

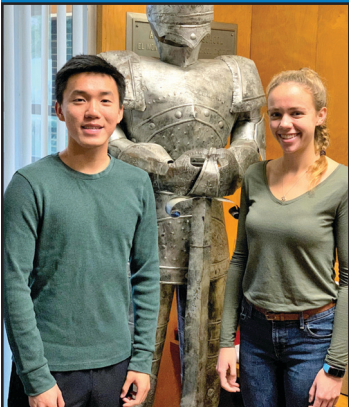


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Glendora Community Coordinating Council Award Recipients for February

GLENDORA - Richard Macy has been a docent for Rubel Castle for the past 26 years. He began giving tours when Michael Rubel, the founder and builder of the castle was still living on the property. Richard brings energy and joy to each tour he does. He makes the castle come to life with his insightful stories and fun group participation. He continues to keep Michael Rubel's memory and dreams alive with every tour he gives at the castle. Richard is a Glendora treasure and we are honored to recognize him with February's Humanitarian Award.

Jillyn Turunen, a senior at Glendora High School, excels in everything she does scholastically and in service to her community. Currently she has a weighted GPA of 4.68. She is a National AP Scholar, a National Merit Scholarship finalist, a member of Glendora High School's Honor Roll, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, Show Choir, Christian Club and Key Club. Jillyn has volunteered over 750 hours to her community at the Glendora Public Library, Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, Glendora Methodist Church and Glendora Council PTA. In her free time she is a private tutor, a hair stylist for



Rose Wentz, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President with February's Humanitarian Award recipient Richard Macy.



Rose Wentz, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President with February's Youth Recognition Award recipient Jillyn Turunen.

special events, practices circus training and enjoys studying foreign languages for which she is fluent in French, Spanish and Esperanto. It is with great pleasure and honor Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Jillyn with the February Youth Recognition Award.

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

Pause For Paws at ACCU



ACCU Team Members Maher Bahhur, Stephanie Turner and Nikole Pierce pose with members of the Petique Booth.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - With the consistent rain storms hitting California, ACCU was prepared for a downpour at the "Pause For Paws" event held at the parking lot of America's Christian Credit Union in Glendora. It was from 10 am to 2 pm. on Saturday February 9th.

It rained hard in the morning, but the sun came out at 9.30 am, the tents went up and pet lovers started coming to purchase pet goods, adopt dogs, visit with dog trainers, or just to visit the many booths. Some of the visitors brought their dogs with them, for this dog friendly event!

Mayor of Glendora Mendell Thompson was seen at the event and so was Glendora Council Member Michael Allawos.

Mendell also happens to be the CEO of America's Christian Credit Union. Also at the event, were ACCU Team Members and pet lovers, Maher Bahhur, Nikole Pierce and Stephanie Turner.

There were more booths than ever before, at this 5th Annual event. From clothes and sweaters for dogs and cats to veterinary services and pet adoptions, including a stall for adopting greyhounds who have been retired. If it is a watchdog you want, a greyhound is not the dog of choice. Greyhounds are very loving and loveable, but they are not watchdogs! They are too docile!

Some of the booths at the Paws for Pets event, were represented by Adopt an ex-racing greyhound, Marilyn Sparks of Farmers Insurance, Alan Lara of

Dog World Order, Priceless Pet Rescue, Justeen Yang of Love Light Paws, Hollis Brannon of Vetcare, Karina Sando of Bake4Mutts, Kim Hamilton of Punk-n-Pies, Sit Means Sit Dog Training, Stephanie Mann of Pawsh & Sassy, Doggie Glam, Hello Pink, Best Buddies Pet Care, Rescue Works, Heart and Home Animal Rescue, Fire Hydrant Pet Sitting, VCA Alosta Animal Hospital, Kat Winton of Rustic Season, Puppy Mamas, Crazy Dog Ladies, Woof Hoof gifts and Petique.

America's Christian Credit Union puts on this event, which pet lovers in Glendora and surrounding cities look forward to attending.

It Doesn't Have To Cost 6 Percent To Sell A Home



Technology allows real estate agents to focus on building a strong core business.

If you're thinking about selling a home, you may have wondered: "What, really, does a real estate agent do to earn a 6 percent commission?"

In the past, real estate agents had to scour literal books of listings and drive clients around to see listings to make sales. But today's real estate process is much simpler—and increasingly digital. According to a 2017 study from the National Association of REALTORS®, 44 percent of home searches now start online. And as the search process moves online, almost all of the paperwork has, too, allowing agents to handle more business even more quickly.

So if everything's easier now, why are most agents still charging 6 percent?

It comes down to the time and money that agents spend finding new clients. "Many agents still find most of their business by cold calling, sending mailers or knocking on doors," explains Ben Mizes, CEO of online real estate brokerage Clever Real Estate. "The time it takes agents to find customers puts a floor on commissions."

Clever works nationwide to solve this problem by matching customers with local Partner Agents, who sell homes for a flat

fee of \$3,000 or 1 percent in listing commission. Clever is part of a growing trend in the real estate industry; discount firms like Redfin now operate in many U.S. metro areas and even local brokerages are increasingly discounting their rates. In a 2017 article, The Washington Post estimated that average commission rates nationwide will soon fall to 5 percent as agents compete more aggressively to win business.

Tech-focused entrants to the discount real estate space have the potential to accelerate the change. Unlike traditional brokerages, which expand one city at a time with local brick-and-mortar offices, Clever partners with agents all over the country. Mizes says, "We have a full-time team dedicated to recruiting and vetting top-performing agents from major agencies. They provide the exact same full service that a top agent usually offers, but when you come through Clever, they do it for our competitive prices."

Steve Huffman, a Keller Williams broker and Clever Partner Agent in Atlanta, says that discount prices don't stop him from providing a quality, full-service experience for his clients. "If you do a good job with discount clients, they can refer friends, and

you have buyers who will call your yard sign," he explains. "The more listings you have, the more exposure you have."

Luke Babich, Clever's Chief Strategy Officer, explains why it's a win-win: "Our Partner Agents can focus on doing what they do best: selling homes. Meanwhile, the average customer saves \$9,000 in commission."

Among the emerging business models that are shaking up the real estate industry, tech-focused brokerages like Clever differentiate themselves by being human focused, too. "Real estate commissions are ready to be revolutionized," says Babich. "But we're selling homes the same way that they've been sold for the last half century—with great, attentive, professional agents."

With dramatic changes in the real estate industry—which some have said threatens to displace real estate agents—tech-focused brokerages like Clever differentiate because they are agent focused, too.

"In the end," concludes Huffman, "you're not losing money because you're gaining more clients."

To learn more about the ways that technology is changing the real estate industry, visit <https://listwithclever.com>. (NAPSI)

San Gabriel Unified Elementary Launches Program to Cultivate Positive School Environment

SAN GABRIEL - More than 500 Washington Elementary students, parents and staff members gathered to celebrate the launch of its Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program, which helps create a positive school setting through strategies that define, teach and support appropriate student behaviors.

While Washington is the first San Gabriel Unified school to implement the program fully, Jefferson Middle, Wilson Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary schools also use PBIS strategies on campus.

"We are practicing the Washington Way; we expect ourselves to be kind to others, stay safe and be responsible in all things," Washington fifth-grader Ajani Romero said in a speech to his peers. "We are Washington Warriors, and we can do anything."

Students, parents and District officials visited stations



Washington Elementary students learn safety tips for arriving and leaving school during the PBIS kickoff event.

throughout campus that highlighted the "The Washington Way," such as classroom behavior expectations, playground behavior expectations, playground departure safety tips. Each station featured "Cool Tool" videos or presentations created by Washington students and teachers.

Washington Principal Sandra Dunville said that teachers and

staff have worked hard to implement PBIS strategies throughout every part of the school day, and that negative behavior has decreased on campus since the strategies were introduced.

Read more about PBIS in San Gabriel Unified schools: <https://bit.ly/2BwRNNA>

Clifton Middle School Teacher Honored for Excellence at Los Angeles Clippers Game



Clifton Middle School's Daniela Mazzeo works one-on-one with her students, and ensures she is paying attention to their needs, which played a role in her nomination to be honored on court during the Los Angeles Clippers Game on Feb. 13.

MONROVIA — Clifton Middle School's Daniela Mazzeo, who continually shows her passion for her students by dedicating time and paying attention to their needs, was recognized on court at the Los Angeles Clippers game on Feb. 13 for her success as a teacher.

Mazzeo teaches English language arts and serves as the yearbook coordinator and technical adviser for the school's robotics program. Her extensive digital and video production background has allowed her to partner with

the program and introduce a different level of expertise.

"Daniela is truly an asset to Clifton," Principal Jennifer Jackson said. "She does not settle for what is, but rather what should be by being innovative and forward thinking for the sole benefit of student learning."

Mazzeo has gained respect from her Clifton family in a short amount of time and is relied upon by both veteran and rookie teachers because of her ability to collaborate, solve problems, and plan in a way that benefits all stu-

dents.

"It's an honor for one of our own Monrovia Unified teachers to be acknowledged by the larger community," MUSD Board President Ed Gililland said. "Our district is fortunate to have quality educators who go above and beyond for their students."

Mazzeo's instruction and guidance to robotics students have led to multiple awards and recognition for Clifton's teams. Currently, Mazzeo is working on a plan to expand Clifton's traditional yearbook program by adding a multi-media approach that will be more attractive for students. Mazzeo also is forging the way at Clifton Middle School by building a digital portfolio requirement that will be woven into the school's core instructional program.

"Teachers like Daniela have such a profound impact on our students," MUSD Superintendent Katherine Thorossian said. "I am grateful for her expertise and continued enthusiasm in giving our students even greater opportunities for learning."

A Beloved Dog, A Stolen Car And... A Happy Ending

It started out as a normal day for Mary Harrison—until she briefly left her car running outside of her home with her shih tzu Molly in the backseat and went inside for just a second.

When she came back outside, however, her car—and Molly—were gone. She called Verizon to see if her phone could help track her car, and a Verizon customer service representative saved the day.

"When Mary called in, I was taken aback with her car and dog being stolen," said the tech expert who answered the call. "I really felt for her. I work at home and my two dogs are at my feet all day."

They pulled up Harrison's account and saw that she had a Hum by Verizon device in her car. Hum is a vehicle diagnostic system from Verizon Connect. It takes the guesswork out of driving with connected car technology, so you can stay in touch with emergency services and your loved ones on the road.

For instance, if Hum detects a crash, it can notify emergency services and send help your way.

With Hum's vehicle diagnostics feature you can check your car's health from your phone and detect issues before you go. You can also schedule maintenance reminders and Hum will text or e-mail you when it's time for a tune-up or an oil change. And if your car is stolen, as in Mary's

case, Hum can send your car's location to local law enforcement.

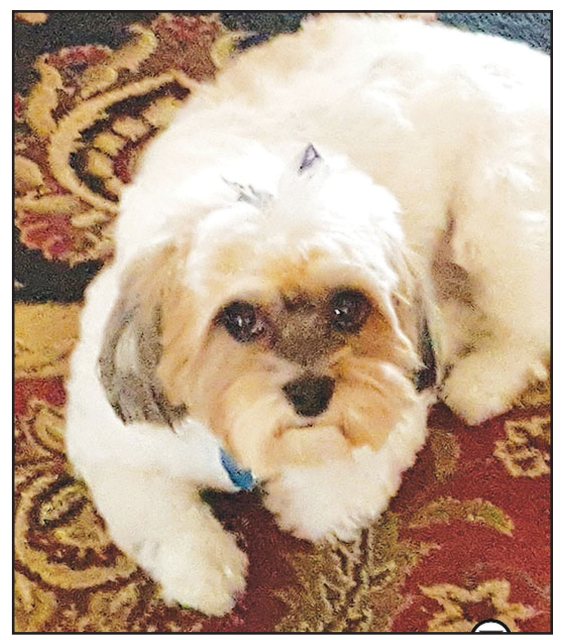
"I knew with Hum there was a lot we could do to help her. I pulled up the step-by-step troubleshooting guide to reset her password and bring up the vehicle's location on her phone. As soon as she saw the car on her phone, she started to cry."

The car was not far from Harrison's home. She could have walked there, but the customer service representative advised her to stay safe, call the police, and recover the car together.

When Harrison got to the car, her dog was still there, safe inside.

"It made me feel great to be able to help her," the customer service representative said. "I know that if it were my dog in the car, that would be my biggest concern, too. I wouldn't even care about my car or my stuff, just getting my dog back safely. I was so impressed by how quickly and accurately Hum found her car. It's awesome that we have this great technology available."

For further facts about how helpful Hum can be, go to www.Hum.com. (NAPSI)



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Water Conservation Tax Relief Legislation Helps Keep California Out of Drought

SACRAMENTO—Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced AB 533 which incentivizes participation in water efficiency and storm water runoff improvement programs.

“Water conservation shouldn’t be taxed,” said Assemblymember Chris Holden. “We must do all we can to incentivize Californians to increase water efficiency in a state that is prone to chronic droughts.”

Assembly Bill 533 exempts any rebates, vouchers, or other financial incentives issued by a local water agency or supplier for expenses incurred to participate in a water efficiency or storm water improvement program from state or corporate income tax.

California currently has a patchwork of tax exemptions for different water conservation programs, including water efficient appliances and turf replacement, some of which are set to expire shortly. AB 533 will incentivize and encourage participation in water agency conservation pro-

grams designed to increase water use efficiency and improve storm water management throughout California.

“California’s water shortage is a structural issue that we must do more to address,” said Senator Wiener (D-San Francisco) a co-author of AB 533. “As our droughts grow longer and more intense, it is crucial for the state to make it easier and more affordable to participate in water efficiency and storm water runoff programs.”

“AB 533 provides clarity and certainty for water agencies that they can provide incentives to local business and residential consumers that make sense for their communities without the burden of issuing 1099s or concerns that their consumers will be discouraged from participating in these important programs by an additional tax burden,” said Cynthia Koehler, Executive Director of WaterNow Alliance which is co-sponsoring the bill.

“Rebate programs are a cost-effective way to increase water efficiency and support efforts to adapt to a changing climate. Penalizing people with a tax bill for doing the right thing discourages participation in the very programs we need to meet our conservation objectives,” said Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

“Encouraging residents to reduce water usage by planting sustainable water efficient landscapes, installing “gray water” capture systems, or purchasing new water-efficient appliances can provide significant water savings,” said Mary Ann Dickinson, Executive Director of California Water Efficiency Partnership. “As local water agencies scale up their water conservation programs to meet new statewide water efficiency mandates, AB 533 will support these efforts by removing the barrier of state income taxation.”

Duarte to Conduct Public Right of Way Survey

DUARTE - Starting this month and for approximately two months, the City of Duarte will begin surveying its “Public Right of Way” areas throughout the community. Public right of way is defined as streets, alleys, sidewalks, etc. The study, conducted by Disability Access Consultants (DAC), will require both surveying and photographing City properties. DAC will not be photographing residents, pri-

vate properties or discussing field findings while conducting the survey.

All DAC staff have had thorough background checks and can be identified by DAC branded badges and BLUE shirts. Study results will be available after the report is finalized. For additional information on the survey process or study, contact Duarte City Hall at 626-357-7931.

Napolitano’s Route 66 Centennial Commission Act Passes House

WASHINGTON, DC - On February 6th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 66, the Route 66 Centennial Commission Act, a bill co-authored by Reps. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA-32) and Rodney Davis (R-IL-13).

“Cities in my district have begun to reinvest in Route 66, recognizing its historic significance and how it continues to provide transportation, economic, and community benefits to our region and American society to-

day,” Napolitano said. “The federal government should be involved in these efforts as well. I thank Congressman Davis for reintroducing this legislation with me and helping move this bill quickly at the start of this Congress.”

H.R. 66 creates a Commission to recommend improvements and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026. It passed the House with large

bipartisan support by a vote of 399 to 22. The bill also passed the House last Congress but was not considered by the Senate.

Route 66 is an integral part of the San Gabriel Valley’s culture and economy and runs through the cities of La Verne, San Dimas, Glendora, Azusa, Duarte, and Monrovia, known in most of Napolitano’s district as Foothill Boulevard and Huntington Drive.

WCUSD Set to Launch Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program

WEST COVINA – Students throughout the San Gabriel Valley who wish to learn Mandarin will now have the opportunity to do so – free of charge, in a public-school setting – at Orangewood Elementary in the West Covina Unified School District, a state-certified district of choice.

West Covina Unified School District will launch its Mandarin Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program in August. The first class will be limited to kindergarten students. Enrollment will open March 4.

The program was approved by the WCUSD Board of Education during its Feb. 12 meeting. It builds upon the District’s successful Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program, housed at Orangewood and Monte Vista elementary schools.

Mandarin DLI builds on the District’s proven reputation for providing innovative, highly

competitive programs that foster an academic culture of biliteracy and bilingualism, academic achievement and success in college and careers.

“Students who participate in DLI programs develop greater cognitive flexibility, increase academic growth and develop a more positive understanding of other cultures,” WCUSD Board President Daniel C. Monarrez said. “We are proud to provide our students with another resource to ensure they are prepared to compete in a global economy and thrive in college and their careers.”

Orangewood Elementary will roll out Mandarin DLI with a kindergarten class consisting of a mix of native English speakers and native Mandarin speakers.

The program will follow a 50:50 instruction model, employing both English and Mandarin 50 percent of the time

throughout the instructional day.

The Mandarin program will expand each year, eventually providing K-5 DLI instruction.

Students will then advance to the Edgewood Schools, which provide language extension in middle school, as well as an opportunity to learn a third or fourth language in high school.

Ultimately, each DLI student is expected to qualify for California’s Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation.

Students will be accepted to the Mandarin program on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about West Covina Unified’s Dual Language Immersion Program and to enroll, visit www.wcusd.org/programs/dual-language-immersion. Students from throughout the San Gabriel Valley are eligible to apply.

Los Angeles County Poised To Provide Additional Community-Based Services For Youth Diversion And Development In History-Making Partnership

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors yesterday approved a historic Public/Private Partnership between the Los Angeles County Probation Department and two of the area’s leading grant-makers—the Liberty Hill Foundation and the California Community Foundation. This landmark collaboration will dramatically increase services and opportunities delivered by local community-based organizations to youth currently in the probation system and to at-risk youth to divert them from entering the County system altogether.

The Probation Department will allocate \$3.2 million from the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funds to the respective foundations who will in turn set up a grant process for grass-roots and emerging community-based organizations. This will allow for faster distribution of the funds and an opportunity for smaller organizations to access these funds that may not normally have had the infrastructure to compete for county contracts.

The grants distributed through this partnership will expand opportunities and resources for programs that keep vulnerable youth out of the justice system and help those in the system transition back into the community. These programs provide critical socio-emotional support that is proven to successfully prevent

many youth from entering the juvenile justice system, while also cutting the recidivism rates of those who have.

With this new partnership, Los Angeles County will continue to be the nation’s leader for demonstrating how an effective community-based model focused on prevention and treatment not only decreases the number of youth incarcerated, but also improves chances for more youth to earn their high school diplomas, become gainfully employed, and decrease the likelihood of being incarcerated as an adult. The services made available via this collaboration will be provided within the youths’ own communities thus making it easier for the families to access.

With a shared goal to provide youth rehabilitative programs centered on healing, learning, and opportunity, grantees will receive funding for their critical work advancing education, mental health, cultural and workforce programs. The grantees will also benefit from Liberty Hill’s proven track record of coalition-building, training, and support to build organizational capacity for growth and success. Grantees will develop capacity-building plans, and have access to individualized coaching and cohort-based trainings helping them to be more competitive for future funding.

“Community based organizations have already demonstrated their power in helping to effectively allocate these critical resources,” said Liberty Hill President & CEO Shane Murphy Goldsmith. “This will prevent losing more vulnerable young people to incarceration; instead, they will be connected in meaningful ways in our communities and will help us make Los Ange-

les the County we know it can be.”

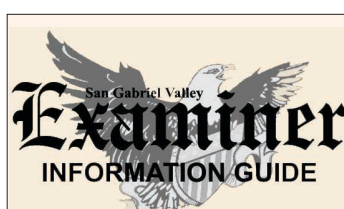
The California Community Foundation believes that the collaboration will ultimately make a positive difference in the lives of countless people.

“By shifting the focus from simply avoiding criminal or classroom misbehavior to fully embracing methods that result in high school graduation, college readiness, and career success, we can dramatically change the lifetime opportunities for young people and the wellbeing of our community as a whole,” said California Community Foundation President and CEO Antonia Hernández. “Together we can help all our young people to realize their limitless potential.”

In the last few years the Los Angeles County Probation Department has been actively establishing relationships with local non-profits dedicated to helping expand programs that improve the health of youth and their families. Probation dedicated \$14 million to community-based diversion programs in 2018.

“We are proud of this new partnership with Liberty Hill and the California Community Foundation because of our shared objective to improve the outcomes of youth in our communities,” said Chief Deputy Probation Officer Sheila Mitchell who oversees the operations of Los Angeles County’s juvenile halls and residential treatment camps. “This strengthens our goal of partnering with community-based organizations that have proven track records for proactively providing critical programs for our youth.”

Community organizations that are interested in learning more about this partnership and how to join may email youthdevelopment@calfund.org.



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AB 931: Attempt To Thwart America First Law Enforcement

A little known Assembly Member to the cities in the 48th Assembly District (cities from Duarte to Glendora, south through Covina to West Covina) is Dr. Shirley Weber who has pending AB 931, a bill introduced in last year's session to revise "specified use-of-force standards by peace officers."

Dr. Weber (D-79-AD) serving cities in San Diego County with her ally in this effort, Sen. Toni Atkins (D-39-SD) also serving cities in San Diego County, asked this bill be held over to this year for amendments when law enforcement agencies came out strongly opposing the bill.

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Sen. Anthony Portantino (D-SD-25) San Dimas, there is some history and generally practiced procedures by law enforcement over the years in that Senate Report. But in light of AB 109, early release bill, and Prop 47, reducing felonies to misdemeanors, this bill needs to be carefully considered and reviewed before passage occurs.

From that report:

- An 1872 law allows a peace officer to use deadly force against a person charged with a felony who is fleeing or resisting arrests; or, preventing an officer from completing an assigned duty.

- 1985, U.S. Supreme Court ruled the constitutionality of officer use of force under the Fourth Amendment rests on "whether the officers' actions are objectively reasonable ... without an underlying intent or motivation ... from the officer on the scene without 20/20 hindsight vision.

- California law provides all persons have the right to defend themselves and others, including homicide, if threatened with imminent danger including rape, being maimed or robbed and defense of their habitat.

The Senate Report goes on to say: "... under current law ... peace officers' authority to use reasonable force to effect an arrest, prevent escape, or overcome resistance when the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a public offense ... has no obligation to retreat or desist in the officer's efforts because of resistance or threat of resistance ... the officer is not deemed the aggressor and does



Shade's Perspective

Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora
not lose the right of self-defense ...

The Senate Public Safety Committee, in their report, says the no retreat and desist measures in the Senate Appropriations analysis is removed. Additionally, Public Safety Committee report provides "This bill makes homicide by a peace officer justifiable only if the use of force is consistent with the provisions of this bill related to use of deadly force." That's a non-starter for me given the undefined words floating around in this bill.

After reading both Senate Reports, I don't think I know what the definition of "reasonable" or "necessary" is and who would define and make judgment on that terminology. The Public Safety Committee also qualifies the justification on use of force or use of deadly force as having occurred by a "reasonable peace officer [who] would conclude that there was not reasonable alternative."

AB 931 proposes to constrain the ability of law enforcement to fully function as a "protect and serve" agency of the general population under the provisions below.

- A peace officer would be allowed to use reasonable force, not deadly force, to effectuate an arrest, to prevent escape or to overcome resistance.

- Require peace officers to attempt to control an incident by using time, distance, communication and available resources to de-escalate a situation using the least amount of use of force.

- Allow a peace officer to use deadly force only when necessary to prevent imminent death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person.

Shaun Rudle, Deputy Director of California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics

Center, said AB 931 attempts to raise the "legal force standards from 'objectively reasonable' to 'necessary'. That bill would put peace officers at even more risk as they would be second guessing themselves in every contact made, as civilian behavior can escalate very quickly into situations that lead to lethal force applications."

AB 931, according to the Senate Public Safety Committee Report "... limits the use of force by a peace officer against a person fleeing when the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed, or intends to commit, a felony involving death or serious bodily injury ..." That's a direct quote off the Senate Report.

On our streets right now are the AB 109ers, Prop 47 and Prop 57 criminals. And if they should be approached by a police officer and flee, they should not be stopped?

AB 109 released 45,000 criminals from our state prisons because of over-crowding. They were suppose to be low-level offenders but only considered was the most recent crime not any previous crimes that might have been violent offenses.

Prop 47 reduced felonies to misdemeanors for illegal drug possession, even allowed already convicted drug offenders to petition for early release and shoplifting, if under \$950 an offense or per day. That put 13,000 more criminals on our local streets and now provides a ticket to shoplifters with no consequences.

Prop 57 determined non-violent offenses were hate crimes, arson on forest land, assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, active in a street gang, rape by intoxication ... the list goes on.

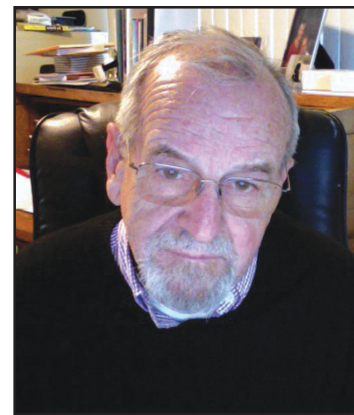
Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 would have reinstated 15 offenses as violent, restored DNA collection eliminated under Prop 47, and considered prior criminal history in sentencing. It failed to make the ballot because the counties of Ventura, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin counties could not make the time to verify signatures by the deadline for the November 2018 election. Oh, and San Diego County was one of those also per Michelle Hanisee, President - Association of Deputy District Attorneys.

America First

When someone uses a word or phrase that has had popular currency previously, it might be hoped that he/she at least realizes the baggage that accompanies the word or phrase. After George W. Bush used the word "crusade," referring to our nation's confrontation with Islam, somebody must have whispered in his ear that the use of that word was filled with terrible historic implications-so he quit employing it in his public speeches. Intellectually challenged as he might have been, George Bush was a whole lot wiser than President Trump.

One would hope President Trump knows enough about history, or has listened to an aide who does, that he might quit using "America First" as a description of our nation's place on the world stage. But then perhaps he doesn't care, believes he is smarter about everything than any of his aides or anyone else, or means exactly what that phrase has implied in the nation's history.

At one level there may not be much dangerous historic rubble accompanying the phrase, and it may only be the kind of affirmation uttered by any national patriot: "I love my homeland more than I love any other nation." Or it may be like high school athletes who after a victory point their index fingers in the air and shout, "we're number one." But when historic uses have loaded it with other more sinister implications, the term now redefined



Charles H. Bayer

should be used with great care.

Young Germans in the 1930s singing "Deutschland, Deutschland über alles, über alles in der Welt," were not just echoing patriotic niceties. "America First" sounds much like the sounds emanating from Nazi-dominated Bavarian beer halls. The concern is not that America has become a fascist state but rather that political language, when misused, can turn healthy patriotism into toxic nationalism.

So look at the way that designation was employed just two generations ago. At the end of the 1930s it was a favorite expression of the families who owned Sears-Roebuck and the Chicago Tribune, and who were counted among the prominent anti-Semites of the day. These individuals and their companies were among the funders of the notorious Jew-hating "America First Committee."

Henry Ford, another member of the committee and a noted anti-Semite, had been removed from the U.S. Olympic Commit-

tee for his notoriously racist comments, as was its chairman, Avery Brundage, who had prevented two Jewish runners, who were members of the American track team, from competing in the finals of the 4x100 relay race being held in Berlin in 1936.

In September 1941 at a political rally, Charles Lindbergh, another noted anti-Semite said, "The British and the Jewish races, for reasons which are not American, wish to involve us in their war. The greatest danger Jews pose to the U.S. lies in their large ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio, and our government."

The speech was clearly anti-Semitic. Dorothy Thompson, a columnist for the New York Herald Tribune, reporting from Europe, wrote, "I am absolutely certain that Lindbergh is pro-Nazi. I am certain that he foresees a new party along Nazi lines." Those sentiments were echoed widely in the press.

The anti-Semitic label attached to the "America First Committee," caused its demise when the United States entered World War II. Since then few political figures, until now, have been reckless enough to use the phrase. Let's hope Trump gives up employing it as a device to rally his already racist-leaning following. But then, among the Charlottesville mob chanting, "The Jews will never replace us," there must have been some good people.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - City of Los Angeles

By Joe Castillo

Medal of Honor... In the spring of 1945, American bombers were reaping damage on Japanese targets on their approach to mainland Japan. On April 12th at the break of dawn, the lead aircraft of the 52nd Bombardment Squadron took off from its Guam Island base. After 11 missions, the crew of the City of Los Angeles had earned its place in leading the squadron on a bombing raid on Koriyama, Japan. The primary responsibility of the City of Los Angeles was to signal the other B29's when to begin to drop their bomb loads.

Staff Sergeant Henry Erwin, the radio operator of the City of Los Angeles, was to give the signal by dropping a phosphorous flare down a specially made chute and with a six-second fuse, the flare would light up the entire sky signaling the others to begin their drops. Erwin knew the routine well and crawled to his spot in the bombardier bay, dropped the flare down the chute but something went terribly wrong. The flare burst in the chute and rather than exiting the plane, it went in reverse and came right back into the plane. Erwin caught the brunt of the flare's heat and could feel it burning his face and hands.

In no time at all, the plane was filled with smoke from the active flare causing the pilot to become disoriented and lose control as the plane went into a nosedive. Erwin was blinded by the explosive flare but on his hands and knees he crawled in the dark searching for the errant flare and when he found it, cradled it close to his body with his burnt hands, and then proceeded to crawl to the cockpit. The flare's heat was close to 1,300 degrees but Erwin kept going.

As the pilot was trying to gain control of the flailing plane, Erwin instructed the co-pilot to open the side window and he then threw out the still burning and smoking flair. He fell to the ground with his clothes on fire and his face burned beyond recognition.

With the smoke clearing, the pilot regained control of the plane, and the other crew members of the City of Los Angeles rushed to aid Erwin. They sprayed him with a fire extinguisher and began first aid, injecting him with morphine to try and ease his pain. The plane flew to Iwo Jima where Erwin's body was so rigid it had to be removed through the window. The doctors were so sure Erwin was going to die, they flew him to Guam where Major General Curtis LeMay directed his staff to bring in Erwin's brother to be with him in his final hours.

General LeMay recommended Erwin for the Medal of Honor and requested Washington to expediate the request as Erwin was near death. But the only Med-

al of Honor award was in Hawaii behind a locked cabinet. LeMay ordered the cabinet to be broken, the medal retrieved and within an hour it was on a plane to Guam. The next day, General LeMay, awarded the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Henry Erwin, only one week after their successful raid on Koriyama. Erwin was flown back home to Alabama and for the next two and a half years he underwent repeated operations and reconstructive surgeries.

In 1948, he attended the premier of The Wild Blue Yonder, a movie which dramatized his heroic actions to save his crew and plane, the City of Los Angeles. Erwin died in 2002, 57 years longer than anyone thought he would have lasted after that flight on April 12, 1945...

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Ask First, Don't Just Feed Stray Cats on Other People's Property

We have an issue with some stray cats on the property of the VFW in West Covina. They have a habit of spraying urine all over the place and the odor is overwhelming. They spray on almost anything, cars, the building, doors, the picnic benches under the patio. They jump on people's cars and leave marks all over them and urinate on the front and back windows.

We use the VFW as a hub for car shows and, in my case, I have some of my cars there and ready to go.

It has become a major problem with a couple of the cats and I have used repellents to try and keep them off the property. It gets expensive.

I just recently noticed that they have been squirting on the rims of my cars and motorcycles. The rims on one car are over \$2,000 EACH! They nailed them. The urine causes and breaks down in the material and rust forms almost immediately. The foot prints on the paint is a nightmare and the scratches don't seem to rub out well. The also took care of the wheels on my Harleys. Trying to clean them up is not easy.

We had this problem about 15



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

years ago and it got to the point that the cats were caught and taken to the shelter where they were most likely destroyed. This became a battle of animal lovers and management. We had people come and feed all these cats when they were told not to. The cats multiplied. We had two cats get run over in the parking lot, one got ground up in an engine... that one was a mess.

I just had my BMW washed and detailed and the next day there were foot prints all over the black paint. What a waste of money.

Recently we were asked if a couple could park the trailer at the VFW while they helped an Auxiliary member with her affairs after her husband died. I gave the okay since I pay to have my trailer here. What I didn't

know was that they were going to stay in it. I thought they were going to stay at the home of our Auxiliary member. I go out the other day and the gentleman tells me about "our cats" that we have on the property. He then proceeds to tell me that he has been feeding them and giving them food and bowls of milk. I was shocked and just about had a cow. I have spent big money to get products to keep the cats away from the property and then this happens. I couldn't believe it. I looked over to where he pointed and there were at least 6 cats there. I asked him PLEASE DON'T DO THIS... Now we have a bigger problem and it looks like we will have no choice but to have them removed again.

Why do people not THINK? God bless them for being animal lovers, but this is not their property and now they have created a greater problem that will cost more money to remedy long after they are gone. I know they were trying to do a good deed, but it certainly wasn't.

People have good hearts, but sometimes they are in the wrong places.

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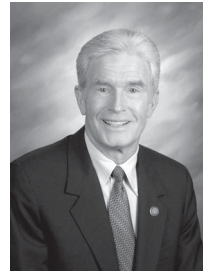
The market weakness that we have recently seen was just normal consolidation after a massive rally since the Christmas Eve lows. In the six weeks from December 25 to February 5, the S&P 500 rose over 16%, so a couple of down days are nothing to worry about. However, there is no doubt that President Trump's National Economic Advisor Larry Kudlow's comments recently - that a "sizable distance" remains between the U.S. and China in protracted trade negotiations - probably will keep the market reactionary and very volatile.

Kudlow said that previous talks covered "a tremendous amount of ground" and that enforcement will be very important, as well as technical and structural issues. Whether or not President Trump will meet with China's President Xi before the March 1st deadline is uncertain. However, Kudlow confirmed that in the spirit of good faith, the tariffs on Chinese goods would remain at 10% (versus the scheduled increase to 25%). Apparently, China trade deal negotiations are proceeding, and both sides appear to be acting in good faith.

Treasury yields and interest rates remain remarkably stable. Wall Street is no longer distracted by interest rates and is now much more focused on fourth-quarter earnings announcements and 2019 guidance. So far, according to FactSet, 66% of the S&P 500 companies have announced their fourth-quarter results, posting annual earnings growth of 13.3% and annual sales growth of 7.0%, which are +4.0% and +1.2%, respectively, above analyst estimates.

The 2020 White House race

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

has already begun, and leave no doubt, the next 20 months will be a high-voltage political war between the Trump re-election camp and his opposition that will surely take civility to new lows. The field of Democratic contenders appear to be trying to out do each other with extreme liberal ideas and directives.

Calls to bridge the "wealth gap" are the loudest in decades, with bills being crafted to tax the rich to the tune of 70% or more on top earned income. To be a "one-percenter" in today's economy, you must have an adjusted gross income of at least \$422,000, according to IRS statistics for tax year 2018. The top 1% account for 1.4 million individual income tax returns out of 141.2 million total. Meanwhile, the top 1.0% accounted for 39% of total income tax paid in 2015. What would America do without its one-percenters?

An army of angry and ambitious socialists running for President in 2020 are saying that the one-percenters are "not paying their fair share." Socialist demands include rising entitlement spending, movements for student loan amnesty, free college education, open borders, universal healthcare ("Medicare for all"), and guaranteed income for all. These extreme candidates may

not even know that the one-percenters are already paying 39% of the total income tax collections. Do these socialists want to push many high-income individuals into moving their legal residency outside the USA?

These rich folks could still be your neighbors, for almost half the year, but they won't be paying for as much free stuff - like the new breed of socialist's demand. "People of means," as Presidential hopeful Howard Schultz likes to describe billionaires like himself, or those making as "little" as \$422,000 per year, can afford two residences. They can run a business in the U.S. and pay personal income taxes from Cabo, Mexico, which carries the lowest overall income tax burden among developed nations.

The fight for who runs the country may come down to a debate between those who create and produce the wealth and those who want to take it and redistribute it. Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are in the latter category as they stir up an angry "left of progressive" base. How much of this "low taxable income" voter base understands the positive impact high income American's have on the USA? According to the Tax Policy Center, over 76 million (45.3% of adult heads-of-household) won't pay any federal income tax for 2018, up from 72.6 million (43.2%) in 2016. That's quite a "freeloader" voter base damning the one-percenters!

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Should we put our annuities into the name of our trust?

Beneficiaries receive payout from an annuity not in a trust faster than they would with an annuity within a trust. Always follow the specific annuity contract rules on taking money from an annuity. The most common reason for establishing a trust is to avoid probate. Because beneficiaries are named within the annuity policy, probate is already avoided. Keep in mind that it can take much longer for a trust to be read and for those instructions to be implemented. Quicker access to funds from annuities and life insurance can enable beneficiaries to pay bills and taxes in a much timelier manner.

I'll be turning 70 1/2 next year. If I buy an annuity this year, will I have to pay surrender fees or penalties on money taken out to fulfill the RMD rules?

Insurance companies, which offer annuities, allow you to put your money into an annuity, and waive surrender fees on any amounts taken to fulfill the Required Minimum Distribution rules.

Is whole-life insurance the only kind of life insurance that builds a cash account?

No, there's also universal life, variable universal life, and equity-indexed universal life. In my opinion, the best out there is Equity Indexed Universal Life. This is life insurance with an underlying



Julia Yoder

ing savings account that is not in the stock market. You are given the choice annually to allocate part of your premium to a fixed return premium, or to several other avenues with higher potential gains without risk of loss. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the issuing insurance company.)

I recently started a sole-proprietor business. How can I find out what my tax deductions I might be able to take?

Go online to www.irs.gov, search, download, and print: Schedule C and the Instructions for Schedule C. These two pieces are packed with information on what are allowable tax deductions for non-incorporated businesses. The new tax law might affect your business deductions for expenses in 2018. Under the new law, business owners can take a 20-percent deduction on their pass-through business income. (There are earning limits.)

We want to start saving for our 5-year old's college expenses and are having a tough time deciding which way to go. What do you suggest?

More and more states are eliminating their 529 college savings plans. With any of these plans, watch for fees which can eat up a considerable amount of the earnings. Most, if not all, college savings plans require use of the funds at an accredited higher-education facility. What if your child decides to attend a non-accredited religious or trade school? What if your child wants to buy or start a business rather than attend college? Consider an investment that your child could use not only for education, but also for the purchase of her first home, medical emergencies, etc.? Instead, I recommend either an equity-indexed life insurance policy with living benefits, or a fixed-indexed annuity.

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LA Metro's Funding Commitment Keeps Brain Train on Track

Late last year, cost escalations in the amount of \$570 million, threatened the completion of the Gold Line from the APU/Citrus College Station in Azusa to Montclair. To address the shortfall, LA Metro (Metro) voted in January to grant an additional \$97 million to the project and seek creative solutions to close the remaining gap.

With Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti officiating, a groundbreaking ceremony for the newest phase of the Gold Line took place at Citrus College in December 2017. Mayor Garcetti has been an enthusiastic proponent of the Gold Line since becoming LA's mayor in 2013. His vision for the future includes taking the line to the Ontario International Airport.

Also known as "the Brain Train," due to its close proximity to more than two dozen institutions of higher education, the 12.3-mile extension of the Gold Line was originally slated to stretch from the Azusa to Montclair. New stations were planned for Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. However, in November 2018, due to significantly increased cost estimates, the Gold Line Con-



By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

struction Authority reduced the scope of the project, slashing about \$133 million in costs and ending the phase in La Verne.

The change in terminus was met with disappointment and controversy, prompting the Construction Authority to work hard on finding solutions to get the line to Pomona, where it will serve low-income residents, many of whom have few transportation alternatives. After weeks of negotiations, Metro voted on January 23 to provide additional funding and to work with the Construction Authority on other funding solutions. At this time, building the line to Claremont and Montclair will require additional funding that has not yet been identified.

Currently, this massive transportation initiative is back on track to bring jobs, commerce and economic prosperity to our region in the near term and the future. An important part of that prosperity will be the Gold Line's ability to connect many destinations, including two dozen colleges and universities, all within a short walk, bike or bus ride from future stations.

For students, many of whom are first-generation college students, transportation costs represent a significant portion of the cost of higher education. The Gold Line will allow them to travel from communities throughout Southern California to prestigious colleges and universities in close proximity to the Gold Line. From there, they will find rewarding careers, become productive members of society and make vital contributions to a vibrant local economy.

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2018 Tax Forms at the Glendora Library

GLENDORA - In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB), the Glendora Public Library is distributing tax forms and other tax-related resources.

The Library will receive IRS 1040 forms and a limited number of instruction booklets. Forms and instructions will be available in the Library's lobby as soon as they become available (usually late January or early February). Please contact the Library at (626) 852-

4891 for availability prior to making a special trip to the Library. These and other IRS forms are available online at www.irs.gov.

The Library will also receive California Resident 540 and 540 2EZ booklets. Forms are included in the booklets. Forms and instructions can be found at the California Franchise Tax Board at www.ftb.ca.gov

The librarian at the Information Desk can assist you in finding and printing tax forms. All tax forms can be printed at

the Library for 10 cents per page.

The Library also has tax preparation computer software (TurboTax) for checkout. Please call the Library to check availability or to reserve your copy.

For more information about these and other Library services, contact the Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit the library's website at www.glendoralibrary.org. The Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Ave., Glendora.

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Drips and Puddles

Those annoying under the car drips can leave your driveway and garage floor a mess...in fact everywhere you park becomes a victim to this mess. They are also a sign that something is wrong and needs to be taken care of. The only drip you don't need to be concerned with is the condensation from your air conditioner. Everything else is a signal that there is a problem. The small drips are giving you fair warning that if ignored, serious problems are in your future. Here are a few examples:

- A reddish brown drip may mean one of three things; leaking transmission, overtightened pan gasket or a leaking front seal.
- A green or orange-red drip suggests a cooling system problem such as leaking hose or radiator.

• A brown to brownish-black drip that is thick in consistency is more than likely engine oil. This is not a huge problem if it is slight but when it grows to puddle size it is a sign of something serious and if not kept under control could mean severe engine trouble.

• A leak that looks like tea and feels oily is brake fluid. This type of drip or leak is always serious!

If you notice a puddle three inches or larger under your car don't ignore it. Get it to the professionals as soon as possible. A puddle between one and two inches isn't as serious...yet...unless it is brake fluid. Don't put off having it looked at too long though...it could become a much more serious problem.

It is a good practice not to ignore drips because if left un-

checked those drips will turn into puddles that get bigger and bigger until you no longer have a small problem, you have a major problem. Make an appointment with us today, and your car's health care professional at Certified Automotive Specialists will stop the drips. Remember, minor problems come with minor price tags...major problems come with major price tags...maybe even the cost of a new engine!

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29th Annual Rotary Peace Conference to be Held at University of La Verne

LAVERNE - The 29th Annual District 5300 Rotary Peace Conference will be held in the Ann & Steve Morgan Auditorium at the University of La Verne Saturday, **Feb. 23** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Honorable Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of Transportation from 2009 - 2013 and an Illinois congressman from 1995 - 2009, will be the keynote speaker.

LaHood served as United States Secretary of the Transportation from 2009 to 2013. Mr. LaHood represented Illinois's 18th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to

2009. In 2015, his book, "Seeking Bipartisanship: My Life in Politics," was published by Cambria Press.

Mr. LaHood is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, Order of Lincoln (the State's highest honor). The Ray LaHood Highway over the Illinois River and the new terminal, with full U.S. Customs, TSA, and Port of Entry services at the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport, are named for him.

LaHood is a member of the Peoria Rotary Club. He and his wife Kathy live in Peoria,

Illinois and have four children - Darin, Amy, Sam and Sara. Their oldest son, Darin LaHood, is a current congressman, representing Illinois's 18th District.

Other distinguished speakers include Yvonne Dutra-St. John, M.A., MFT, Dr. Tom Le, Ph.D., Ellen Chilemba, Thomas Allison, Esq.

The 29th Annual Peace Conference features youth-centric programming, an Art for Peace Student Contest, Youth Peace Champions and a Peacemaker of the Year Award.

For more information please visit: <https://district5300.org/peace-conference/>

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

Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our Feb. 21 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to have Dylan Hannon speak about his travels in Columbia. Dylan is the curator of the Conservatory & tropical collections at the Huntington Library. Refreshments. All welcome!

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 Battleship USS Iowa Museum

Revisit history as we venture on to the Battleship USS IOWA Museum on Friday, **February 22**, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Battleship IOWA is the West Coast's only Battleship open to the public, located at the L.A. Waterfront, former home to the US Navy Battleship fleet prior to World War II and an area rich in maritime history. Walk the wood decks and see areas such as the 16" guns, 5" guns, missile decks, bridge, mess areas, and the world famous Captain's Cabin - with the only bathtub installed on a battleship for a President. A box lunch is included where you can sit and enjoy lunch right on the ship. We will also stop by CRAFTED Port LA, a marketplace with handmade apparel, home decor & food goods. Limited Tickets! Tickets are \$30 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$35 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. Great 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.

GLENDORA

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

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch &

Exercise Class

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

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

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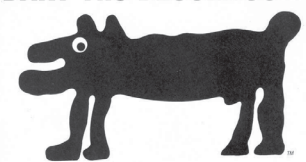
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Spirit of Love, Spirit of Patriotism and Diversity

LA VERNE - Windsong Southland Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Janet Harms, will present the third concert of their 24th Season on Saturday, **February 23**, 4 p.m. at La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church, 1040 Baseline Ave., La Verne.

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it has the most holidays, thus inspiring the title, "Spirit of Love, of Patriotism and Diversity".

With a nod to Valentine's Day, Eric Whitacre's tender "Light Bride", from his Five Hebrew Love Songs will be sung. Mr. Whitacre set music

to the beautiful poem of his then-fiance, now wife, Hila Plitmann.

Elton John's hit, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight", will be revisited by the Chorale.

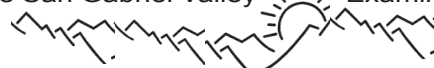
Honoring Presidents' Day will be "God Bless America", with a new arrangement by Joseph Martin, a favorite of Windsong, and "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones", with a beautiful, but simple salute to our fallen servicemen and women.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words echo in the stirring song by John Purifoy entitled "I Have a Dream, featuring Joyce

Handler. The lovely "Omnia Sol (Let Your Heart Be Staid)" by Z. Randall Stroope, adds special feeling and rounds out this Patriotic section.

Black History Month brings several spirituals to the program, including "In Dat Great Gittin' Up Mornin'", arranged by Jester Hairston, featuring Gerald Esqueda, Tenor, and William Dawson's arrangements of "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit", featuring James Beagle, and "Ain'a That Good News!"

Call 909 983-9879 to reserve your tickets.



SOS Glendora Homeowners Association Family Meeting



Glendora Councilman Michael Allawos (back to camera) MC'd the evening while a representative from Lyon Homes speaks.

GLENDORA - About 40 Glendora residents attended the SOS Glendora Homeowners Association Family Meeting on February 11th, at the beautiful Residence 4 of Lyon Homes sales offices in Glendora. Lyon Homes executives Mike Battaglia and Pete Navarro traveled from their corporate headquarters in Newport Beach to give a presentation. Glendora Councilman Mike Allawos did a great job of MCing the meeting. Allawos has been part of SOS since its inception in January 2005, and was elected in 2017 with SOS' complete support. He has done a great job of leading the fight for limited, high quality development in Glendora on the Council and lives in the northwest of Glendora's heartland.

Navarro and Battaglia answered fourteen questions submitted by SOS members and then fielded at least 20 more from members of the audience. The good news is that they clearly understood that widening Sierra

Madre Avenue is of top priority. They explained how moving the telephone poles is the first step and they were already in the middle of it. This process will take at least six months, and then the actual widening will take another year.

Neighbors expressed concerns over the difficulty of turning at certain times of day, the need for turn pockets at the intersection of Sierra Madre and Barranca, and our desire for a bike path to deal with hordes of inconsiderate bikers who think nothing of taking up the entire street of Sierra Madre and making residents follow along behind at 10 miles an hour. The intersection of Sierra Madre and Barranca needs to be AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE for many reasons, and that means pushing that southwest corner of the intersection as far into that undeveloped corner as possible.

Folks were pleased to hear about the landscaped walkway

planned for the south side of Sierra Madre and the landscaping planned to shield the otherwise unsightly catch basin at the corner of Sierra Madre and Barranca from public view. As to the building schedule, the Lyon's executives explained that it would start after homes that are on the south side are almost sold out, which they estimated would take another year. Our guess is that summer 2020 is probably a good time for neighbors to plan on as sales are slow.

Veteran SOS leader Mark Davis expressed the frustration of many as he told the Lyon executives that his family has put up with construction for 16 years now with several more to go and that is way too long. Davis lives above Sierra Madre right on the Glendora city line and has been a leader on the Azusa side before being a leader on the Glendora side. Mark deserves a Purple Heart. *This article was submitted by SOS Glendora.*

El Monte Union Students Receive Academic Recognition for Outstanding Test Scores

Arroyo High scholar-athletes join exclusive groups of high-achievers

EL MONTE - Arroyo High School seniors Ethan Wong and Molly Hake share an affinity for academics and athleticism. After years of diligence in the classroom and in athletic competition, the students have been recognized as two of the top scholars in the nation.

Wong, who has served his share of aces as a member of the Arroyo Knights tennis team, scored his most impressive ace when he earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36, a perfect score reached by only 2,760 students - or 1/10 of 1 percent - of the more than 2 million who took the ACT exam in 2017.

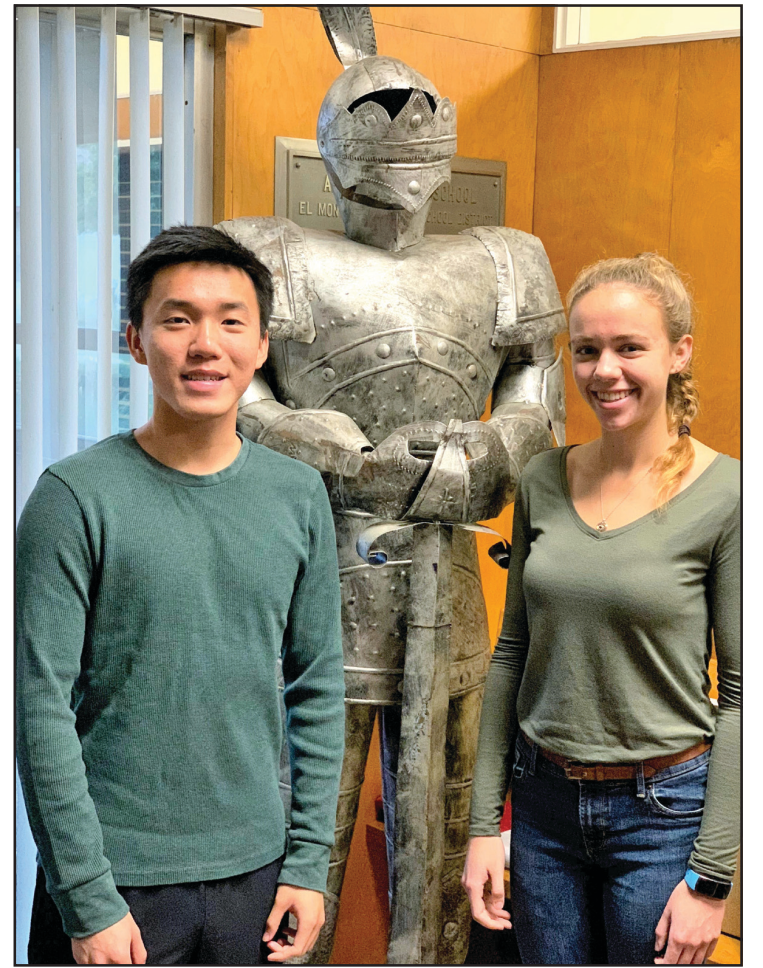
The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

"When I found out my score, I was taken completely by surprise," Wong said. "I would like to thank my parents for fully supporting me and my teachers and coaches for providing me with the rigorous instruction that has enabled me to join such an exclusive group of high achievers. It is quite an honor."

Wong is ranked first in his class of 547 at Arroyo, carrying a cumulative 4.46 GPA, taking the school's most exacting courses, as well as community college math courses. He has applied to Stanford, USC, Occidental College, Harvey Mudd, Cal Tech and a number of UC universities.

He has achieved the highest Boy Scouts of America Award - Eagle Scout - in part by renovating the school's tennis benches. Wong is also a member of a number of academic clubs, including California Scholarship Federation, and volunteers at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens.

Meanwhile, Hake, a distance runner who has garnered many awards as a member of Arroyo's track and cross country teams, was recently recognized as a



Arroyo High School scholar-athletes Ethan Wong and Molly Hake have been recognized for their individual academic achievements, with Wong earning a perfect ACT score and Hake earning Commended Student status for her score on the PSAT.

Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Hake's high score places her among the top 50,000 of over 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 National Merit Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Only 34,000 students across the nation were recognized as Commended Students.

Hake carries a 4.24 cumulative GPA and has completed eight Advanced Placement classes while at Arroyo. She has been accepted to Azusa Pacific University, where she is a President's Scholarship recipient based on her GPA and SAT score. The President's Scholarship will provide Hake with \$19,000 annually.

"This has been an amazing year for me. I am so appreciative of the support I have received from Azusa Pacific and from my teachers and coaches at Arroyo,"

Hake said. "Being named a National Merit Commended Student means so much to me. The work is hard, but the rewards are gratifying."

Hake recently received the Mission Valley League Fall Scholar Athlete award and made the All Mission Valley League first team for the fourth consecutive year. Other honors Hake has received include All Mission Valley League first team 3200 meters, the Captain Award and the Coaches Award for Most Valuable Runner. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

"Ethan and Molly enrich the Arroyo High School community every day with their hard work and determination and I could not be prouder of them," Principal Angelita Gonzales-Hernandez said. "They are role models, gracious competitors and community leaders. I wish them great success in their futures."

Gabrielino High School Raises Awareness for Depression during Mental Health Day



Students spend their lunch relaxing with stress-relief coloring activities in the gym during Gabrielino High School's third Mental Health Day of the year on Feb. 13.

SAN GABRIEL - More than 200 Gabrielino High School students learned ways to combat the challenges of mental health disorders during a talk by a psychiatric social worker as part of the school's third Mental Health Day of the year.

"Anxiety and depression are different for everybody," said Marcela Ayala of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

"Sometimes people feel sad, sometimes people feel angry, but no matter how you feel, the most important thing is that you acknowledge it, and that you reach out and tell someone."

Gabrielino High School held the Mental Health Day on Feb. 13, providing students with information about depression and anxiety, activities that promote mental health awareness and resources available to those in need.

"I think the best part about having a mental wellness day is that, if you are going through something, now you know there are people there to help who are only a phone call

away," sophomore Yarely Morales said. "I think it is important to talk about depression and mental health, even if it can be uncomfortable."

Following the presentation, students spent their lunch relaxing with stress-relief coloring activities in the gym. Mental Health Day was organized by Gabrielino's Wellness Council in partnership with the Associated Student Body and Peer Helping and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) clubs.

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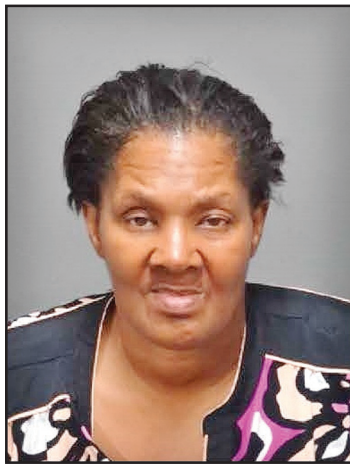
Monterey Park Police Arrest Home Depot Commercial Burglary Suspects

MONTEREY PARK - On February 7, 2019 at approximately 2:54 p.m., Monterey Park Police Department officers responded to The Home Depot store at 3500 Market Place Drive regarding two shoplifting suspects being detained by loss prevention officers.

Both subjects were found to be in possession of items stolen from the store. Officers also recovered additional stolen property from their vehicle, which was taken earlier in the day. After being arrested, it was discovered the subjects had numerous prior contacts with police for theft and warrants for their arrest for theft from other jurisdictions. Suspect Fasifou is also on active California state parole for theft. The suspects are identified as



Pasi Fasifou
Pasi Fasifou, 59, from Compton. Janice Anderson, 49, from Sacramento.



Janice Anderson
Anderson has been charged with suspicion of commercial burglary. Her bail is set at \$12,906. She is set to appear in the Alhambra Superior Court on May 8, 2019.

Why It's Wise To Hire Veterans With Disabilities

"Today, nearly 4 million Americans have a service-connected disability. At a time when many employers are struggling to fill positions, hiring veterans with disabilities can boost diversity and inclusion efforts," explained Jeff Hall, national employment director for DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

For example, Dave Ellis found it difficult to get a job after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army. "I had a severe back injury, but I also carried mental scars from active duty," he said. After six months of searching, he was able to find a supportive company that understands and values the traits that come from military training, in-



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cluding job-ready skills, tested leadership abilities and a mission-focused work ethic.

For others, however, it can be a struggle. In fact, a survey in The Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation found that 57 percent of veterans with disabilities transitioning to the civilian workforce feared hiring discrimination due to their disability.

"The reality is that many of America's businesses, big and small alike, recognize the importance of hiring veterans with disabilities, but often don't know where to begin," added Hall.

To address this need, DAV has published "The Veteran Advantage: DAV Guide to Hiring and Retaining Veterans with Disabilities." This free, comprehensive guide is the result of more than four years of study about what the veteran community contributes to the workforce and how hiring veterans, especially disabled ones, can improve a company's bottom line.


The 36-page publication, which can be downloaded at <http://dav.la/jobs>, offers best practices and helpful tools for employers. But it goes further, helping to correct misperceptions and inspire more organizations to hire

from this talent pool. Content includes statistics about veterans with disabilities, in-depth onboarding and retention strategies, a practical checklist for employers, and explanations of financial incentives, tax credits and other support.

The Guide also highlights powerful testimonials of veterans thriving in successful careers, and case studies from employers who benefit from having disabled veterans in their workplace. Nationally respected companies such as First Data and USAA apply the findings within their own internal human resources departments and hiring teams.




There are also free and helpful resources that veterans themselves can take advantage of to help with the transition into a civilian career. For example, DAV holds free career fairs throughout the country for veterans and their spouses. Details are available at <http://dav.la/jobs>.

"While our nation's veterans, particularly those who have been injured in service, are faced with unique challenges, they also offer the skill sets, loyalty and dedication needed to help successfully power America's economy," said Hall. (NAPSI).



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