his long-awaited flight home to Florida. Alfredo Macias and Jose Gutierrez from LASHA (Homeless Outreach) along with Officer Sifling and Officer Mosley assisting with this pro-



William Mack at LAX waiting for his flight with the officers who helped him get back with his family.

cess. The West Covina Police Officers Association members also pulled together to pay for William's flight to reunite with his mother and brother. This was a great team effort and success for all those involved. The officers received word that

### Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to [SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com). Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.

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