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Monrovia Unified Robotics Teams Advance to World Championships in Houston

MONROVIA – Two Monrovia Unified teams from Monrovia High School and Clifton Middle School are advancing to the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) World Championships in Houston, Texas after overcoming adversity in head-to-head challenges at the Regional Championships at Monrovia High School on March 9.

After a series of all-day competitions, the Kings and Queens from Monrovia High and the Hippy Bots from Clifton formed an alliance with a third team and went on to win the tournament championship. This will be the third trip to the World Competition for the Kings and Queens and the first trip for the Hippy Bots.

A total of 320 teams are advancing to the worlds; of those, only 148 qualify for their performance on the field.

"Having two teams qualify from the same city is special and impressive, especially con-

sidering one is a middle school," Clifton Middle School robotics program coordinator Paul Flores said. "Success does not just happen – it takes innovation, critical thinking and an uncommon commitment to achieving excellence. Each team was able to fix or adapt to the obstacles they faced to ultimately win the championship."

Three other teams from Monrovia High competed at the Regional Competition, including Graveyard Shift, Team Loki, and the Suitbots, gaining invaluable experience and honing their skills.

"Success in robotics should not be measured by how far the robot advances in its competitions, but by what happens inside the team and inside the student," MHS robotics program coordinator Tom Dobson said. "It is in the things that are learned, relationships that are built, and the experiences that are had."



Monrovia High School's Kings and Queens team is advancing to the World Championships in Houston, Texas in April. Clifton Middle School's Hippy Bots (front row) are advancing to their first-ever World Championships after their win at the Robotics Regional Competition at Monrovia High School.

El Monte Women's Club Awards Music Scholarships



Front row (L-R): Helen Tsui, Marciel Perez, Evelyn Guzman, Carlos Antuna; Back row: El Monte Women's Club Music Scholarship Chairman Rita Cruz, El Monte High School Art Director Joel Whisler

EL MONTE - El Monte High School senior Carlos Antuna has just won his second Women's Club scholarship while competing in the classical instrumental category both locally and at district level.

In January, Mr. Antuna won a \$100 scholarship from the El Monte Women's Club in the classical instrumental category by playing "La Menor" on his favorite instrument, the nylon string guitar.

At this competition, three other El Monte High School seniors won scholarships of \$100 each: Helen Tsui competing in the pop vocal category, Evelyn Guzman competing in the pop instrumental category on alto saxophone, and Marciel Perez in the classical vocal category.

"Our students are a force to be dealt with in the San Gabriel Valley, and we plan to make the music scholarship competition a yearly event. We hope that

more principals and music directors in the El Monte Union High School District will share this opportunity with their students and that even more students will participate next year," said El Monte Women's Club Music Scholarship Chairman Rita Cruz.

The music competition is open to EMUHS graduating seniors who plan to continue in a musical career, and each student was recommended by his or her school music department head or music teacher.

All four local winners proceeded to the next level of competition on March 8, 2019. Here El Monte High School's Carlos Antuna won a \$500 scholarship from the San Gabriel Valley District of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women's clubs within the District work to enhance the communities in which the members live as well as the San Gabriel Valley as a whole. They are part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, International, the oldest volunteer organization in the country. Congratulations to our San

Gabriel Valley District winner Carlos Antuna and our Club winners Helen Tsui, Evelyn Guzman, and Marciel Perez! El Monte Women's Club is proud to support and showcase our talented and hard-working students.

El Monte Women's Club is a friendly, caring group of women of diverse ages that are dedicated to enriching the quality of life of their community. The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, March 26, at 11:00 am, in the Grace T. Black Auditorium, part of the El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Avenue in El Monte.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. You can bring a friend along or just come and meet your future friends! You can choose to be as actively involved as you like, based on your time and interests.

To learn more about El Monte Women's Club, contact Jackie via email at msbigdreamss@gmail.com or visit them online at www.elmontewomensclub.org and www.facebook.com/emwomensclub.

Kiwaniannes To Sponsor Community Tea



Members of the Glendora Kiwaniannes (left to right, front) Joan Butterfield, Tricia Gomer, Pam Richards, (back) Gege Parry and Pat Rasmussen practice their tea pouring skills in preparation for the Community Tea to be held on Saturday, April 27, at 11:30 a.m. at Sellers Cafeteria.

GLENDORA - The Glendora Kiwaniannes will sponsor the annual Community Tea on Saturday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sellers Elementary School Cafeteria. Tickets are now on sale for \$25 by calling (626)712-0962 or online at www.glendorakiwaniannes.org.

Participants will enjoy a traditional English tea luncheon and will sit at themed tables decorated by members of the club and community nonprofits such as

the Glendora Historical Society, Corral 35, the Citrus College Alumni Association, Glendora Woman's Club, and special tables decorated by Connie Andrews. Proceeds from the event help fund the club's Artist in Residence grants to teachers at the local school districts.

"This a wonderful celebratory event that raises funds to help bring the arts into the classroom," said Kandy Nunn, president of the Glendora Kiwaniannes. "Teach-

ers do marvelous things with the grants funded by this tea."

Sponsors for this year's event include: Andrews Clothier, Rose Wentz State Farm, Davis and Deal Accountants, Campus Cuts, Dan Derby Insurance, and Classic Coffee.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and no tickets will be sold at the door. Community nonprofits wishing to decorate a table should call 626 290-8192 for more information.

Duarte Woman's Club Annual Tea



DUARTE - Tea, goodies, new friends, members and prospective members enjoyed a friendly gathering at the Duarte Woman's Club Annual Tea

held March 24 at the Duarte Historical Museum. Women over the age of 18 are invited to join the Club which meets a 7 p.m. on the first Thursday

of each month October through June. Generally at the Duarte Community Center. For more information call Jean Glass at (626) 358-3718.

Upcoming Event?
Let us know at SGExaminer@aol.com

Hobbies That May Make You Money



You can get paid to talk and blog about your favorite pastime, whether it's video games or just about anything else.

In the gig economy, many people take hobbies such as playing video games, travel or food and turn them into very lucrative side hustles.

For example, the eSports market started as a community of online gamers and is now estimated to be a \$1 billion industry with investors including ESPN and YouTube.

Four Steps Toward Fun And Profit

So how do you take your passion and turn it into cash? Here are four tips to see if you can turn your hobby into a generous source of income.

- Search Popularity—It's important to know how popular your hobby is to assess whether

there's moneymaking potential. One way to gauge popularity is by looking at whether people are searching for it on Google. A free online tool, Wordtracker, can help you look at how many people are searching your hobby and items similar to your hobby. For example, if you search "food," it shows that approximately 7.4 million monthly searches are done on food. This is definitely a passion you should explore to make money.

- Explore Social Fandom—Another way to determine whether your hobby can be a moneymaker is to look at communities on such social networks as Facebook, Twitter,

Instagram and LinkedIn. You can search #food, #travel and so on or look for groups related to your hobby. See how many members or followers these top groups or most popular handles have to determine your potential fan base.

- Test Your Concept—Once you're certain there's interest, it's time to test the market and see what sells. It's quite easy to start your own eCommerce website or blog using platforms such as WooCommerce or WordPress. And if you're not very tech savvy, that's OK. There are companies such as Liquid Web that can fully manage and host your website or blog so you don't have to worry about security or the site going down.

- Finally, Share Your Website—Let it be seen by those superfans you find on social media and your fellow hobbyists. Make it fun and enjoyable. Set goals each month and see how you do. Try new ideas, attend events, and talk about your website with everyone you meet.

And that's how you can enjoy turning your hobby into cash. (NAPSI)

Major Changes Headed To A Product Label Near You

If you're like 90 percent of shoppers, you consult the Nutrition Facts panel on food packages before you buy. To make it easier to make informed food choices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has developed a new Nutrition Facts label. Here are the seven major new features:

1. Increased print size for "Calories."

Calorie counts will be easier to see.

2. Inclusion of "Added Sugars."

The FDA currently defines added sugars as "sugars that are either added during the processing of foods, or are packaged as such, and include sugars (free, mono- and disaccharides), sugars from syrups and honey, and sugars from concentrated fruit or vegetable juices that are in excess of what would be expected from the same volume of 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice of the same type." Sugar alcohols, or polyols, provide sweetness but aren't counted as "added sugars" because they're not sugar. These low-digestible carbohydrates can replace sugar as a lower-calorie alternative. Common polyols include erythritol, maltitol, sorbitol, mannitol, xylitol, lactitol, isomalt and hydrogenated starch hydrolysates.

3. Changing "Sugars" to "Total Sugars."



New food labels are easier to understand and may promote healthy eating.

Sugar can be present in healthy foods. This change can help consumers understand the amount of sugar the product contains from any source.

4. Removal of "Calories from Total Fat."

Research shows the type of fat (for example, polyunsaturated) is more important than the total calories from fat. Labels still include "Total Fat," "Saturated Fat" and "Trans Fat."

5. Increased print size for "Serving Size" and "Servings per Package/Container."

Portion control remains a problem for many. Increased visibility of recommended serving sizes can help people make better, more accurate decisions.

6. The amounts of vitamin D and potassium are now required, instead of vitamins A and C.

Based on research from the Institute of Medicine, the new labels will include this information to increase visibility of vitamin D and potassium requirements. Though voluntary, similar information for vitamins A and C may still be included.

7. Revision of "Percent Daily Value" Footnote.

The new language will specifically state: "The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice." Experts at the Calorie Control Council, a nonprofit association that seeks to provide objective, science-based communications about low-calorie foods and beverages, suggest that this revision may help clarify the meaning of "Daily Value". (NAPSI)

El Monte Union Science Olympiad Team Advances to State Final

2019 appearance marks fifth for Rosemead High School



Rosemead High School's Science Olympiad team will compete in the Southern California State Science Olympiad Tournament on April 6 at Caltech.

EL MONTE – Rosemead High School's Science Olympiad team will compete against some of the top math and science student experts in the region when it makes a return appearance at the Southern California State Science Olympiad Tournament on April 6 at Caltech.

The Rosemead Panther squad scored an impressive fourth-place finish among the nearly 30 teams that competed in the Los Angeles County Science Olympiad Regional competition on Jan. 26. The team previously appeared in the state final in 2016. This will mark

Rosemead High's fifth appearance since 2008.

"Our students have been preparing for the Olympiad since last summer, selecting the events they wanted to learn about and studying vigorously," Rosemead High Science Chair and team adviser Thomas Van Winkle said. "This team has been so dedicated to returning to the state finals, they spent a good deal of winter break working together. I am so proud of what they have accomplished so far."

Every member of the Panther team was awarded medals after placing in the top six

in at least one of the 23 events held.

Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events involving science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines such as anatomy, chemistry, water quality and solar systems.

The state competition will feature exams, laboratory testing and design challenges like Wright Stuff, in which students construct and launch a rubber band-propelled airplane and try to keep it airborne for as long as possible.

Super Bloom After the Rains

By Jayam Rutnam

LAKE ELSINORE - What is known as "Super Bloom" has arrived in Lake Elsinore, caused by the heavy rainfall, where people are flocking to get a glimpse of a beautiful phenomenon caused by nature.

Poppies and other wildflowers are in abundance and have carpeted the hills and valleys of Lake Elsinore. The Super Bloom is not without problems. The sightseers and nature lovers have become a nuisance, causing traffic jams.

There are many other areas that create Super Blooms after a heavy rainfall season. One is in Joshua Tree, where the cactus flowers bloom. These Super Blooms only last for two weeks.



Samantha D. and daughter Belle D. on a "selfie" picture perfect day in Lake Elsinore last week. They are surrounded by wild poppies.

Spring Soiree at Gilb Museum

ARCADIA - The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage will be open for a special after-hours event on two upcoming Saturdays, **April 6 and May 25**, from 6 to 9 pm. Come enjoy wine and cheese, fine art and live acoustic music! This event will feature the Museum's current exhibit of vibrant paintings, "A Glimpse into the Colors of India: Artwork of Kruti Shah." This is an adult program: proof of age required for wine service and there is a two-drink minimum.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at www.ArcadiaCa.gov/museum.



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City Of West Covina In Partnership With West Covina Kiwanis Host Easter Eggstravaganza

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina and West Covina Kiwanis expect hundreds of children and their families to turn out for the annual egg hunt festivities on Saturday, April 13. To accommodate the growing popularity of the event, this year's Easter Eggstravaganza will once again be held at two locations simultaneously. There will be appearances by the Easter Bunny at both parks throughout the morning between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.:

- ♦ Del Norte Park, 1500 West Rowland Avenue, West Covina
- ♦ Cortez Park, 2441 East Cortez Street, West Covina

The Easter Eggstravaganza is a free event featuring egg hunts for children of all ages. The first egg hunt at both locations will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 1 - 2 years old. One parent per

child will be permitted to enter the hunt area.

The second egg hunt will follow at approximately 10:20 a.m. and will have separate hunt areas for ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12-year olds. No parents will be allowed to enter the hunt area for age groups 3-12 years old. In addition, ten lucky children will find "Special Eggs" to win a grand prize gift basket.

In addition to the egg hunt, the Easter Eggstravaganza will also feature arts and crafts, pony rides, petting zoo and a picture booth! Be sure to arrive on time to enjoy all the event has to offer!

For more information, you may contact the Public Services Department at (626) 939-8430 or visit our website at www.westcovina.org

4th Annual Disability Athletics Fair

WALNUT - On April 6, the 4th Annual Disability Athletics Faire will once again take place at MT San Antonio College with over 300 attendees. This event is an all-inclusive athletic event for people with disabilities and seniors. Dennis Powell, former Los Angeles Dodger, will be present to speak at the opening ceremonies.

There will be over 13 different activities including, Rock Wall Climbing, Kayaking, Martial Arts, Yoga, Golf, Tennis, Pickleball, Bocce Ball, and Hockey – sponsored by our Ontario Reign hockey street

team and many other organizations. Home Depot will also be hosting a workshop on building boats. This event is held at no cost to our participants. There will be two food trucks on site and food will be available for purchase for all attendees.

For the past three years, the number of participants has increased with over 300 athletes participating in 2018. We expect our numbers to grow again this year and we look forward to having you help spread the word about our event.

Glendora Police Department Challenges Drivers To ‘Silence’ The Distraction

GLENDORA - April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the Glendora Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies statewide stopping drivers who violate California's hands-free cell phone law. On April 4 and April 19, which are statewide enforcement dates, the Glendora Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking specifically for drivers on their phones.

Distracted driving is dangerous, especially when it involves a cell phone. According to preliminary data from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), 66 people were killed and more than 6,500 injured in 2017 from distracted driving-related crashes. A 2018 observational survey by the

California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) on driver cell phone use found about 4.5% of drivers are still using their cell phone illegally, a nearly 27% increase from 2016.

"Cell phones remain one of the top distractions for drivers," said the Glendora Police Department Traffic Bureau Corporal, Nancy Miranda. "Like any bad habit, it can be hard to break, but this habit can have life-altering consequences."

"That text or phone call will never be worth losing a life over, that is why curbing distracted driving is high on our priority list," stated Corporal Miranda.

Under the most recent cell phone law that went into effect in 2017, drivers are prohibited from having a phone in their hand

for any reason and can only use their phone in a hands-free manner. The phones must be mounted on the dashboard, windshield or center console, and can only be touched once with the swipe or tap of a finger to activate or deactivate a function. First-time offenders face a \$162 fine.

If you need to make a call or text someone, pull over and park at a safe location. Struggling to stay off the phone while driving? Put your phone in a place you can't reach, like the backseat or trunk.

Funding for distracted driving enforcement operations are provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Senate Committees Approve Four Bills Authored by Senator Ling Ling Chang

SACRAMENTO - Four bills authored by Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) have passed out of committee with unanimous approval. These bills would combat human trafficking, support veterans and pet owners, and preserve open space. "I'm grateful the committees understood the importance of these bills in addressing critical needs in our communities," said Senator Chang. "This not only sends a clear message that human trafficking will not be tolerated, but also allows us to support veterans who have bravely fought for our country."

Senate Bill 35 convenes the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery (CA

ACTS) Task Force and commissions a comprehensive study of trafficking in California. SB 35 has received support from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Human Trafficking (CAST).

Senate Bill 64 requires animal shelters to microchip dogs and cats that are adopted or claimed by a pet owner. Microchipping pets with owner's information will reunite pets with owners, significantly reduce the number of euthanized pets, and save taxpayer dollars. This bipartisan bill has received support from dozens of organizations, including Social Compassion in Legislation.

Senate Bill 245 calls on animal shelters to waive pet adop-

tion fees for military veterans. California is home to 2 million military veterans, including many who struggle to cope with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and could benefit from an animal companion. SB 245 has received support from the California Association of Veterans Service Agencies.

Senate Bill 404 requests the California Department of Parks and Recreation to seek opportunities for acquiring land to expand open space for Chino Hills State Park. This bill has received support from Hills for Everyone.

For more information on these and other bills authored by Senator Chang, visit www.senate.ca.gov/chang.

Baldwin Park Holds State Of The City Address –Focusing On Progress And Housing Initiatives

BALDWIN PARK – On Friday April 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. the City of Baldwin Park will hold its "State of the City" address at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center (4640 N. Maine Avenue, Baldwin Park).

The Mayor of Baldwin Park, the Honorable Manuel Lozano, will deliver the address focusing on the progress of the city thus far and the new direction the city will embark on which includes various housing initiatives.

The city council will be introduced including newly elected council members Paul C. Hernandez and Alejandra Avila. In addition, the Mayor will announce Baldwin Park's Mayor Pro Tem, the Honorable Monica Garcia.

The City has embarked in various projects and initiatives in transportation, community and economic development and safety including the Open Streets initiative, the Trolley Commuter

Express Line and the PRIDE platoon program.

Through out the city and county access to housing has become increasingly challenging. The Mayor will discuss efforts to bring forth new housing opportunities. These housing initiatives include:

- Partnership with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate existing housing.
- Baldwin Park Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher rental subsidies program.
- New private housing developments delivering over 60 new units including single family homes.

- HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) activities totaling over one million dollars.
- Implementation of homelessness plan funded in part by Los Angeles County

Mayor Manuel Lozano stated, "Our City is moving in the right

direction and it's a new day. We have been welcoming to new businesses, providing employment opportunities, home repair grants, providing new housing opportunities such as the "Palmera" townhomes development and fostering solutions for our homeless population."

Economic and Community development is also at the forefront. One of the largest employers in Baldwin Park, Kaiser Permanente, broke ground on new construction. "We are excited about the future facilities at Kaiser Permanente," said Shannon Yauchzee, Chief Executive Officer.

The State of the City will also be attended by Congressman Grace Napolitano who will be presenting Congressional Recognition of Excellence Awards for the Metro Village housing project adjacent to City Hall and the PRIDE Platoon program.

West Covina Unified Establishes TK-12 International Baccalaureate Continuum

WEST COVINA – Students throughout the San Gabriel Valley can pursue a rigorous, globally focused education pathway from transitional kindergarten through 12th grade through a newly established International Baccalaureate (IB) Continuum at West Covina Unified, a state-certified district of choice.

IB Diplomas can lead to advanced college standing, course credit, scholarships and other admissions benefits at many of the world's most prestigious colleges and universities. In 2018, 95 percent of West Covina's IB Diploma candidates earned the IB Diploma. All of Edgewood's 2018 Diploma Programme candidates were accepted into four-year universities, including UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine and Cal Poly Pomona.

"We are proud to establish one of the only public-school IB Continuums in California and provide excellence in education and citizenship," Edgewood Schools Principal Dr. Roni Maddox said. "IB cultivates engaged, lifelong learners – students are taught how to think, not what to think, and how to apply real-world contexts to their education."

A Primary Years Programme at West Covina's Orangewood Elementary School challenges students through an inquiry-led, transdisciplinary framework that explores local and global issues across five subjects. Students can advance to the fully inclusive Edgewood Schools, which instructs all middle and high school students through the Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme.

The Continuum also ensures students receive language extension in middle school and high school, allowing them to build on foundational language and literacy skills developed in Orange-wood's Spanish and Mandarin Dual Language Immersion programs.

"The IB Continuum is an exciting new aspect of our comprehensive, rigorous educational offerings available at West Covina Unified," WCUSD Board President Daniel C. Monarrez said. "We are thrilled to provide another opportunity for students to explore and develop their strengths at all levels of instruction."

Enrollment for the 2019-20 year is now open. To begin the enrollment process, visit the District enrollment page.



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State Water Board Violates CEQA Despicable Me

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Interior (DOI) have filed civil actions in state and federal courts against the California State Water Resources Control Board (WRC) for failing to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Department of Water Resources and its board are responsible for the state's water resources since the State Water Project was built in the 1950s by Gov. Pat Brown.

The charges in the DOJ letter, state DWR deliberately hid the impacts of their plan for the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary and made it difficult or impossible for the Department of Interior to effectively operate the New Melones Dam and fulfill their contractual obligations.

The New Melones Dam is on the Stanislaus River on the border of Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties and, as is tradition in Northern California, has a long controversial history. The dam was proposed in 1944 as part of the Central Valley Project to provide irrigation water to agriculture, was built by the Army Corps of Engineers and transferred to the Bureau of Reclamation, within the Department of Interior, in 1966. The dam provides not only irrigation for the Central Valley farmers, but flood control, hydroelectric power for the area residents and recreation activities.

Water from the Delta area is transported by two agencies. From the State Water Project managed by DWR; and, the Central Valley Project managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Water contractors (local water districts, companies, and irrigation districts) contract for water from these two systems.

The Manteca/Ripon Bulletin, announcing the federal lawsuit over the DWR planned diversion, said ... "[the] water grab plan to increase water flows in the Lower San Joaquin River has a high likelihood the New Melones Reservoir - based on the planned diversion and historic hydrology on the Stanislaus River Basin - is going dry 12 times every 95 years." The federal lawsuit follows one filed by the California Farm Bureau Federation.

At issue again, are the Chinook salmon and their dwindling counts reported to have been at 70,000 in 1984 to 10,000 in 2017. The Manteca/Ripon Bulletin reports even by increasing



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

the water flows with the expectation of increasing the salmon count, the gain would only accomplish a 10% population increase by the state's own analysis.

The State Water Resources Control Board is now faced not only with the environmental community's undaunted mission to save the salmon and restore the health of the delta estuary but to honor the adjudicated water rights, pre-1914, of property owners in three counties and contract agreements between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Valley Irrigation Districts. Somewhere along the evaluation and decision-making line, DWR needs to recognize essential water supply and hydroelectric power needs to the residents in the area dependent on New Melones Dam.

Central Valley farmers have had a tough couple of years trying to survive the drought and remain the breadbasket of this state and one of the largest revenue sources of the budget. To deprive them of essential water needs affects the entire economy of California and could long-term make Californians, as well as our country, dependent on a foreign source for food and increased, uncontrollable costs.

Decisions by DWR on the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary seem to mirror a series of bad administrative actions over the last couple of years. When the Oroville Dam crisis hit, 188,000 people had to be evacuated in 30 minutes when failure of the spillway was announced. Cost estimates for repairs came in at \$275 million, but then the addition of staff time and work was added in at \$210 million and then by February, 2018, the cost had risen to \$870 million. Last cost number I saw was \$1.1 billion.

The forensic team assigned to analyze the failure came back

with a summary report saying the failure ... "was caused by a long-term systemic failure of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) regulatory and general industry practices to recognize and address inherent spillway design and construction weaknesses ... and deteriorated ... conditions." Even before the failure and this report, small groups of citizens in the area had reported their concerns over the conditions. Monday, April 1st, water will be released on the spillway for the first time since the collapse.

In 2006, DWR initiated the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program (DHCC) to evaluate implementation of increased water supply and conveyance and environmental assessments on the restoration of the Delta. WaterFix became the option of choice but the conveyance (twin tunnels) was separated out from environmental assessment (EcoRestore) by DWR. As EcoRestore sailed through with its plans on Delta restoration, the DWR conveyance plans stalled out.

October 2017, the state auditor showed up and reported:

- Between 2006 and 2017, DWR had not created a financial analysis of WaterFix.
- Had not created a governance structure.
- No paper trails on expenditures.
- Did not follow state law when replacing a program manager for the proposal and costs had grown from \$4.1 million to \$13.8 million.
- Just the planning phase had reached \$280 million.

There have been editorial comments since the Oroville Dam crisis that Department of Water Resources should be scuttled and replaced. The State Water Board is governed by five board members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate who serve four-year terms on a full-time basis. Gov. Gavin Newsom has just appointed Joaquin Esquivel as Chair who is a former secretary for California Natural Resources Agency and legislative aide to former U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer with compensation at \$ \$158,572.

Laurel Firestone was appointed and comes from the Community Water Center and previously director of Rural Poverty Water Project at Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment with compensation at \$153,689.

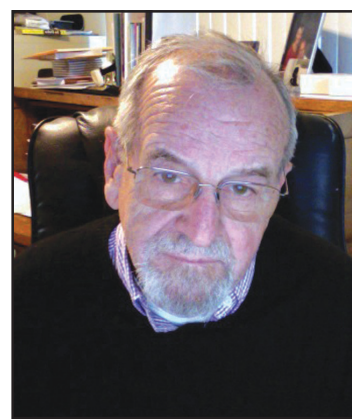
Despicable Me

I have not seen any of the three "Despicable Me" animated movies, but I have it on good authority from our six year old grandson that they are worth watching hour after hour after hour. The next time he comes to visit perhaps we should watch one of them together. Sometimes I can get more credible information from grand and great grandchildren than I can get from either Google or Wikipedia. The anti-hero in these movies is obviously a very clever albeit a very nasty character.

The title of these movies got me asking just how one would define despicability. So I decided to describe the word by listing characteristics that would fit what most people would call despicable. What are the images that might be attached to someone fitting that title? So here goes.

Immoral, sneaky, vituperative, boastful, nasty, sarcastic, crude, arrogant, selfish, condescending, pompous, rude, vulgar, a liar, a racist, vindictive, tasteless, domineering, disloyal, unfaithful, believes he is smarter and knows more about everything than anybody. And that's just for a start. Anyone you know or know about who just might fit that definition?

I don't recall knowing anyone who didn't evidence at least one of those characteristics-if only occasionally. If I were to come across such a saint, my guess is



Charles H. Bayer

that their absolute nobility would drive me to distraction. I suspect that even Jesus had an occasional spell of the nasties. Look at how he told off the pious and the self-righteous-whitewashed tombs he called them; respectable on the outside but inside full of dead bones. Who would want to be around anyone perpetually antiseptic? Even Ivory soap is only 99/44-100% pure, and is still probably too mild to remove serious stains.

I suppose each of us could look in a mirror and know that looking back would be someone whose despicable characteristics would occasionally be evident. My guess is that instead of being proud of what we see reflected, we might be ashamed of that aspect of our lives, and would be humbled if others saw in us what we see in ourselves. I know that is true of me. I am humiliated by

Why The United States Has An Electoral College And What Is Its Purpose

by Mr. D. B. Shimel

Before we get into a discussion on the why of the Electoral College and how it works we must understand why we have the institution.

First a little history lesson on the Constitution and how it came about. After the Declaration of Independence and before the Constitution, as we know it, the Colonies operated under the Articles of Confederation. In these articles the states was a separate country and each operated under their own set of laws. If someone created a debt or crime in one "state" they needed only to flee to a neighboring state to avoid the consequences of their actions. Further, the states all had their own militia and the U.S. government had only 675 people in its army and most of them were not getting paid. Finally, the government had no currency. States

and even communities created their own currency. Money from one state was not recognized in another. As George Washington put it "no money". The new country was falling apart. So, in the spring and summer of 1787 the founders of our fledgling country came together for the purpose of creating a more workable government. From the chaos of the Articles of Confederation the Constitution was formed.

Why do we have an Electoral College?

During the creation of the constitution in order to convince the less populated states to ratify the document the smaller states needed assurance that their votes would count. So, before the smaller states would sign onto the agreement to form a centralized government the less populated states insisted that they be given a voice in the election of the executive branch - the president and vice-president. At the time of the writing of the Constitution most people lived in rural America but the concentration of the people live in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and northern Virginia. The less populated states were rightfully concerned that the more populated states would pick the president and vice-president if only the popular vote counted. Hence the Electoral College.

The Electoral College is just as important today as it was then. Why you might ask? Because if there were no Electoral College only the people in the most populous states would need to go to the polls. California, New York, Illinois, and Texas and a handful of other states have the largest populations. States like Alaska, Hawaii, the Dakotas and several less populated states would have almost no say in who would occupy the White House. If the popular vote decided the presidency the country would certainly be different today. Abraham Lincoln did not win the popular vote but won the Electoral College vote. Without President Lincoln the heinous institution of slavery would have certainly last-

any of those things that might have characterized my life, even as I try to rise above them one at a time. But it has been a hard go.

Nevertheless, beyond the personal guilt, I bear the shame of living in a nation supposedly led by someone who epitomizes what it means to be despicable. If he were just a character in an animated child's film we might laugh it off. But increasingly the world can see and know that this now defines what it means to make America great. We too might see it if we are honest enough to look in a much larger mirror which reflects what our nation is about.

We are told not to be concerned and to separate character from performance. Really? Mussolini might have made the trains run on time, but in addition to being a despicable human being, his most honored friend was the chancellor of Germany who was respected because he was strong. The result was Italy's humiliating defeat. Italian Christians and others, who had supported him despite his despicable character, belatedly discovered the vital relationship between character and performance.

Clearly the only way to survive is to rid ourselves of such a despicable "leader" at the first Constitutional opportunity, and that will occur in November 2020.

Early College Helps High School Students Get Ahead

Kayla Griffiths is currently a freshman at Monrovia High School. As with most freshmen across the state, Kayla enjoys spending time with friends, learning about new subjects and staying active on campus. One of the things that makes Kayla unique, however, is that she is already earning credit toward her college degree while still in high school.

How is this possible?

Kayla participates in the highly successful Early College program, a partnership between Citrus College and the Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD). Designed to provide high school students with an opportunity to enroll in transferable college courses, Early College allows eligible students to earn college credit during their zero and first periods. Participating students are taught by Citrus College faculty at their home high school. These students not only get a "taste" of college, they also get a jump on their college career. According to Kayla, "I have been college bound since elementary school and this program is helping me get ahead."

In fact, Early College has been so instrumental in advancing students, that Assembly-



Joanne Montgomery
Citrus College Governing Board Member

member Chris Holden (AD-41) spearheaded Assembly Bill 288. This legislation authorized California community college districts to enter into formal agreements with local school districts to provide dual enrollment opportunities. Since 2016, what began as a special collaboration between Citrus College and MUSD has developed into so much more.

The program has now expanded into a customized four-year dual enrollment program that allows students to earn up to 45 units of transferable credit between ninth and 12th grade. Students also receive tutoring and study period support that improves their cognitive, behavioral and emotional engagement. By the time students

graduate from high school, they are mere classes away from obtaining an associate degree. This provides students with college credit at community colleges, four-year colleges and universities. High school students who take college-level courses enjoy high acceptance rates at California colleges and universities. In the end, they can graduate with their bachelor's degree almost two years early.

As you can imagine, the dual enrollment program has financially benefited scores of families. Mia Streeter, a 10th grader at Monrovia High School, put it best: "Early College will save my family a ton of money. I have learned to manage my time more wisely. It is actually easier than I thought." One of the benefits of Early College is that high school students are not charged any tuition or fees for these colleges courses.

A recent report compiled by Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of natural, physical and health sciences at Citrus College, and Dr. Catherine Real, director of counseling, college and careers at MUSD, found that high school students perform just as well, if not better than college-

age students in many of the courses they complete.

As success stories continue to pour in, Early College at MUSD will undoubtedly expand to provide more opportunities for our younger students. The hard work conducted by Dr. Rabitoy, Dr. Real, and others at Citrus College and MUSD has set an example throughout the state, and our team frequently travels to help guide them in establishing their own dual enrollment programs.

As Monrovia's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am especially proud of the relationship that Citrus College has maintained with MUSD. Because of this long-standing partnership, Early College has allowed our students and their families to save an incredible amount of time and money. I am confident that the new Early College pathway will continue to impact and influence the lives of our students.

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 SGEaminer@aol.com. We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg.

The Next Move In Rates?

It is clear from the Fed's wording, the median fed funds forecast is for no change this year. The Fed "on-hold" message was clear in Powell's press conference, too, where he explained more than once: "We think the rate is in the right place." This leads to two important questions for investors: "How long a pause, and what comes after the pause?"

Judging from the forecast, the next move could be a hike. The median forecast is a quarter-point higher next year and a quarter point higher than that in the longer-run. But, please, do not make decisions based upon the Fed's forecast. As Powell explained in his press conference, it's not as simple as that.

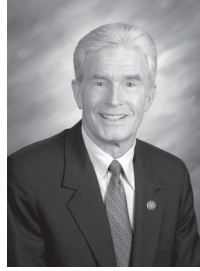
Decisions hinge on data, which will reveal whether the level for rates is appropriate and how crosscurrents - the global slowdown, tighter financial conditions and government-imposed challenges like Brexit - resolve themselves.

Essentially, the new policy regime is similar to that of former Chairman Greenspan in the late 1990s, which was characterized as fine-tuning. Powell refers to it as a "risk-management policy approach". When the Fed stopped raising rates in early 1996, the committee expected fine-tuning would require one or two more hikes, but the next move was a series of three cuts in the middle of that year. If the FOMC had published a forecast in 1996, any trader who positioned for rate changes based on the forecast median would have been badly wrong by midyear. Wall Street urges similar caution in reading this year's forecast.

When the Fed fights the markets, the markets usually win. The Fed is in the midst of momentous change, and the bond market is, too. Both are feeling their way

In A Nutshell

What's up in the Economy?



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& Former Glendora Mayor

toward equilibrium. The first fixed income mistake to avoid is to believe the market has rationally priced in the next 4-6 months. (The market is simply guessing.) The second mistake is to assume the Fed has determined rates will stay at 2.50% this year. (The Fed, of course, is also guessing.)

The bullish narrative fueling the market's volatility and drop in interest rates is predicated on some open-ended situations that seem to be moving toward resolution. First, the drumbeat of a trade deal with China being finalized soon could be feeding a second-half rebound that will lead to a bottoming of China's slowdown and upward revisions for earnings estimates (fueled by renewed confidence and plans for more business investment.)

A reinforced Fed policy paved the way for the recent rally on the notion that Powell's forecast of a prolonged economic expansion will likely play out. Even with the U.S. economy currently slowing, the Fed's new directive (to be accommodative whenever and wherever necessary) is a 180-degree pivot in policy that market participants hope to see resulting in fresh growth prospects during the second half of the year.

An inverted yield curve, even if inverted only versus the 3-month rate, is not sustainable. Be warned, market yields might have

priced in excessive disinflation and slowdown risk. Or, more likely, foreign demand for Treasury Notes may have spiked due to fears related to foreign markets.

Jay Powell has already proven more flexible than any Fed Chair since Alan Greenspan at his prime. That's a good thing, because the shape of the yield curve suggests the market is either distorted by foreign Treasury buyers, or it is badly mispriced.

Before the curve inverted temporarily last year a majority of FOMC participants went on record saying they would not invert the curve. Now that it has at least partially occurred again, they might wait in the hope markets will be proven wrong. If the Fed waits to lower rates and are wrong, inflation and growth will slow, as markets seems to expect. The consequence likely would be the FOMC having to cut rates more than if they had acted quickly. The longer they wait, the more aggressively they might have to cut. Either way, interest rates will likely fall from where they are now. The only questions are when and by how much.

This is how I see the market rationalizing the Treasury Note rally which began on March 21st. Leave no doubt, there is still clear-cut risk of a trade deal with China unraveling, a hard Brexit, a negative credit event in Italy, a fresh spike in the dollar, or other macro events upsetting this narrative. Interest rates could decline from where they are today, but when and how much are far from certain.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I used the standard deduction, but wish I had itemized. Is there anything I can do?

You can file an amended return within a three-year period.

We owe taxes, but we don't have the money to pay now. What can we do?

File your completed tax returns on time, and select a payment plan. The penalty for filing on time, but paying late, is far less severe than the penalty for filing late when you owe.

I need more time to file my tax returns. Is there a grace period?

Your tax returns, or extension with payment if you owe, are due April 15, 2019. There are exceptions, so check with your tax preparer, or look it up on the internet. If you need up to six more months to file your returns, file IRS Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File, and California State Form FTB 3519 Payment Automatic Extension for Individuals. NOTE: An extension to file is NOT an extension to pay. Be as accurate as possible in your estimation of what you owe; if there's a dramatic difference between your estimate and what you actually end up owing, the IRS might void your extension and charge you interest and penalties. You can use the paper Forms and make certain the postmark is no later than April 15, or you can complete the Form online. You can pay via direct debit from a bank account, charge it to most major credit cards, or call and pay (800) 272-9829, or (888) 729-1040. If you typical-



Julia Yoder

ly include a Schedule C with your returns, but you don't anticipate owing any income taxes, you must either file your returns or file for extension by the April 15 deadline.

We have to pay taxes on the income (dividends and interest earnings) from our investments. We made enough that it looks like they'll either reduce our monthly checks, or we'll have to pay taxes on our Social Security. Is there a way for us to invest without having to pay all these taxes?

You might be able to safely reposition your investments in such a way as to not incur income taxes. The first step toward accomplishing what you want is to schedule an appointment with a financial professional for a review of your current financial position, your goals, and your needs.

With the stock market ups and downs, is it time for me sell my stocks?

You've heard the saying, "Buy low. Sell high." If you sell now, you will stop the bleeding (losses),

but you'll be selling at "sale" prices. Take a look at a one-year, or longer, stock market chart to get a better perspective of the stock market ups and downs. Get some personalized advice from a financial professional or two.

We plan to retire in about 6 years. What do we need to be doing now?

Use an online retirement calculator that allows you to input how many years you have until retirement, how much you have in retirement savings, and how much you anticipate needing during retirement. You'll be able to play with the numbers to create different scenarios. And, you'll see if you're on track, or if you need to increase your retirement savings over the next 6 years so that you can enjoy your anticipated retirement lifestyle.

Where can I find information about earthquake or other disaster preparedness?

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Arcadia's Law Day Offers Free Legal Advice At 21st Annual Event

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia and the Arcadia Chinese Association will offer a free Ask-a-Lawyer Program at the Arcadia Public Library, 20 West Duarte Road, on Saturday, **April 27** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the nationwide Law Day celebration.

Volunteer attorneys are available to meet with the public and provide them with a free brief one-on-one consultation on general legal questions. They will provide a summary of legal rights and general advice on a "walk-up" basis, and where appropriate, will refer individuals to the proper legal or governmental organizations. Law Day attorneys are unable to accept any cases from the people they meet.

Law Day attorneys will answer questions on immigration, consumer rights, landlord-tenant is-

suces, insurance issues, property, family law, estate planning and trusts, general litigation, bankruptcy, government benefits, employee rights, workers' compensation, personal injury and other topics. Informational brochures and pamphlets are available as additional legal resources.

Financial questions often arise in correlation with legal issues. Attorneys are available at Law Day to offer advice in the areas of taxes, real estate, estate planning, and other areas that have financial implications.

"The Arcadia Chinese Association (ACA) is a service and non-profit organization comprised entirely of volunteers. Its mission is to promote the learning of Chinese culture and arts, support educational and charitable

activities, bridge cultural gaps, assist new immigrants to understand American traditions and values, and provide community services in the City of Arcadia," said Edward Wong, past president of the Arcadia Chinese Association.

Participants are encouraged to bring any information pertinent to their case so the attorney is able to give the most accurate and reliable advice. No reservations are required for this free service and everyone is welcome to attend.

Translation services will be available in Mandarin and Cantonese. Other languages may be available.

For more information, please call Arcadia City Hall at 574-5401.

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

How Is Your Transmission?

There are two types of transmissions, as you all know; manual and automatic. Here are some signs that they might need a checkup by a professional:

- Automatic**
 - Thankfully today we don't have to guess as much as we did in days gone by. We have dashboard lights that illuminate to alert of a potential problem. It could be the "check engine light" and it may pinpoint it even better as a transmission problem by showing the "reduced power" light.
 - If your car simply won't move even after it starts just fine, this could be telling you a major transmission failure has occurred.

- Slippage is another indication and is an odd sensation if you have never experienced it before. It may be a simple issue like a control solenoid or a serious issue such as loss of pressure.
- If you notice a leak on the ground it could be transmission fluid. Look for red (fresh fluid) or shades of red/brown as the fluid ages.
- Noises you may experience if your transmission is not as healthy as it should be are grinding or whining.
- Manual**
 - Just like with an automatic transmission, if your vehicle starts fine, but won't move, it could be a transmission issue.
 - Shifting issues often indicate

worn rings or gear teeth. These can make it difficult to shift gears, cause the gears to clash or even jump out of gear!

- If you notice a brown leak on the ground, this tells you the gear oil is leaking. A professional can find the leak for you as it can come from a few locations.
- If you hear a growling, grinding or whining noise, this can signal low fluid, worn bearings and/or gears.

If your car is experiencing any of these problems, please contact your automotive repair professional. They can quickly diagnose the problem and tell you the best solution for your vehicle.

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Glendora Chalk Art Festival Squares Available

GLENDORA - It's that time of year again! It's the Glendora Chalk Art Festival. The Festival will be on Saturday April 27th with a rain day of May 4th. The streets of the Glendora Village will explode with artwork and festivities! This is a vibrant testament to the local area's artistic talents. The Chalk Festival and artwork bring visitors and artists from a wide range of surrounding communities. This event attracts people to Glendora and is a great way to showcase some beautiful art, our city and its businesses. This is a great opportunity for you to promote your business in a creative way while potential clients and customers are enjoying the festivities.

This year the Festival will have the theme of 'Happiness is...'. Everyone needs a little joy in their lives; it will be exciting to see what the participants imagine. Your sponsorship truly helps make this possible. You can enjoy supporting and being involved in your local community as well as tak-

ing advantage of the effects of added patrons to the area. Please join us in this celebration of artistry in our city!

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America's Christian Credit Union President/CEO Announces Retirement

GLENDORA - After 42 years of excellent and dedicated service, and 33 years as President and CEO of America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU), Mendell L. Thompson announced his retirement this week, effective March 2020.

"Mendell's leadership both at ACCU and in the community has been nothing short of exemplary," said Dr. Kevin Mannoia, member of ACCU's Board of Directors. "We are proud of Mendell's Christ-like, effective leadership in setting a high bar of impact over decades of faithful service."

Among his many accomplishments, Thompson is most proud of ACCU's transformation from a generic banking institution into a premier financial partner for cultural impact. In ways large and small, under Mendell's leadership, ACCU has steadily grown to become the gold standard of service and financial stewardship for 132,000 members and over 3,000 churches and ministries nationwide. Additionally, Thompson is also to be recognized for his passion for adoption by helping over 1,850 children find their forever families through ACCU's signature Adoption Loan Program.

"It has been the honor of my



Mendell L. Thompson - President and CEO of ACCU

life to have served the credit union and the community in this role," said Thompson. "Thanks to the Board, management team, and employees for embodying the mission of ACCU. We have done well in exceeding member expectations with the stewardship of their finances, while remaining faithful to our mission. I'm also blessed to have the unwavering encouragement and support

of my wife, Reanna, along with our two children and their spouses, which has enabled me to surpass my professional goals and fulfill God's call in my life. I'm now excited to pass the torch and spend more time with her, our children, and our four grandchildren."

Thompson joined the credit union at 22 and was quickly promoted to Assistant Manager. In 1986, Thompson assumed the role of President/CEO upon co-founder and president T.R. Partee's retirement. Over the years, Mendell has walked the credit union through a number of charter and name changes and a headquarters move. From the Nazarene Credit Union to America's Christian Credit Union, Mendell has provided steadfast leadership, guidance and has strengthened key strategic partnerships.

ACCU's Board of Directors is fully engaged in the transition process and has retained Carter-Baldwin to conduct a nationwide executive search to find the right person for this top executive role.

Mardi Gras Food Fest Raised a Record \$230,000 for Cancer Care at Methodist Hospital's Annual Event



Dr. Dino (King) & Hope (Queen), Mardi Gras Co-Chairs Sophia Chan, Mark Hafeman, Patty Soldo

ARCADIA - The 24th Mardi Gras Food Fest was sold out and a record \$230,000 funding for Cancer Care at Methodist Hospital of Arcadia. King, Dr. Dino and Queen Hope Clarizio have served the San Gabriel Valley community for more than 30 years. They

along with Arcadia H.S. band members led the festive parade. There were more than 30 food vendors, including Duarte's Morralito's Mexican Grill and Sweet Nothings Cake Shop, wine and beer and great music by "80's All Stars". The "Title" Grand Sponsor was Arcadia

Gardens Retirement Hotel/Arcadia Healthcare Center. Sophia Chan, Mark Hafeman and Patty Soldo were co-chairs. Because of their hard work and the many sponsors and volunteers, the evening was a great success.

Glendora Woman's Club Members Entertained with Musical Quiz Program

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club's recent program featured a "Musical Quiz" conducted by pianist Lou Jones, a former school and music teacher. The program included clubmembers' participation in identifying a number of musical selections and show tunes that she presented. Prizes were awarded to those with the most correct answers, said Helen Storland, program vice president.

In addition to program presentations by Mrs. Jones, she instructs students in music les-



Lou Jones, pictured at the Glendora Woman's Club baby grand piano was the pianist and presenter for the club's recent program "Musical Quiz"

sions, assists foreign students in American History, and helps to promote their careers. she is also an active member of Delta Nu Chapter, said Mrs. Storland.

For information about joining the Woman's Club, its ser-

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Mt. SAC Early College Academy Students Explore Local Environmental Issues, Solutions



Mt. SAC Early College Academy students presented research on plastic waste, carbon emissions and more during the Academy's Environmental Issues Fair on March 15.

WEST COVINA – Nearly 60 Mt. SAC Early College Academy freshmen dazzled parents and educators with passionate presentations on ecofriendly burials, invasive species, light pollution and fast fashion during the Academy's first-ever Environmental Issues Fair on March 15.

The fair capped the Academy's first major interdisciplinary project, in which students engaged in three months of intense research and cross-curricular assignments to create exhibits, art projects made of recycled materials, brochures and public service announcements.

"I used to have a bit of stage fright, so the presentation aspect of this project really challenged me," freshman Zoe Burrola said. "I feel much more confident in my public speaking abilities now and really proud of the work our group did."

Students presented their group projects – 15 in total – for grading earlier in the week and then presented them for parents and a panel of Acad-

emy and Mt. SAC administrators.

Mt. SAC Early College Academy, a dual-enrollment public high school, provides students with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and up to two years of transferable college credit simultaneously. Principal Candace Leuthold said the school also aims to prepare students for college by building research, analysis, presentation and col-

laboration skills.

Students are eligible to enter their projects into the 2019-20 Mt. SAC Presidential Student Environmental Sustainability Awards and compete with college students for a \$500 prize.

The Academy is accepting 2019-20 applications for sophomores and freshmen. High schoolers from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties are eligible to apply.

Kiwanis Division 35 Holds Crayon Initiative Service Project



Pictured (from left), Filippo Fanara, Penny Arroyo, Kristi Lopez, Kaye Biggs and Reyna Diaz.

DUARTE-Kiwanis Division 35 Lt. Governor, Gina Fanara was inspired when she heard of the Crayon Initiative.

More than a half-million pounds of crayons are discarded every year, turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills and never biodegrades. The Crayon Initiative collects donated crayons from restaurants, schools and homes across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures

them, reducing waste. Better yet, the recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the U.S., brightening the lives of young patients during their stay. Happier kids, and a cleaner Earth... supporting The Crayon Initiative helps two great causes in one. Consider this: A box containing 25 pounds of used crayons can yield enough raw materials to supply 125 hospitalized children

with new eight-packs of crayons.

Division 35 was able to collect over 500 pounds of crayons! Division 35 includes Kiwanis clubs from Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Duarte, West Covina, La Puente, El Monte, Hacienda Heights, Glendora, Covina, Arcadia, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, San Gabriel, San Dimas/La Verne and Walnut Valley.

LA County Library Locations Host Used Book Sale

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Books! Books! Books! and more books will be for sale on Saturday, April 6 at LA County Library's systemwide used book sale. Sales will be booming at all LA County Library locations that are regularly open on Saturdays. Whether it's a mystery, a cookbook, or a picture book, readers will find what they're looking for at the largest book sale in the County.

The sale is sponsored by LA County Library's Friends of the Library Groups and the Los Angeles County Library Foundation. All proceeds will be used to benefit library locations within the LA County Library system.

The Books! Books! Books! event is scheduled to coincide with National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019. During this week, libraries throughout the nation celebrate the importance of books, reading, and library services.

Drop by your local LA County Library and join the celebration of libraries while you pick up a few bargain books for your reading enjoyment.

Find library locations at LA County Library's website, LACountyLibrary.org.



CITY OF GLENDDORA EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

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- VENDOR BOOTHS
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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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- Scavenger Hunt
- Face Painting

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