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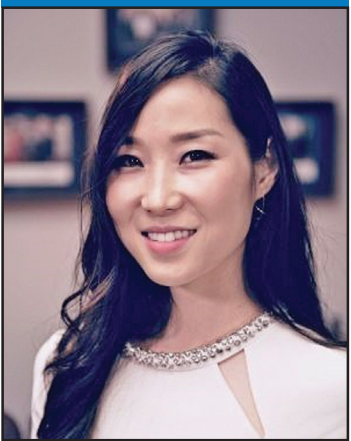
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Tyler Tran's Troop 491 Eagle Scout Project at Margaret R. Sellers Elementary School in Glendora

GLENDORA - Margaret R. Sellers Elementary School, which is also the site of the Glendora Unified School District Headquarters, was recently the recipient of an Eagle Scout project performed by Glendora BSA Scout Troop 491. On February 8 and 9, 2019, Life Scout Tyler Tran, age 15, lead 23 fellow Scouts and 8 adult volunteers in a labor intensive, two day, landscaping and water conservation makeover project at the school. This service project was part of Tyler's requirement to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The project began in late 2018 when Tyler began looking for subject for his Eagle Scout Project, which is the culmination of the Scout's leadership training, and requires a significant effort on his part.

In late 2018, Tyler pitched his project to Steve Bishop, principal at Sellers Elementary School, and members of the school's PTA. They agreed that landscape update along the front of the facilities would make an exciting Eagle Scout project. The choice of beneficiary was also a personal one for Tyler. Sellers Elementary School was "the school that I went to when I first moved to Glendora," he said, adding that the facility is also the location for the Troop 491's weekly meetings. "I just wanted to give a little



Left to right, back row: Scoutmaster Michael Moya, Tristan Tran, Phillip Tran, Spencer Moya, Logan Files, Greg Healy, Stephen Busse, Andres Vasquez, Jaden Pirog, Adam Erickson, Nathan Hang, James Bohn, Justin Busse. Left to right, front row: Jose Vasquez, Ryan Healy, Nick Hollanders, Joshua Bohn, Eagle Scout Project Leader Tyler Tran, Shane Files, Andrew Healy, Susie Busse, Tommy Busse

back to my school," said Tyler. Finding the money to pay for the project was also a large part of earning Eagle Scout rank. Tyler held a well-attended fundraiser at the Mooya hamburger restaurant in Glendora and a GoFundMe page to raise funds for the needed materials. All told, Tyler raised over \$1300 for landscaping supplies and plants. Many of the businesses that Tyler worked with, including L&L Building Materials, South East Concrete, Home Depot, Pizza Hut, and Jersey Mike's,

provided their goods at a discounted rate for his Eagle Scout Project. The first day of the project began on a Friday afternoon on the front lawn of Sellers Elementary School. Working until darkness, Tyler lead Scouts and adult volunteers to remove the old plants, cut trenches, place sand, and move heavy blocks for final placement. The second day of the project began with a number of challenges, including a short

but heavy rainfall, a previously unknown broken pipe, and soil delivering tractor that got stuck in the mud. Fortunately, these obstacles were overcome and work quickly fell into a steady pace throughout the day. Scouts and parents carefully leveled and placed the retaining wall, moved the new soil to build up plant beds, and carefully planted the new, low water use plants.

After the project was com-

plete, Tyler reflected on his experience. "What surprised me was the amount of actual planning that it takes to proceed with an Eagle Project. Every little detail needed to be taken care of so that the volunteers could have a smooth time working", said Tyler.

A long time Scout, Tyler joined the Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub in first grade and moved on to Boy Scouts in 2014, choosing Troop 491 of Glendora as his troop. Tyler moved up ranks to Life Scout after years of outdoor adventures and learning Boy Scout skills with his friends. During his time in Scouts he has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Troop Guide and most recently, Senior Patrol Leader. Tyler is a sophomore at Glendora High.

The Eagle Scout Service Project, or more simply the Eagle Scout Project, provides Boy Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills while performing a project for the benefit of his community. This is the culmination of the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part.

Meet the Titan Rover Team (and a replica Mars Rover) at The Glendora Library



GLENDORA - With the recent retirement of the Rover Opportunity, you may be wondering: what is the Rover program all about? Why is it important and what does the future hold? The Glendora Library and the Titan Rover team have teamed up to provide answers!

Titan Rover is a student-based team of mechanical,

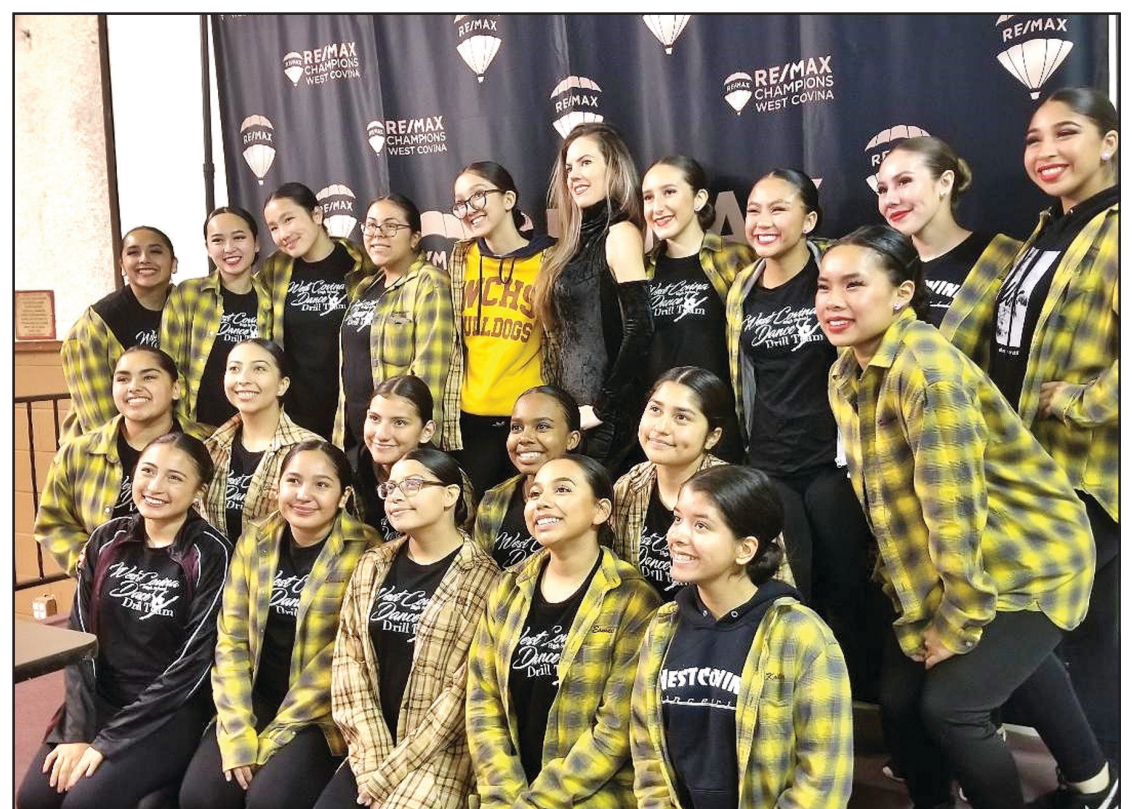
electrical, computer science, biology, chemistry, and geology students based at California State Fullerton who work to design, manufacture and demonstrate a Mars rover platform at the University Rover Challenge each year.

Please join us on Saturday, **March 2nd** at 3PM in the library's Bidwell Forum meeting room. Learn about the in-

tricacies of Martian exploration and the role that robotic vehicles will tackle in helping to limit the risk which astronauts face on the red planet.

The Glendora Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Ave. For more information on this and other library programs, please call (626) 852-4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org

West Covina High School Dance Drill Team Fundraiser with Jannett Mendoza is a Fun Success



West Covina High School's Dance Drill Team with Celebrity Model Jannett Mendoza top row center.

WEST COVINA - West Covina VFW Post 8620 helped sponsor a fund-raising event with Donaji Zamora and Associates for the West Covina High School's Dance Drill Team. The event included the famed celebrity model Jannett Mendoza.

Zamora and Mendoza came together when they heard about the drill team and wanted to help their program. They decided to bring this to the VFW and see if they could help out by providing

the facility for the event. The VFW put some money aside and made it happen for the drill team.

The recent event was a fun success with Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Wu of West Covina as a guest speaker. Tony Wu is an advocate for student programs and often sponsors these programs as well as helping create new after school type programs for the kids.

The event included raffles, karaoke, food and a great show

by the team for the packed house.

Mendoza, who also works as a magician at the Magic Castle, mingled with the team and the others attending and did a lot of Q&A about modeling and to continue in school to get the education to be a success in the future. She posed for pictures with the kids and parents. She was a great supporter for the event and thanked Donaji & Associates for including her in the event.

48th Annual "America Sings" Concert



GLENDORA - The Rotary Club of Glendora presents the 48th annual "AMERICA SINGS" Concert, bringing together 700 students from the Glendora Unified School Dis-

tricts Choral Music programs, elementary through high school on the stage of the Haugh Performing Arts Center at Citrus College.

Tickets may be purchased at

the Glendora Unified School District elementary schools by 2:30 p.m. Friday or the day of the performance by 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each and all proceeds go to the Glendora Districts Choral Music Programs. The Friday, **March 8th** program begins at 7:30 p.m.

For more information please contact Keith Hilliard 626-484-5211. Last year was a sell out, so don't wait until the last minute for tickets.

San Gabriel Valley Examiner Endorses Glendora's Measure E

By Publisher Eugene F. Moses
We agree with Glendora Mayor Mendell Thompson and Mayor Pro-Tem Judy Nelson that Measure E gives the residents of Glendora the chance to keep this money in Glendora. We also agree with "Glendora Residents For Local Control". They want to stabilize the city budget for badly needed city services. They

want to secure the fiscal future of Glendora. Glendora faces a deficit of \$575,000 this year and much more in the coming years. The money from Measure E would help the badly needed services that could help secure important services such as police, library, roads, parks, youth and senior services.

Don't miss the opportunity of putting Glendora first, keep our tax money in Glendora! Vote yes on Measure E. It needs a 51% yes vote to pass. Get out and vote. Don't miss this important needed opportunity that is important to all Glendorans.

On March 5, Vote Yes on Measure E.

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Culinary Arts Class

BALDWIN PARK - The Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education (BPACE) or Baldwin Park Adult School offers a Culinary Arts Class entitled Food Service and Hospitality for students 18 years or older who have earned a high school diploma or a GED certificate.

This 912 hour program takes four quarters (approximately 8 months) to complete, after which the graduating student receives a

Certificate in Food Service and Hospitality. Additionally, students may receive college credit at Mount San Antonio College for courses taken at BPACE. Students must score at an 8th grade reading level in order to enroll in this course. Students must complete the following course modules. Safety (California Certification), Culinary Foundations I - Food Service and Sanitation, Advanced Culinary/International

Cuisines, Restaurant Skills and Restaurant Management and Operations.

Prices for this course are far below those charged in privately-owned career colleges, even though they meet the same requirements as the aforementioned career colleges. Orientations for this program are held on a regular basis. For information, you may call Chef Jeff Palmer at (626) 939-4300.



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Measure E would raise the local sales tax by ¼ of a penny; increasing the overall sales tax from 9.5% to the state maximum rate of 10.25%. Voters in 20 other cities in Los Angeles County have already done this in order to keep the additional tax dollars in their communities and stop any further sales tax increases by other state agencies which are looking for ways to address their budget shortfalls.

A Glendora Citizens Committee recommended this option be placed before the voters by the City Council as the most effective way to immediately address Glendora's long-term projected budget deficits. Over the past several years, the City has *already cut personnel by over 22%, outsourced dozens of non-critical city services, increased revenue from the placement of more cellular towers on City property, reduced the interest rate paid on financed City obligations, and restructured its pension plan* in order to cut costs. *Those actions have worked and the Council has committed*

to work with the citizens Committee to find additional cost saving measures in the future.

But, Glendora still faces a deficit this year of about \$575,000 in its \$30 million budget and greater deficits in future years.

Unfortunately, California's mismanagement of the pension fund, the State's continued adoption of unfunded mandates on local governments, and rising costs of staff and services to serve our growing population have brought significant fiscal insecurity, not just to Glendora, but to cities throughout the state.

Without this additional revenue Glendora faces real reductions in police, library and youth & senior services and other changes to our cherished quality of life in Glendora.

If the voters don't approve this tax increase, it's very likely Los Angeles County, the Air Quality District or some other agency will approve an identical tax increase, over the objections of Glendora voters, AND THEN SPEND ALL OF THE RESULTING TAX DOLLARS OUTSIDE OUR CITY.

Our community and city leaders do not take raising taxes lightly. Today, Glendora receives only 1 cent of the 9.5 cent sales tax imposed on purchases. This local sales tax increase will generate \$5.5 million annually for the Glendora general fund. The funds will be targeted to those services that are the most critical for Glendora residents. The tax increase is minimal on most purchases — 1.5 cents on a \$2.00 candy bar; 19

cents on a \$25 restaurant check or \$4.87 on a \$650 television. More than half of this revenue will come from visitors who shop and dine in Glendora. The voters in Pasadena, Glendale, Pomona, Covina and 16 other cities have already raised their local sales tax in a similar fashion.

Measure E is the opportunity for Glendora voters to secure the fiscal future of our city, stop further increases in the sales tax and protect our quality of life. If we miss this opportunity, we will still be faced with a budget deficit that can only be addressed by more onerous options or steps which will take years to generate results. And, we may still wind up paying the tax increase to another agency anyway.

This solution is endorsed by 10 current and former Glendora Mayors, the Glendora Chamber of Commerce, the Glendora Police Officers Association and 100s of community activists and volunteers.

We hope you will join us in voting **YES on Measure "E"** and put **Glendora First** on March 5th.

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Senator Chang Joins Bipartisan Effort to Assist 2.4 Million California Renters

SACRAMENTO - As part of a bipartisan effort to assist California families who are dealing with an expensive housing market, Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) is a co-author of Senate Bill 248 (D-Glazer). The proposed legislation, with 28 co-authors, has strong bipartisan support. For the first time in 40 years, SB 248 would increase California's renter's credit and would represent significant help for single parents and could potentially provide 2.4 million California renters with much-needed relief.

"I'm proud to join my colleagues to help hardworking families in California," said

Senator Chang. "California faces an expensive housing market, a homeless epidemic, and housing shortage. This bill is a step in the right direction to offer assistance for hardworking low-income and middle-class renters."

Currently, eligible renters have their tax liabilities offset by \$60 for single filers or \$120 for joint filers. Those eligible for the new renter's credit would be single filers making \$41,641 or less and joint filers making \$83,282 or less. Eligible households with children would receive a \$434 refundable credit; households without children would receive \$220.

SB 248 would make the tax

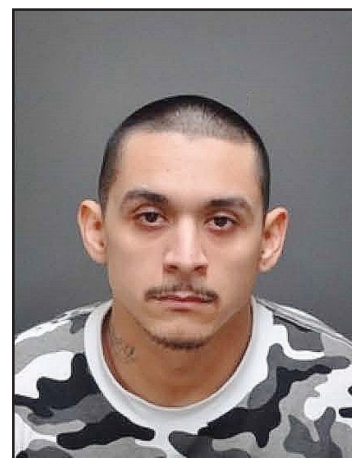
credit fully refundable so that renters who have no tax obligation could receive the maximum refund. This bill would index the credit in perpetuity to account for inflation as calculated by the Franchise Tax Board. Under the proposed legislation, the governor could suspend the increase during an economic emergency.

The renter's credit was established in 1972. Since then, it has only increased once in 1979. Over the past four decades, families have faced an increasing renter's market where in some counties the median state rent exceeds \$1,800 a month for a two-bedroom apartment.

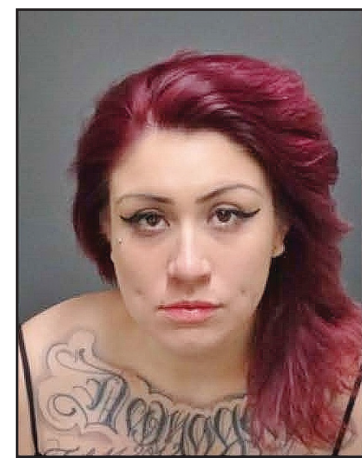
Monterey Park Police Arrest Auto Burglary Suspects

MONTEREY PARK - On February 19, 2019 at approximately 8:50 p.m., Monterey Park Police Officers observed the subjects commit an automobile burglary in the 800 block of E. Valley Boulevard in the City of Alhambra. The subjects then entered a vehicle and fled. A short time later a traffic stop was initiated and the subjects detained.

Further investigation revealed that both subjects were found to be in possession of the items stolen from the vehicle. Officers also recovered additional stolen property from the subjects' vehicle. Detectives discovered the additional stolen property had been taken from several automobile burglaries that occurred in Monterey Park and throughout the San Gabriel Valley.



Anthony Murillo, 27, from Baldwin Park.



Abigail Mendoza, 24, from Baldwin Park.

The suspects are identified as Anthony Murillo, 27, from Baldwin Park. Abigail Mendoza, 24, from Baldwin Park.

Murillo has been charged with suspicion of auto burglary. His bail is set at \$200,000. He ap-

peared in the Alhambra Superior Court on February 21, 2019.

Mendoza has been charged with suspicion of auto burglary. Her bail is set at \$20,000. She is set to appear in the Alhambra Superior Court on May 20, 2019.

DPSS Announces Single-Day Issuance of CalFresh Benefits for March

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) announces that the full amount of CalFresh benefits for March will be issued on March 1, 2019 to eligible households. The single-day, early issuance is intended to shorten the period between February's early issuance, which resulted in a gap in food assistance for many low-income individuals and households statewide.

Providing nearly four million individuals (one in 10 Californians, including two million children) with food benefits each month, the CalFresh Program is the nation's largest nutrition assistance program. DPSS admin-

isters CalFresh to over one million residents in L.A. County.

DPSS has been authorized by the California Department of Social Services to issue March benefits on the first day of the month, rather than the normal staggered issuance cycle of the first through the tenth of the month. DPSS is alerting CalFresh households that the early issuances are not additional benefits, and strongly urging them to budget accordingly to ensure that they have funds available to purchase food through the month of March.

Households are also reminded that if their required Semi-Annual Reports (SAR 7) or recertifications are due in Febru-

ary, all eligibility verification must be received by February 22, 2019. Households with a recertification due must participate in the required interview. Households that submit their SAR 7 and recertification after February 22 will receive their benefits on the normal issuance date.

CalFresh benefits will be issued if eligibility requirements are met.

CalFresh benefits for April will be issued in the usual staggered cycle of the first through the tenth of the month. CalFresh customers in L.A. County with additional questions may contact the DPSS Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777.

Mongol MC Is Said To Be Involved In Freeway Shooting In Baldwin Park

By George Ogden

BALDWIN PARK - Two motorcyclists were westbound on the San Bernardino (I-10) Freeway on Saturday, Feb. 23rd around 1 p.m. driving their sports bikes through West Covina and into Baldwin Park when they were surrounded by members (reportedly) of the Mongols outlaw motorcycle gang.

They were doing about 50 mph when 4 to 6 Mongols got around the two victims while driving in the number 2 lane while approaching Baldwin Park. As they continued, one Mongol positioned himself directly to the rear of the rider on the Honda CBR 1000 while they continued westbound. It was reported that another Mongol started shooting at the Honda rider as they approached the 605 Freeway. The rider was hit in the thigh and his bike also took a number of hits causing damage with leaking oil and gas. The victims exited at Durfee Avenue where they called police and paramedics.

No reason was given for any kind of motive for the shooting.

When police arrived, they found the victims and started gathering information. The paramedics treated the injured man and transported him to County USC Medical Center. The second victim was shot at, but was not hit.

The investigation consisted of shutting down the westbound I-10 Freeway for hours while they looked for evidence. It stayed closed until 6:15 p.m. while officers searched the freeway. They found two shell casings and a bullet. They will most likely be able to get a good partial print from the shell casings. The weapon used was a 38 cal.

The shooter was a man with tattoos on his forehead and he had a long ponytail.

This incident couldn't have come at a worse time for the Mongols. There is a government process in the works to declare the Mongol's logo illegal and an emblem of organized crime. It is on its way to the Supreme Court for appeals on the rulings.

Many motorcycle clubs that

are referred to as "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs" have been changing their image. This includes the Mongols. Many clubs have gone as far as changing their By-Law incorporating tougher rules inside and out of the club. The Mongols have had a reputation that has been negative both in the eyes of the police and with many citizens and communities in the past. As of late, they have worked many fund-raising events and have actually contributed to many community projects and have helped raise money for fallen bikers in other clubs. If the Mongols are found to be involved in this shooting, then this will add another nail to their coffin with the efforts to retain the "colors" (logo) for their club.

Authorities have put out the word that they would like to hear from anyone that saw what actually went on before and during the shooting incident. So, they are asking if anyone saw what happened to come forward with a call and let the investigators know what happened.



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Jeans with Holes in Them, Think before you Wear It

I must be old fashion and from the old school. What is with these girls and women who wear these jeans with holes all over them? I just don't get it. They tell me it is the "style" and they actually buy them with holes in them. REALLY!!!

Let's see if I have this right. You buy new clothes so you can look like a slob or sloppy, even poor or too cheap to buy a new pair of jeans.

I remember when people went to pro sports games and the guys would wear a tie and the gals would be in skirts or dresses. We went to school showing a little respect wearing slacks and a collared shirt with the girls in dresses and skirts, none of this ripped up jeans stuff.

I was in court as a witness in a criminal case last year and was shocked at the way people dressed to go to court. Even the defense attorneys try to make sure their clients wear at least a tie if not a suit. People come in and look like crap with no respect



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

I had a young lady come into the VFW and wanted to be a bartender for the cocktail lounge. She came in wearing jeans with big holes in both knees and a bunch of other holes all over the rest of her pants. I thought to myself, "you have to be kidding me." She looked like a slob to me.

With that being said, it is true that I feel uncomfortable when I see this. I don't want to be around these girls because they make me feel that they are dirty or not clean.

We have hall rentals at the

West Covina VFW and often I have seen some of these girls coming to a wedding reception looking like slobs and wearing "Holy Jeans"... At the same reception you have girls and ladies dressed to kill. They look like high class executive secretaries or classy professionals and some even look like models.

Sorry I can't accept this for some reason and I know I am not going to get past this feeling.

Seems like our country lost some class with "todays" dress code. Other countries still show class, especially in the work force.

As for the girl that came in, there was no way that I would hire her for the VFW. We do have a "little" class and dressed like that doesn't do it for me. She didn't care how she looked when she came to see me, then she would not care how she looked when she did the job or care "how" she did the job. Not going to happen on my watch.

"That's just the way it is!"

My Turn: Kids Say The Darnedest "Slings"

Senator Diane Feinstein of California was recently visited at her office by a group of school kids and their teachers. The kids were very young, pre-teen mostly, it appeared, but very animated as they met the Senator. Immediately they started rattling off the usual talking points, clearly in a rehearsed fashion, demanding she vote yes on the New Green Deal Bill. One kid even repeated the line about how the world has only about 12 years left if we don't push this initiative. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was clearly in the back of their minds.

I found myself in a rare moment of agreement with the Senator as she attempted to make comments about the difficulty in paying for all of this. And said how she has been working at her job for 30 years and she "knows what she is doing. It's not about my way or the highway." A child no more than 16 years of age yelled out, "we voted for you to represent us." Really kid? You voted? It wasn't long before someone, who appeared to be one of the teachers, started chiming in. It was sad, rude, and embarrassing, regardless of the issue. A United States Senator should not be treated with such disrespect. Teachers should know better. And I am no fan of Diane Feinstein, but I am less a fan of obnoxious protestors.

This isn't the first time we have



Charles Lopresto

witnessed young children, brats in training, being not only allowed, but encouraged, to be rude to public officials. It is one of the popular methods of the Left now, using children who lack the wisdom, the knowledge and the vision that comes with years of experience. And there they are reciting things they don't fully understand for the benefit of the teachers, parents, and activists that instruct them in their dialogue. Back in 2016, there was a protest against Donald Trump following his statements about illegal immigration and the wall, and a video was made as well. The video called "Deport Racism" had a young girl and a young boy calling the Presidential candidate all kinds of crude words and giving him the finger.

This is all very irresponsible for adults, who clearly would rather make the ultimate impact

with the use of children. Rather than teaching the kids how our system works, what a senator is and what a senator does, giving them the knowledge to understand the issues by the time they are ready to vote, and if necessary, protest, they would prefer to indoctrinate and abuse the children. That's right, I said it...abuse. Taking away a child's "childhood" with cynical conditioning and indoctrination is of no benefit to a kid who should be allowed to just be "a kid" while the time is appropriate. It is not a "teachable moment" and any parent out there that seriously thinks that shouting at an elected senator or giving the finger to a presidential candidate is positive behavior for a kid to learn-and it is learned-are just as crazy as the people we see protesting.

Radical Leftwing protestors are cowards, plain and simple. They use the children to say what they want to communicate, deflecting the exposure away from them to the kids that will receive sympathy and support, even if the message is ridiculous. After all, "It's all about the children."

Talk about using children as a human shield.

Many years ago, a popular Television personality named Art Linkletter had a show called "Kids Say the Darnedest Things." This is NOT what he had in mind.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Tiburcio Vasquez

By Joe Castillo

Running to Southern California... In the early 1870's, Tiburcio Vasquez was starting his trail of crime throughout California. Born in Monterey, he performed a number of small-time robberies close to home but when authorities were getting too close for comfort, Vasquez moved on to other locations.

At the same time the Southern Pacific Railroad was building a line from San Francisco to San Jose, and a group of 12 to 15 bandits planned to rob the pay courier for the railway project. They met in the Mexican settlement of Panama near Bakersfield, planned their daring robbery, and then failed in their attempt. The stubborn bandits then proceeded to a small town named Tres Pinos and robbed three stores and killed four men during the encounter. They next visited the town of Kingston, in Tulare County, and did the same criminal act before riding off, staying out of trouble for as long as possible.

Tiburcio Vasquez was identified as the chief brigand who had turned to crime after a group of Americans had wronged his girlfriend causing him to seek revenge in the only way he knew. Vasquez trusted no one except his second in command, Chavez, and would not even stay with his own men in camp. His band was on the run being chased by every local sheriff in the area but he mistakenly made advances on the wife of one his own men, and soon Vasquez had a traitor among his own band, a traitor who would report Vasquez' every movement to those who were chasing him.

He fled to Southern California and came to the rancho of Alessandro Repetto, where they entered his home disguised as sheepherders and demanded a payment of \$800. Repetto replied he had no money in the house but he could get the money at the bank when it opened. So Vasquez agreed to have Repetto sign a check withdrawing the requested amount, send it back with one of Repetto's own workers

who was instructed not to bring anyone with him. The messenger traveled nine miles to the Pueblo of Los Angeles and went right to the Temple & Workman Bank with the check in hand. Temple was at the Bank at the time and immediately became suspicious, and wanted to gather a posse to investigate the ranch. But when the messenger indicated that if he did not return alone, Repetto would be killed. Temple decided to inform Sherriff Rowland who was at the courthouse nearby, and the Sheriff agreed that the messenger should return alone with the money but he would have a posse ready to follow the robbers after the payment was made. A plan was hatched to capture the robber but even his potential captors did not know who they had caught in their trap....

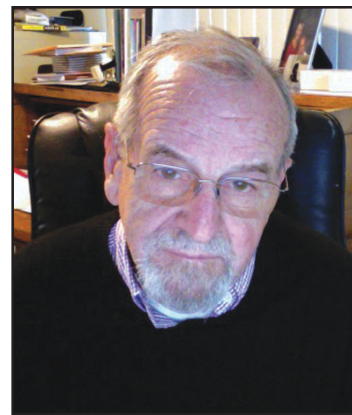
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Religious Ethics

A cursory look at most religions will reveal two foci, either of which will usually consume the attention of significant numbers of the faithful. The first could be called 'right belief' or 'orthodoxy' (literally 'right thought') Traditionally in the Christian world orthodoxy has been encapsulated in creeds by which hundreds of years ago theologians attempted to spell out what they held to be the essence of Christian belief. These statements were refined until "the fathers" settled on the Trinity, God in three persons or three aspects of God's oneness. Other orthodox doctrines related to events in Jesus' life-the God-Man-such as his virgin birth, his miracles and his bodily resurrection. Once the creed-writers had nailed down proper belief, their followers attempted to nail shut what Christians were required to believe---except as history moves on, language changes, culture is perpetually being altered and meanings become more fluid than fixed. So the creed in the 21st century is not the same as the creed in the 4th century even if the words remain the same. Nevertheless, for many Christians doctrinal belief is equated with Christian faith.

Along with "orthodoxy" or right belief, a second foci-is "orthopraxis" or-right action or righteous living. Throughout Christian history a Jesus centered ethic, or lifestyle, accompanied doctrinal belief. I have suggested elsewhere that doctrinal orthodoxy tends to breed hostility, arrogance, division, bigotry and even war. On the other hand, a commitment to live out the ethical outline Jesus articulated most often has produced peace, justice, compassion generosity and equity.

While respecting those for whom right doctrine is foundational for what it means to be a Christian, it is clear to me that the more one focuses on that understanding of faith, the more divisive and destructive Christianity becomes. On the other hand, Christian faith-or any religion seen as an ethic centered on love, kindness and the golden rule, makes the



Charles H. Bayer

world a nobler, more peaceful and safer place for everyone.

While this week's column is focused on a Christian perspective, what is true of this religion is also true of most religious thought and practice. Here is where the difference in how one understands religion is critical. While most religions have a set of doctrinal beliefs, the more strongly they are held, the more profoundly do their adherents hold to an exclusive truth, and the more dangerous and ungodly religion tends to become. Since the beginning of recorded history more bloodshed has been produced by religious absolutism than by almost any other reality. If my doctrine is THE TRUTH, in the name of God all others must accept it. And that demand poisons every thing, person and cultures it touches. And what is true of Christianity is also true of any absolute system of belief.

Despite the pervasive effects of religious orthodoxy, religions in today's world share a common ethical reality or orthopraxis summed up in an understanding of what we call the golden rule. No religion has a monopoly on "do unto others ..."

Buddhism, "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." Hinduism, "Do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you." · Islam, "None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself." · Judaism-"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Sikhism, No one is my enemy, none a stranger, and everyone is my friend." · Sufism, "The basis of Sufism is a consideration of the hearts and

feelings of others." · Brahmanism, "Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you." Jainism, "One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated." Zoroastrianism, "Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself."

Even beyond, religion, the secular world at its best shares the same ethical imperatives found in religion at its best. Right action seen as a concern for the good of the other-all others-is crucial for everyone's well-being. Love is better than hate. Peace is better than conflict. Equity is better than inequality. Generosity is better than selfishness---and so on. The hope of the world now and always does not rest on whose creed states the truth, but whose lives reflects an ethical standard that is honored both in religion, and throughout the best aspects and practices in the secular world.

While I respect those whose religion is summed up in believing right doctrine, and those who hold that both orthodoxy and orthopraxis are essential to living a faithful life, I would more readily trust my life and the world's to those for whom believing in the ethics of Jesus are far more important than is believing doctrines about him. What is essential is to live with a personal relationship to Jesus who calls us to love even our enemies, and not just a Jesus we hold was born of a virgin or walked on water. A friend of mine observed that much of the church has taken the religion of Jesus and made it into a religion about Jesus. This distinction has taken on a profound meaning these days among those who may believe in things about him but whose commitments are to militarism, racism, nationalism, inequality and wall building. I would very much like to hear from those holding to these orthodox doctrinal positions and how they can reconcile what they believe about the world in which we live with their understanding of the Christian faith, and the life Jesus calls his followers to lead.

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Yes on Measure E: Keep Our Tax Dollars in Glendora

By Mendell Thompson, Glendora Mayor and Judy Nelson, Glendora Mayor Pro Tem

Recently, 11 cities throughout Los Angeles County voted to raise their local sales taxes to the maximum allowed by the state of 10.25%. The main reason for this is a state-wide budgetary crisis stemming from rising pension costs. Compounding the issue is a lack of transportation funding to replace aging roads, and unfunded state mandates, one of which requires local cities to pay millions of dollars for new water infrastructure. The City of Glendora is currently facing an upcoming budget deficit of \$2 million per year.

An additional reason so many local cities are deciding to raise sales taxes is because outside agencies are planning to collect the difference if a city is set below the maximum rate. The South Coast Air Quality Management District is currently pursuing a one-half cent sales tax measure that would raise monies for projects such as trains, zero-emission cars, trucks and cargo equipment.

With Measure E, Glendora residents have the chance to keep this money in our city. If passed, it would increase sales tax from 9.50% to 10.25% (3/4th of a cent, which is less than

a penny), and is projected to raise \$5 million annually for city services. It's estimated that more than 50% of Measure E revenue would be paid by non-Glendora residents who shop and dine at local establishments. If it doesn't pass, we risk seeing sales taxes rise any way due to the AQMD or another outside agency co-opting the funds.

Over the last decade, the City of Glendora has reduced nearly 25% of its work force, and outsourced non-critical services, while maintaining a prudent financial reserve for emergencies. In 2018, the City Council appointed a 20-member volunteer Advisory Committee tasked with examining ways to address the looming financial shortfall. The committee spent 5 months studying a variety of budget options, looking at additional staff reductions, contracting with the Sheriff for police services, and selling some city park lands such as South Hills and Glen Oaks Golf Course.

The committee recommended that increasing the sales tax would be the best option to stabilize the budget. By doing a sales tax increase, rather than a parcel tax/fee, resident's local taxes would remain low. Glendora's overall local tax bur-

den is currently \$7.84 per capita, while neighboring cities range from \$15.51 in Diamond Bar to \$273.37 in Monrovia. San Dimas is \$61.50, and Claremont is \$189.18.

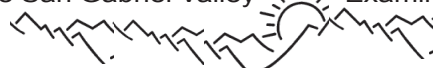
If Measure E does not pass, the City will face a \$2 million annual deficit for the foreseeable future. This could drain emergency savings in less than six years, and necessitate continued cost cutting, with impacts to police services, library, parks, roads and senior/youth programs.

Currently, for every dollar spent in Glendora, sales tax is distributed to the following agencies:

- 6.00 cents to the State of California
- 2.00 cents to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- 0.25 cents to Local Transportation Programs
- 0.25 cents to LA County Homelessness programs
- 1 cent to the City of Glendora

If Measure E passes, the City of Glendora will retain 1.75 cents for each dollar spent.

Measure E will be considered by Glendora voters at a Special Election on March 5, 2019 and is projected to raise \$5 million annually for local city services. It needs a 51% "yes" vote to pass.



Some Old Worries End, New Worries Emerge

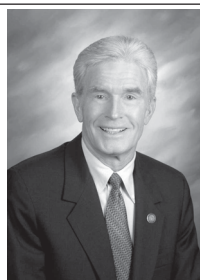
The stock market celebrated last week over a bipartisan budget deal reached on Tuesday, making another federal government shutdown unlikely, despite the fact that the President was not happy with the resulting agreement. Like most such Congressional bipartisan agreements, both sides were somewhat perturbed. The President subsequently declaring a "state of emergency" to fully fund "his" border wall generated the most noise.

It continues to be widely reported that the Chinese trade negotiations are proceeding well enough that the new tariffs (that were to be imposed on March 1st) will not be implemented. With the China trade deal fears largely dissipated and a government shutdown off the table, the stock market staged another rally.

Speaking of politics, if you are looking for something to worry about, Britain's March 29th exit from the European Union (EU) is shaping up to be a potential disaster for both the British pound and the euro. Ironically, Brexit uncertainty is good for the U.S., since the U.S. dollar is the beneficiary of international capital flight, which continues to suppress Treasury yields.

The stock market is in "giddy-up" mode, posting a truly impressive eight-week winning streak that has restored almost three-fourths of the fourth-quarter losses. Funny how a retooled Fed policy and a more accommodative trade narrative can turn market lemons into lemonade. And while fourth-quarter sales and

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earnings are also looking positive, comps will likely take a fairly sizeable haircut in the current quarter and further out, due mostly to tougher base period increases. The S&P 500 may be challenging its next "overhead level of resistance" at 2,800, where cries of an "overbought" market are sure to emerge.

Investors that have fought the Fed and fought the tape, or have been spooked by all the bearishness put forth by most financial media, have truly missed out on a bonanza. With momentum still very much in favor of the bulls, it would not surprise me to see a market jump over the next couple of weeks as the "FOMO" (fear of missing out) crowd wanders back in and resumes their positions.

Even though the major averages are trending back towards their previous highs from early October, some of the structural issues are starting to get more attention. While the economy is expanding and unemployment is at historical lows, a record seven million Americans may be 90 or more days behind on their auto loan payments. (The National Auto Dealers Association believes that statistic is significantly overstated.)

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The "buy now, pay later" syndrome that Americans have come to embrace is becoming a drain on household budgets. Everything from furniture, electronics, clothing, medical expenses, travel, eating out, and leisure are being paid for by use of credit cards in an ever-increasing trend. While credit offers an artificial bump to people's expectations for the standard of living they aspire to have, in reality debt is a long-term drain on the bank account. Many people seem to forego what they cannot afford now in cash, while buying whatever they want if they think they can afford to make the payments.

Another area that rarely gets talked about is underfunded state pensions, and the looming impact of 10,000 baby boomers retiring every day on pension funds. Moody's Investors Service recently estimated that public pensions are underfunded by \$4.4 trillion. As of January 1, 2019, every state in the Union has an underfunded pension, the worst of which is in New Jersey (where only 30.9% of the state's pension fund is funded, with a total pension shortfall of \$168.2 billion being the largest in the nation).

The 2019 federal budget is forecast to be around \$4.4 trillion, with only \$3.4 trillion in estimated revenue - creating a \$985 billion annual deficit - and that does not take into account what could be a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill on the way. In fact, according to a New York Times article, the federal government's annual budget deficit is set to widen significantly in the next few years, and is expected to top \$1 trillion in 2020 despite healthy economic growth over the past two years under Trump. Our National Debt (which was primarily inherited from President Obama) exceeds \$21 Trillion, and according to the Congressional Budget Office might soar to more than \$33 Trillion by 2028. However, that assumes our economy does not continue to significantly benefit from the current administration's stimulus policies.

So, while debt concerns may not be of great importance to the reinvigorated stock market at this moment, increasing personal and governmental debt could become a trend which will be difficult to reverse (if America's economy does not grow enough to slow down the rapid debt growth which began approximately 10 years ago). America's economy ended 2018 valued at \$20.4 trillion, adding \$1 trillion from 2017, which sounds solid on the surface. However, there was a lot of leverage in growing that year-over-year number.

For now, the U.S. stock market seems to ignore rising levels of consumer, corporate, state, and federal debt. This condition might continue for who knows how long, but it's my view that extreme debt levels contributed greatly to ending the bull markets for stocks in Japan, Europe, and China, and that's a concern we should all pay attention to.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We want to do some home improvements and updates. When is it a good time to refinance our home?

Now, while housing prices are up and interest rates are still low. Keep in mind that banks are limited to the loan products they promote. To get the best deal, contact an independent Mortgage Broker who will be able to shop a multitude of loan products for you, and help you throughout the entire loan process. Check the tax laws in regard to deducting interest paid on a first mortgage vs. a refinanced mortgage. (IRS.gov)

Is the interest on student loans tax deductible?

If you've been making payments, on time, up to \$2,500 (maximum deduction) is allowed, providing your adjusted gross income is less than \$80,000 (filing 'single'), or \$165,000 (married, filing jointly). If you are in the 24% tax bracket, you might save over \$600. Watch the mail, or download from your student loan online account, the 1098-E which you will need as proof of how much interest you paid during 2018.

How does life insurance fit into financial planning?

Some life insurance policies carry benefits that you can take advantage of while you are alive. For example, a Fixed Indexed Universal Life insurance policy gives you the reassurance of having life insurance, potential cash accumulation, plus the option to access that cash account down



Julia Yoder

the road for any reason. One of my clients is a teacher and single mom. After reviewing several different investment avenues, she chose to get a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy. Conservatively, this fixed indexed universal life insurance policy's illustrations shows that she'll be able to fulfill all her goals - insurance, optional college fund, and retirement income. She even pays a little extra for 10 months, enabling her to skip paying premiums for the two months she doesn't get paid each year.

We bought a home in 2018. What are our tax breaks?

Information is available at State and Federal tax websites, or ask your CPA if you qualify to take deductions for mortgage interest, points paid at settlement, property taxes, exclusive use of home office space for a small business, mortgage insurance premiums, home improvement loan interest, and construction loan interest.

Can you tell me about Roth IRAs?

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

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California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Reports Cannabis Tax Revenues for Fourth Quarter of 2018

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) reported revenue numbers today for cannabis sales for the 4th quarter of 2018. Tax revenue reported by the cannabis industry totaled \$103.3 million for 4th quarter returns due by January 31, 2019, which includes state cultivation, excise, and sales taxes. It does not include tax revenue collected by each jurisdiction.

As of February 14, 2019, California's cannabis excise tax generated \$50.8 million in revenue reported on 4th quarter returns due by January 31, 2019. The cultivation tax generated \$16.4

million and the sales tax generated \$36.1 million in reported revenue. Retail sales of medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis products are exempt from sales and use taxes if the purchaser provides a valid Medical Marijuana Identification card and valid government-issued identification card.

Previously reported revenue for 3rd quarter returns was revised to \$100.8 million, which included \$53.3 million in excise tax, \$12.6 million in cultivation tax, and \$34.9 million in sales tax.

Revisions to quarterly data are the result of amended and late returns, and other tax return ad-

justments.

In November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. Beginning on January 1, 2018, two new cannabis taxes went into effect: a cultivation tax on all harvested cannabis that enters the commercial market and a 15 percent excise tax upon purchasers of cannabis and cannabis products. In addition, retail sales of cannabis and cannabis products are subject to state and local sales tax.

To learn more, visit the Tax Guide for Cannabis Businesses on the CDTFA website.

Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

Wanted: Men and Women who want to lose weight. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit group that encourages men and women to lose weight. TOPS is a hands on, Pounds Off approach to weight loss. No Quick Fixes, just helpful information you need to reach your weight loss goal. We offer the latest nutrition, fitness and medical information. We also have information on the latest Diabetes resources. Motivational stories from successful TOPS members. Our meetings are every Thursday at 9:30am to 11:00am at Azusa Memorial Park at 320 N Orange. For more information please call 626-967-8829

ARCADIA

Instructors Needed

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

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

The group is open to men and women 50 or older. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information call 626-281-6771.

BALDWIN PARK Universal CityWalk in Universal City

Spend your afternoon exploring Universal CityWalk on Thursday, **March 7** from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm and see for yourself why it is one of LA's favorite place to play. Live music, movies, shops, and great food, so there is always something new to discover. With more than 30 places to eat, including the Hard Rock Café, you won't go hungry. Have a craft beer at the Karl Strauss Brewing Company during happy hour. Or relax and catch a movie at the theater. Meals not included. Tickets are \$10 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$15 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

Tanaka Farms Strawberry Tour

Join us on Thursday, **March 21**, from 8:30 am -3:30 pm as we take a one hour long wagon ride around the Tanaka Farms. Learn about the farming methods and history of our farm from your friendly tour guide. You will see how fruits and vegetables grow! Throughout the tour, you will sample several seasonal fruits

and vegetables. The last stop on this tour is in the strawberry patch where you can pick and eat strawberries! Everyone will take home a one pound basket of strawberries! We will also be stopping by the Irvine Spectrum Center, an outdoor shopping center with over 130 stores and 35 restaurants for shopping and dining. Meals not included. Limited Tickets! Tickets are \$20 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

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

COVINA

Garden Club Meeting

On Thursday **February 28**, Gracella Gibbs of Los Artistes will demonstrate how to make arrangements for the Friendship Garden Club's upcoming Annual Flower Show which uses the Norman Edwards style of arranging. The Club meets at the Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina. The presentation will last one half hour following the business meeting and a craft boutique beginning at 11:00am. Ms. Gibbs will be available for questions during a tea following her program. All interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 626-422-7904.

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.

Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts "Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball" at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

Duarte Museum Needs Docents

It's fun and educational! Volunteer to serve as a docent at the

Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park. You will serve about every other month on a Wednesday (1-3 p.m.) or Saturday (1-4 p.m.) with a seasoned docent who will train you. Greet visitors, show them around the museum and learn about local history. Training sessions are available. Call Claudia at (626) 358-0329 for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks

Health Care Partners will provide a medical assistant to do free blood pressure checks. No appointment needed. **Every 2nd Tuesday** of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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.

Senior Lunch

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

Alzheimer's Safe

Return Registration

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

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

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

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Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds. This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

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

LA VERNE

Pick Your Own Oranges

Enjoy a "Slice of La Verne's Past" while picking some of the best tasting oranges around at Heritage Park. The Heritage Foundation offers you one of the last working orange groves in the area as a place to enjoy with your family. Bags of oranges are \$5, and mesh bags and the picking poles are supplied. The historic Weber house will also be open for tours from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Orange Picking opens Saturdays beginning January 12 and continuing approximately until the beginning of March. For more information call (909) 293-9005 or check out their web site at www.laverneheritage.org. Heritage Park is at 5001 Via De Mansion, La Verne.

Get About

Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to de-

tect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

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Toastmasters Club

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Musical Quiz Program On Tap For Glendora Woman's Club

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will present a Musical Quiz Program at the club's luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, **March 5**. The program will feature member's participation in a musical quiz. Participants will be asked to identify a number of musical selections and show tunes played by pianist Lou Jones, and to write their answers on paper provided, said program vice president Helen Storland.

The Musical Quiz Program will include prizes for those with the most correct answers, while providing members with

many of their favorite musical memories, said .


The Woman's Club, one of the oldest, active service clubs in Glendora, will begin its meeting at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m., said club co-presidents Carolyn Cunningham and Joy Martau. The catered luncheon will be followed by the Musical Quiz Program.

Each month, the Members Participation Art Display features a different display theme. This month will be Western Round-Up and members are encouraged to bring an item from home to dis-

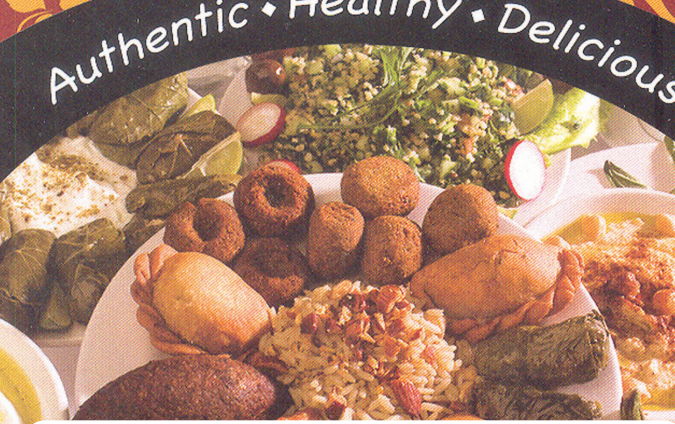
play said Art Display chair Susan Lepkojus.

Coming up on April 9 will be the club's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon. With the theme "Mardi Gras on the Avenue, the event will feature fashions by 'On The Avenue Boutique' in Glendora, opportunity drawings, and door prizes. Tickets at \$40 per person will be available at the meeting from Ticket chair Chris Ohrmund at 909-598-0554, for information about renting the clubhouse for a special event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

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Senator Ling Ling Chang Selects Hannah Kim as 29th Senate District Woman of the Year

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) announced that she has selected Hannah Yejin Kim as the 29th Senate District's Woman of the Year. The recipient of the award is a Diamond Bar native with a passion for service and honoring veterans.

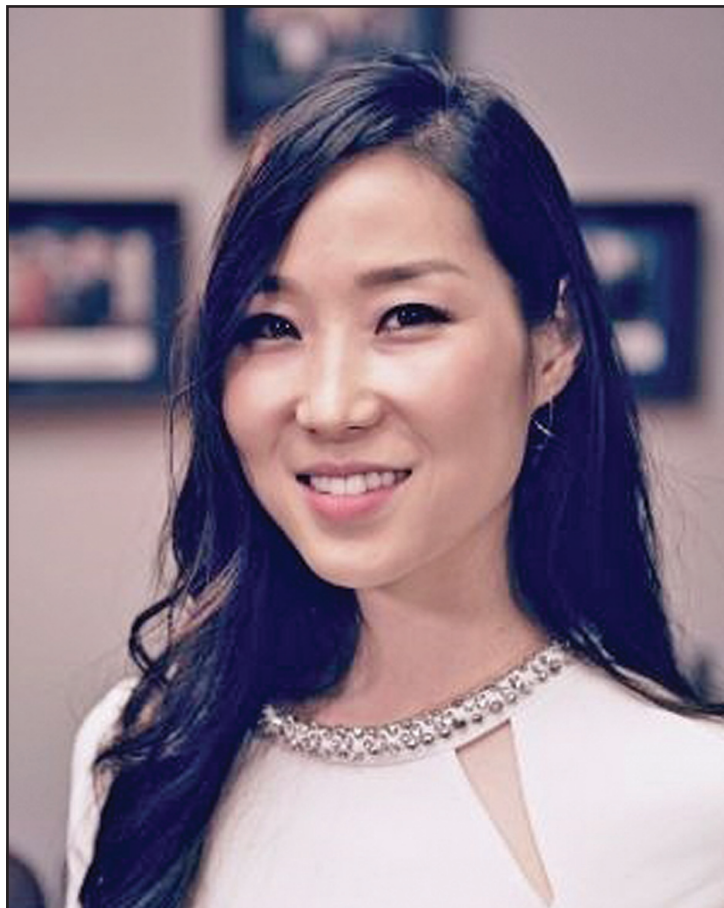
"As a member of the California Millennial Caucus, I am proud to recognize Hannah and her outstanding achievements in honoring Korean War veterans who have bravely served our country," said Senator Chang. "Hannah is the future of our country and as a millennial, she is paving a path and making sure we remember the veterans of the Forgotten War."

Hannah founded Remember727, an organization dedicated to Korean War veterans,

and spearheaded the historic passage of federal legislation that created a memorial day for Korean War veterans. She recently completed a journey to all 50 U.S. states and territories to thank and interview more than 1000 Korean War veterans.

"I'm deeply humbled and honored to be recognized by Senator Chang as the Woman of the Year," said Hannah Kim. "My life is a testament of faith, gratitude, and grit. I hope I can remind everyone that one's gender, age, race, and background doesn't determine or define who they are or what they can do."

The Woman of the Year Award is an annual Capitol tradition that celebrates California's extraordinary women. Honorees will be recognized on March 4, 2019 in Sacramento.



Woman of the Year recipient Hannah Kim.

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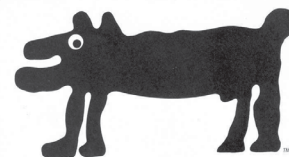
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