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Winter Rescues in Our Local Mountains

LOS ANGELES COUNTY- While the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team (SMSR) typically has a smaller call volume in the winter than in the summer, the stakes on these calls are often higher. This winter, the Team has responded to 5 calls in snow and ice conditions, requiring specialized winter clothing, emergency shelters, ice axes, crampons, snowshoes, avalanche beacons, and more.

One such call came on the afternoon of February 17th when a group of trail runners came to an icy section of the Kenyon Devore trail on Mt. Wilson about a mile from the nearest trailhead. While navigating the icy section one member of the party slipped and fell over 200 feet down steep terrain.

The initial responding agency, Montrose Search and Rescue, used ropes to access the patient and render medical aid. Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team and Altadena Mountain Rescue Team then responded to assist in the rescue of the trail runner. Heavy snow and cloudy weather blocked helicopters from accessing the scene. Sadly, the fallen runner succumbed to their injuries in the field. The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team sends its deepest condolences to the friends and family of the trail



Practicing winter patient care and transportation the day before the skills were put to use on a call off of Mt. Wilson. Photo Courtesy of SMSR.

runner. The following Sunday two female hikers also encountered icy trail conditions while hiking from Chantry Flats to Mount Wilson. When they came to the icy section near the summit, they made the smart decision to turn around. However, they were not prepared for the long hike out

after dark that the detour caused. Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team again worked with Montrose Search and Rescue to locate the hikers. The hikers were found at Sturtevant Camp and evacuated by L.A. County Fire Dept. Air Copter 15 to Chantry Flats.

In order to work safely in these

conditions, the Team trains annually for these types of rescues. On Saturday February 16th, team members spent a 15 hour day training in the snow at Mt. Pinos on skills such as snow anchors, avalanche burials, and patient packaging finishing with a comprehensive mock scenario.

As a member of the national

Mountain Rescue Association, SMSR is accredited in snow and ice rescue. On Saturday March 2nd, SMSR traveled to Lake Tahoe with the other California Region MRA teams for the annual reaccreditation exercise. This year's scenario involved searching the Sierra Nevada mountains on snowshoes to locate a distressed hiker. As snow fell, the scenario required the team to demonstrate their ability to navigate, provide medical aid, respond to an avalanche burial, provide emergency shelter, and use rope systems to transport a patient over steep terrain. Exercises like this are a vital part of what keeps SMSR ready to fulfill their motto, "Anywhere in the wilderness that someone needs help..."

For over 65 years, the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has been responding to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. The Team is funded entirely by charitable donations, and SMSR provides a range of public programs on wilderness safety in addition to its search and rescue activities. Importantly, the Team never charges for any of its services. For more information, including how to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.

DCFS Covina Office Celebrates Lunar New Year 2019



Lion Dancer from Shao Lin Temple with SCSW Diana Zhao

By Feli Gutierrez, DCFS Adoption Program

COVINA - The Lunar New Year celebration is a much awaited event in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Covina Office. Preparations begin as early as the first week of January. Lunar New Year celebrations traditionally run from Lunar New Year's Eve, the last day of the last month of the lunar calendar, to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first month, making the festival the longest in the calendar. This year the celebration took place on February 27, 2019 at the Covina Masonic Homes under the guidance of Regional Administrator Frank Ramos and event coordinators SCSW Diana Zhao and CSW Duke Nguyen.

2019 is the year of the Earth Pig, the last position of the 12 Zodiac animals. The pig is considered as a "mild and lucky animal representing carefree fun, good fortune and wealth." People born under this sign are "happy, easygoing, honest, trusting, educated, sincere and brave...possible dark sides are stubbornness, naïve, over-resilient, self-indulgent, easy to anger and materialistic". The Pig is

best matched with the Sheep, Rabbit and Tiger. The lunar new year is celebrated in the Asian cultures in China, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, etc. Throughout history the lunar calendar have also been used by Muslims and Jews.

This year's highlights in the celebration included a Lion Dance by members of the Shao Lin Temple, a Tai-chi sword dance and the waist drum dance by the ladies from Nanjing China. This occasion was also a show case of the different talents of the social workers - the APP band composed of Duke Nguyen, Vannarith Kiev, Chris Li, Sarina Pan with community partner Peter Chen; story teller Karlyn Phan and vocal soloists Cristina Lim and Sharry Lu. Guests included members of the Korean American Family Korea/China Town Centers, Walnut Councilman Eric Ching and managers from DCFS offices.

The guests enjoyed a sumptuous sampling of Asian dishes, salads and desserts many brought by staff reflecting the Asian spirit of hospitality and generosity. The feast was topped off with mandarin oranges, New Year candies and fortune cookies in each

table. Stuffed toys, wine, comforters and cotton blankets were given away to everyone in attendance; a traditional way to promote prosperity for all.

The guests left this unique celebration with a greater understanding of the different traditions and elements of Asian culture, enhancing relationships between staff and promoting office morale. Identifying cultural similarities and respecting differences makes the work environment at the Covina office a place of peace, understanding and growth.

The Asian Pacific Program with the Deaf Services and American Indian Units staff are speaking languages from China, Hong Kong, Korea, Burma, Japan, Cambodia, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, Philippines, American Sign Language and Spanish. They seek to promote and understand those significant cultural events celebrated by the many diverse families they serve within the community. Those interested in becoming resource families for foster care and adoption may call 1-888-811-1121. DCFS is in need of resource families from all cultural backgrounds.

Glendora Woman's Club's Birthday Celebration Represents 111 Years Of Service To Glendora



The Glendora Woman's Club's Birthday Celebration program is featuring the singers from a class at LaFetra Center in Glendora called "Sing For Health, Sing For Joy" groups directed by Kim Holland.

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will celebrate 111 years of service to Glendora and honor the club's past presidents at the club's birthday celebration on Tuesday, April 2, said co-presidents Carolyn Cunningham and Joy Martau.

To mark the special day and honor past presidents attending, each past president will be welcomed and presented with a "Rose of Appreciation" for service to the club and to the community.

The club day will begin with a social time at 10:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The catered luncheon by Cambria Catering and the program will follow.

The program for the birthday celebration will feature a return engagement of a group of singers from a class at LaFetra Center in Glendora Sing For Health, Sing For Joy." Under the direction the direc-

tion of Kim Holland, with Pat Kelly Piano. The program will include favorites and special selections, according to Helen Storland, program vice president.

At each club meeting, one of the club's four departments sponsors the club's Corner Cupboard project that features baked goods and assorted items for sale. This month's department will be Garden and Crafts, chaired by Carol Thachuk.

For the club's 111th Birthday Celebration, the Historian's Display table will feature historical items and photos from club's archives, said club historian Rose Myers. Included will be three special recognition plaques: one plaque from the Glendora City Council and one from the Glendora Public Library honoring the Woman's Club as the original founder of the Glendora Public Library in 1912. The third plaque is from the Glendora Historical Society

honoring the club as on of the 22 historic monuments of the Society's "Pride Project."

Coming up on April 9 will be the club's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon with the theme "Mardi Gras On The Avenue" and fashions by On The Avenue Boutique in Glendora. For tickets at \$40 per person or more information, call Chris at 909-598-0554.

For information about club membership, or special events, call Chris at 909-598-0554; for information about renting the clubhouse for an event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

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

Celebrating APU Community Counselling Center's 30 Year Anniversary

By Jayam Rutnam

AZUSA - A celebration was held on March 13, 2019 at the entrance to the APU Community Counseling Center, for their 30th year Anniversary. This was an important event where the 3 cities of Azusa, Glendora, and Duarte were invited, which included city officials, agencies, social service organizations, districts, many APU departments, and community stakeholders.

With getting a break from the recent rains, it made for a very successful event with over 100 people in attendance. It started with Gabriella Arrelanes announcing Sally Mansour, APU CCC Executive Director, who welcomed the crowd and introduced the guest speakers.

Barbara Dickerson from Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's office spoke first, followed by Edward Barrera, Senator Susan Rubio's representative and Eva Thiel-Maiz from Supervisor Hilda Solis' office. Dr. Rukshan Fernando, APU Associate Dean School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences, gave a spirited speech. The other speakers were Dr. Mark Stanton, APU Provost and Mayor of Azusa Joe Rocha. The other honored guests were Glendora Mayor Mendell Thompson, Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt and Members of the Azusa City Council Edward Alvarez and Robert Gonzales. Also, at the function were Pieology District Manager Rick Navarro and General Manager of the Azusa Pieology, Yuri R. Furlong.

Guests were then ushered into the Counseling Center where they could meet members of the staff and be treated to pizzas from Pieology and chicken sandwiches from Chick-fil-A.



MSW Intern Gabriela Arrelanes, Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha, Barbara Dickerson Ph.D., Dr. Mark Stanton, APU Executive Director Sally Mansour and Glendora Mayor Mendell Thompson at the APU Community Counseling Center.

Bikers Rally for WWII Vets for Trip to Washington D.C.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Sic Psycles Motorcycle Club along with Wilshire Law Firm sponsored an event for "Honor Flight" which is a non-profit organization that sends WWII Veterans on a vacation to Washington D.C. to visit their memorial.

The event was held at the West Covina VFW Post 8620. There was a sponsors booth, food, music and more. Everyone that came enjoyed the event.

In 2010, Honor Flight-Inland Empire formed in an effort to assist Veterans of "The Greatest Generation" in visiting the WWII memorial in Washington D.C. that was dedicated to their heroism during World War II. With the goal of sending Veterans to this



A special event was held at the VFW in West Covina to support sending 10 WWII Veterans to Washington DC to visit their memorial and see other sights while in Washington.

memorial, Honor Flight-Inland Empire graciously accepts donations from individuals, groups, businesses and organizations.

Donations are used to pay for round trip air transportation from Ontario Airport to Washington DC and back, housing, meals and tours for WWII heroes. While most remaining WWII Veterans will never get to visit their memorials, Honor Flight sincerely hopes that you can help make that dream come true for those surviving. People are welcome to donate to the non-profit organization. You can do this by going online at: <https://honorflight.org/>

Besides donating, please spread the word about Honor Flight-Inland Empire. We are continuing this mission to serve & send Veterans of All Wars/Conflicts.

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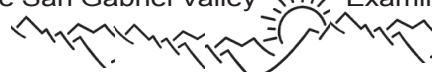
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Senator Chang Introduces Legislation to Combat Cybercriminals and Hackers

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) introduced Senate Bill 239, which would make it easier to prosecute serious cybercriminals and computer hackers. The proposal would align the statute of limitations for felony computer hacking with similar forms of crimes by allowing for prosecution three years after the date of discovery, rather than the date of offense.

"Hacking and phishing affects everyone, leaving a huge trail of destruction," said Senator Chang. "Hackers take great steps to con-

ceal their crime which could result in delayed discovery. The hacking attacks on Yahoo occurred in 2013 and 2014, compromising three billion user accounts. But the public didn't learn about the full extent of the data breach until 2017. This doesn't make the criminal any less guilty or the crime insignificant. This bill is a step in the right direction to getting justice for the victims."

In 2017, computer crimes such as hacking and phishing affected 16.7 million Americans at a cost of \$16.8 billion. In 2020,

the projected cost for a single hacking event against a company is estimated at \$150 million per incident.

Under existing law, the statute of limitations for computer hacking is three years after discovery, if prosecuted civilly. But, the statute of limitations for computer hacking prosecuted as a felony commences from the date of the offense, not the date of discovery. This bill would allow the same statute of limitations for a felony violation of Penal Code section 502 as a civil prosecution for the same act.

Barger Announces \$188,000 Grant For The Alhambra Tree Planting Project

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Board of Supervisors has approved an \$188,000 allocation to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for the Alhambra Tree Planting Project, announced Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Funded with Proposition A funds from Supervisor Barger's

office, the project will involve site preparation as well as the purchase, installation, and establishment of trees on the Alhambra Unified School District campuses and other locations in the city of Alhambra.

"I am pleased to support this vital project to beautify and enhance green spaces and natural resources for our residents in the city of Alhambra," said Supervisor Barger.

"Supervisor Barger and the Board of Supervisors continues its investment in our communities, by providing one of our most valued elements in our parks: trees," said John Wicker, County Parks and Recreation Director. "The Alhambra Tree Planting Project is a clear example of the mission of the Supervisors and the Department of Parks and Recreation to serve as stewards of parklands."

West Covina's State of The City & School Districts

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - State of the City & School Districts was recently held at South Hills Country Club and sponsored by the Greater West Covina. The event started with emcee Gary Clifford introducing a number of guests from the political arena as well as many community business leaders.

Dr. Charles Hinman WCUSD who talked about some of the major improvements for the West Covina School District, including a huge arts building, that will be available for productions to the many theater groups from all over, is planned for the West Covina High School campus.

Dr. Richard Sheehan CVUSD, talked about many of the new things that are going on with the Covina School District. The district continues to move forward with more planned improvements for the education of the students.

Dr. Julie Mitchell RUSD talked about the Rowland School District and all of the new innovative teaching tools that they now have for the students. This has been a major plus for all the students and the educators as well.

Mayor Lloyd Johnson for West Covina discussed the future of the city and some of the new projects that are in the process at the present time. He gave accolades to the former City Manager Chris Freeland for the hard work on some of the projects



West Covina Mayor Lloyd Johnson

to make sure they came to the city. The old and new council have been on board supporting the progress the city has taken to make these projects happen.

The city is in the process of hiring an interim city manager and have a number of applicants that the council is looking at presently. Johnson, as well as the rest of the council, is looking forward to improving the city and resolving any issues that may come before them.

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Supervisor Barger Wants County Departments To Stop Using Herbicide While Study Is Conducted And Viable Alternatives Explored

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - A motion introduced by Supervisor Kathryn Barger asks county departments to stop the use of the herbicide glyphosate while a full investigation is conducted to examine whether the chemical is appropriate for use by the county based on potential environmental and health impacts.

The use of glyphosate, a main ingredient in the herbicide brand called "Roundup," is a well-known, effective weed abatement method used by many public and

private entities including the Agricultural Commissioner, who has established protocols for its use in full compliance with all Federal and State regulations. Despite these controls, however, there is a growing body of scientific study around the safety of using herbicides and the potential for negative impact on human, animal, and environmental health.

"I am asking county departments to stop the use of this herbicide until public health and en-

vironmental professionals can determine if it's safe for further use in L.A. County and explore alternative methods for vegetation management," said Barger.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, Barger's motion directs the Department of Public Works in conjunction with Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbors, and the Agricultural Commission to study the issue and report back to the Board with findings and alternatives within 30 days.

Five Illegal Immigrants Burglarize Home, Three Caught in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Five illegal immigrants who have been in the country for only six days made an impact on their new country.

On Thursday, March 14 around 8:30 p.m., a resident called that he had a burglary in progress at his home on 2800 block of East Hillside Drive as he was watching this on his security surveillance system. Police quickly responded and as they were arriving, they saw a vehicle leaving the scene. Police gave chase and

they headed west on Hillside Dr. and then went south on Hollencrest Dr. As the suspects sped from the police, they came to an intersection (Hollencrest Dr. and Hollencrest Ct.) where there was a cult-de-sac that ends at a hillside. The suspects stopped the car and split up and ran towards the hillside in different directions. The police attempted to set up a perimeter where they brought in more officers and two K-9s for the search. The police were able to

find 3 of the suspects. Two were able to escape the perimeter area.

The 3 suspects told the police that they were in the country for only 6 days.

They were identified as Manuel Lagos, 23, Marcelo Bustamonte, 25, and Claudio Marcelo Donoso, 19. They have been charged with burglary, receiving stolen property, resisting arrest and possession of burglary tools. Their bail has been set at \$50,000 each.

"Time Jockey" - El Pueblo De Los Angeles

By Joe Castillo

Historical Monument... El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is near the original location of where in September of 1781 forty-four settlers journeyed from Mexico to establish a new farming community. The site became known as the Pueblo de Los Angeles but today it is known as Olvera Street. In 1953, the site was designated as a California Historical landmark and became the home to numerous ethnic groups including Native Americans, Spanish, Mexican, Anglo, African American, Chinese, Italian, and French, all of which were significant contributors of the early days of Los Angeles.

Today, the City of Los Angeles maintains the historical monument as a separate operation while preserving the 27 historic buildings lining the brick filled

street known as Olvera Street. One of the oldest buildings is the Avila Adobe which was built in 1818. It was built by Don Francisco Avila who served as alcalde or mayor of Los Angeles in 1810. The adobe maintains the architecture and style of the rancho period and is the longest continually used residence. Olvera Street, named after Judge Augustin Olvera, who was the first Los Angeles County and City judge in 1877. The street was permanently closed to vehicular traffic in 1930 and turned into a Mexican marketplace where goods from Mexico are sold by vendors and retailers turning the street into a cultural shopping place.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Church was built from 1818 to 1822 and served The Pueblo as the primary Catholic Church in Los Angeles. It is the oldest church in Los Angeles and continues to serve the community today. The Plaza also known as La Placita was constructed from 1822-1825. Like most Spanish planned cities, the center of a town usually included a plaza for people to meet and gather. In 1930, the Placita of Olvera Street was redesigned into a circular design to meet the newly updated plan for Olvera Street. In 1887, Sepulveda House was built

in a 2-story Eastlake Victorian style and became one of the first buildings which introduced a new architecture design changing from the previously used style of Spanish and Mexican architecture.

Besides the numerous historical buildings, there are a number of museums located within the proximity of Olvera Street, including the Chinese American Museum, El Pueblo Gallery and Siqueiros Mural Exhibit. Each provide a deeper look into Los Angeles history and serve as must-see sites to learn more about the second largest metropolitan area in the United States. Oh, I almost forgot that the restaurants along Olvera Street serve some of the best Mexican food in all of Los Angeles especially an excellent taquito restaurant called Cielito Lindo.

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument continues to offer a living history view of Los Angeles in the Spanish-Mexican era and the early years of the City of Angels...

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Trump Forces Responsibility On California

In several actions over the past couple of months, President Trump has taken actions forcing the California Democrat leadership to stand up and take responsible actions on the infrastructure financial issues that have been hanging around since the Brown era. As Gov. Newsom takes over he seems to be having difficulty making strong, firm decisions on water and transportation to move our state and local governments forward.

Just last week, President Trump announced he would not be putting up \$306 million to reimburse California for the disastrous Oroville Dam floodway collapse in February 2017. Word went out on that date to 188,000 residents of Yuba, Sutter, Butte Counties and communities along the Feather River Valley giving them approximately 30 minutes to leave the area as the pending failure and collapse of Oroville Dam approached.

Aside from the forensic reports that came out on Oroville Dam charging Department of Water Resources, owner/operator of the key piece of the State Water Project, with failing to identify and repair the signs of failure, local groups had been meeting for years complaining about the maintenance of the dam and their concerns about potential failure. Oroville Dam infrastructure failure is estimated to cost \$1.1 billion in repair costs with another estimated \$1.2 billion in lawsuits that may be pending. I have not seen any estimates on what that will do to water costs in Southern California, but figure they will go up.

Gov. Newsom said no to the twin tunnels or WaterFix project proposing to deliver water to Southern California and Central Valley. He came back and said, 'okay, maybe one tunnel'. As early as November 2017, President Trump refused to pledge federal dollars to WaterFix, originally to cost \$17.5 billion, then reports surfaced estimating costs at \$50 billion to complete the project over 10 years. Pencil in the challenges through environmental lawsuits and costs would go higher and completion of the project remains in question.

Gov. Brown moved forward with this massive water delivery project deciding a vote of the people was not needed, just as his decision on the gas tax passed as a trailer bill to the budget in the



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

middle of the night. From the beginning, WaterFix has had the same problems as Brown's Bullet Train. The dollar signs were too fluid and financial projections were deemed not reasonable. President Trump made the correct decision to pull federal dollars from this project.

When Gov. Newsom announced he would be scaling back the high-speed rail project, otherwise known as the bullet train or train to nowhere, President Trump demanded California return the \$3.5 billion the Obama administration had invested in that project. The original project, approved by the voters in 2008, promised to deliver for \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds, an 800-mile high speed rail system from Los Angeles to San Francisco in two and two-thirds hours at 200 miles per hour. Private investors for the project were part of the requirements to make this project doable and complete-able.

History shows:

- 2013 - a court ruling prohibited the state from spending \$8 billion in bonds until the requirements of Prop 1A were met including identifying \$25 billion in additional funds for the project.

- 2014 - Gov. Brown signed the state budget allocating 25% of the cap and trade program funds to the high speed rail project.

- February 2019 - Gov. Newsom announced he thinks the high-speed rail project would cost too much and take too long to complete. Newsom decided on his own to scale back the project and now to run from Bakersfield to Merced.

- Taxpayer money I've seen invested: \$77 billion.

Last month President Trump demanded California return the \$3.5 billion the federal government provided for the bullet train project deeming it a failed

project, not what voters had approved.

Newsom countered with: "Fake news. We're building high-speed rail, connecting the Central Valley and beyond." He went on saying: "This is CA's money, allocated by Congress for this project. We're not giving it back. The train is leaving the station - better get on board!" He must be talking to those who live in Bakersfield who want to go to Merced or Madera, or as far as the money will take them.

President Trump has remained firm saying, "California has been forced to cancel the massive bullet train project after having spent and wasted many billions of dollars. They owe the Federal Government \$3.5. We want that money back now. Whole project is a "green" disaster!"

While former Gov. Jerry Brown made decisions on how to spend taxpayer dollars without their vote on compromised projects -- both ridiculously flawed, and financially irresponsible projects - High-speed rail and Two Tunnels / WaterFix - our current Gov. Gavin Newsom has outdone Brown's political shenanigans. He has decided he is able to amend voter approved projects, like the bullet train, and give them a half baked project and keep federal tax dollars too. Trump responded appropriately protecting taxpayer hard earned dollars.

Newsom placed a moratorium on the death penalty leaving 757 prisoners sitting on death row. The Association of Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA) released a statement:

"The voters of the State of California support the death penalty. That is powerfully demonstrated by their approval of Proposition 66 in 2016 to ensure the death penalty is implemented, and their rejection of measures to end the death penalty in 2016 and 2006. Governor Newsom, who supported the failed initiative to end the death penalty in 2006, is usurping the express will of California voters and substituting his personal preferences via this hasty and ill-considered moratorium on the death penalty."

I was deeply concerned by the end of Jerry Brown's eight years in Sacramento and I am even more concerned at this point with his replacement, Gov. Gavin Newsom.

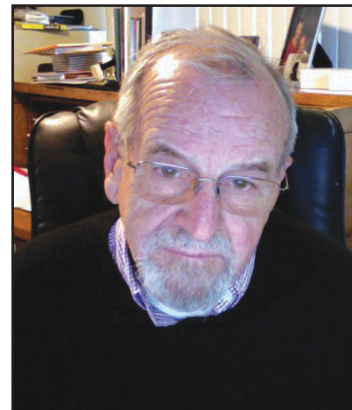
Grief's Power

In recent months I have occasionally used this weekly column to talk about my grief resulting from the deaths of my children, John and Carol. It has been the first time in the decades since John's accident, and the two years from the ending of Carol's struggle with lung cancer that I have allowed my grief to be publically expressed. But I have learned that if I do not let others see it, I cannot learn to deal with it. Opening up to my grief through my written reflections has given me the ability to face its impact.

This lesson was reinforced by the travail of Elaine Pagels, Princeton University Professor of Early Christian History, in her latest book, *Why Religion?* in which she invites us to feel her grief following the death of her six-year-old child followed by the accidental death of her husband. These tragic events are woven around her scholarly encounter with the post-New Testament Gnostic desert fathers.

The earliest record of the life and teachings of the Galilean prophet named Jesus was produced a generation after his death, by a follower we know as "Mark," who had gathered a collection of this itinerant rabbi's sayings, stories, healings, miracles and relationships—all pointing to his eventual death. Jesus had a following of fishermen, craftsmen, farmers and other common people from the hill country of northern Israel. His prophetic ministry was announced by his cousin John, who baptized him. According to Mark, his lessons were stories about the day-to-day lives of those who lived in that area. Several featured mustard seeds, birds, harvests, commercial conflicts and economic justice.

In due time, editors we know as Matthew and Luke, and an un-



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known author who produced a document we call Q, expanded Mark's narrative with additional stories and events, turning Mark's record into a more complete biographical sketch. Later there appeared documents written by a variety of desert monastics, many from a culture that embraced a spirituality far different than that of the Galilean, or even the Judean Christians. But their writings, featuring additional stories attributed to Jesus, were called heretical. These Coptic language scrolls were hidden in desert caves, to be found and studied centuries later by scholars including Elaine Pagels.

While her encounter with the Gnostic tradition identifies the core of her professional story, *Why Religion?* is basically about her personal tragedies. Pagels' tears wet every page, and however one seeks to understand her story, it must primarily be seen as flowing from her grief.

These traumatic events led her to seek relief in a mystical hungering for the renewal of a relationship with her child and her husband. This painful longing was manifested in dreams, visions and an overwhelming thirst to be with them again, if not in this life, in some other existence. This unquenchable hope resonated for her in the spiritual quest of the Gnostic desert fathers. While she

never seemed to firmly believe in life beyond this earthly one, that image was enough to keep her from the darkness that her twin tragedies had produced. She suspected that Paul's testimony about the secret knowledge that was to be revealed at a time and through an agency chosen by God's Spirit pointed to these Gnostics.

So how do we read her book? Like any literature that addresses our deepest concerns, we readers will pass over its pages with a magnet that has been pre-conditioned to draw out what we want the book and its author to believe and say. Thus we tend to find what we are looking for!

For some of us, Pagels' doubts and those growing out of our own experiences will lead her testimony to confirm our misgivings, and only see *Why Religion?* as an exploration of grief. Others will find just enough in her words and life story to believe that reality lies in the hope for life beyond this one. If Pagels does not finally answer that question, she still finds in religion a roadmap pointing to a path that may unravel the secret knowledge suggested by Paul. And that may be sufficient evidence to answer for her the question, *Why Religion?* It is in religion that the mysteries of life and death are illumined in the unveiling of the hidden knowledge first revealed in the Nag Hammadi scrolls as recorded by the Gnostic saints.

Pagels' insights allowed me to enter her grief by seeing it on the printed page, and I was helped once more to look within as I confront grief that I will continually experience, but never resolve. But it is part of who I am, and I will never want it to go away.

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What Does It Take To Impeach A President - Any President?

By D.B. Shimel

The Constitution of the United States is quite clear on this subject.

There is much talk these days about impeaching the person who currently occupies the White House. What follows is a brief discussion on what the Constitution says about impeachment and the removal of any president or vice-president.

Before we get into 'what is the process for impeachment' a brief reminder on the Constitution is in order.

Our Constitution was written in the spring and summer of 1787 by a group led by John Adams. This group of learned individuals gathered in Philadelphia Pennsylvania for the purpose of correcting deficiencies in the Articles of Confederation. These articles were the agreement between the states that governed the 13 states that made up the fledgling government of the country (at that time). It soon became clear that the Articles of Confederation were so complicated so that just changing them was impossible. Consequently, a new constitution was in order. The reasons why a new constitution would be a topic for another discussion.

The Constitution of the United States of America contains seven (7) Articles. Note: Only the first three articles will be discussed here as they pertain directly to the subject at hand.

Article I (1); describes the duties and responsibilities of the Congress. The congress contains two branches. The House of Representatives and the Senate. The House of Representatives (often called the House) is the people's house and is the first branch of government discussed in the constitution (Section 2). The House is intended to represent the "We the People" as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution. Members are elected to two year terms

as described in this article (modified by subsequent Amendments to the Constitution).

The Senate was intended to represent the states in Congress. Up until the passage of the 17th Amendment senators were chosen by the governments of each state. This group was intended to represent the states interests (Federalism). Senators are elected for a 6 year term.

Article II (2); describes the duties and responsibilities of the President of these United States.

"The executive power shall be vested in the President ...". This article describes the duties, powers of the office, the methodology by which the president is elected and the term of office.

Article III (3); addresses the Supreme Court of the United States. Justices on this court are nominated by the President and with the "Advice and Consent" of the Senate are appointed for life. The Supreme Court primary task is to rule on the constitutionality of laws passed in these United States.

Of important note is that the Constitution provides for methodology known as "checks and balances" by which each branch controls the power of the other two branches.

Now back to the issue of impeachment.

Article I Section 2: in the last sentence in the section states that the House "shall have the sole power of impeachment". Just what that mean? To impeach the House must start an action known as "articles of impeachment" which will be voted on by the entire members in attendance. If the action passes, by a simple majority, it is forwarded to the Senate where action may or may not be taken.

Article I Section 3; further develops the issue of impeachment by stipulating that for a president or vice-president to be

removed from office the Senate shall convene a trial, overseen by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This trial is to be conducted in the normal manner of any trial with evidence and witnesses. To remove a president or vice-president requires a 2/3 vote of all the Senators. Today that means that 67 Senators must vote to convict the president for committing one of these crimes, "Treason, Bribery, High crimes and Misdemeanors" as defined in Article II Section 4.

How many presidents have been impeached and removed from office? The answer is none.

President Andrew Johnson - the man who became president when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated - was impeached by the house and tried by the Senate but the conviction fell one vote short of the 2/3 majority required to remove him from office. President William "Bill" Clinton was impeached by the House for lying under oath to the congress but the Senate refused to hear the case because they knew there was no hope of getting a 2/3 vote in the senate. This impeachment effort was devastating to the Republican Party at the next election.

So when you hear people chanting "Impeachment" over and over again you must understand that this usually is political grandstanding and it is highly unlikely that the current president or any president will be removed from office. The Constitution does not allow for the removal of the president just because some people do not like his political party. Impeachment on those ground will only lead to a slippery slope to anarchy.

To learn more about the Constitution copies are available at the East San Gabriel Valley Republican Center located at 200 East Rowland St. in downtown Covina.

Another Scam Out There... Beware

There is a new scam out that people can do to get their money out of your bank.

Have you seen the deal that they show on television commercials how you can take a picture of a check, front and back, with your cell phone and you can deposit it into your bank account or someone else's? If you don't use this feature, I would make sure that you notify your bank that you will never use that feature, deposit or payment.

This feature is one of the easiest ways to get yourself ripped off.

For those of you that don't know how it works, you simply take a picture of a check and you can deposit it into your account or someone else's via the picture on your phone. So, if you have



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someone you wrote a check to, they can scan that check into the computer and you can easily remove the lettering on the Pay To: of the person you actually made the check out to in the first place. Next, they change the number of the check to a number in the real near future and then change the amount. With the number in the near future means that the owner

of that checking account has not reached that number yet so they would not know they are being hacked until they write the real check.

They can keep doing this and you will not realize that your account is being depleted by the perpetrators until it is too late.

I would talk to the banks and tell them that you don't want this feature to be used on your account, unless you really do want this feature, then just let it go. And good luck to you.

I have no idea why the banks would have ever offered this feature. Sadly, some people may never catch this loss on their accounts if this should happen to them until it is too late.

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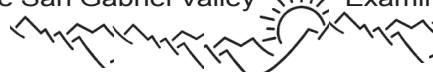
POMONA - Windsong Southland Chorale is holding its annual Spring GALA/Fundraiser on Saturday, **March 23**, 11 - 3 p.m. This year, the GALA moves to a new location, the Mountain Meadows Golf Course, on Fairplex in Pomona. Greg Bradbard, well-known and respected President of Hope Through Housing Foundation, will reprise his role as delightful M.C.

The GALA includes a full lun-

cheon with three entrée selections, a silent auction, drawings, and more. The musical offerings of the afternoon will include a Windsong concert of movie music and show tunes, accompanied by Nightingale Chen, Windsong accompanist since 2017. A highlight of each year's GALA is the enjoyable Luminaries Competition, where several singers raise their voices in solo competition.

Guests are invited to "vote" for the choices with money. The singer who raises the most money is the winner and is given the beautiful Luminaries trophy to keep for the year.

The cost is \$40 per person, \$18 for children 12 and under. Table sponsors are welcomed. For information or to reserve your place at the table, call 909 983-9879.



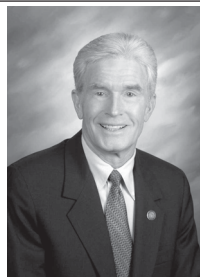
A Strong Start Usually Leads to a Strong Year

One of my colleagues on Wall Street last week issued a report that showed that the S&P 500 was off to a great start this year, with 27 up days (73%) in the first 37 trading days. Since 1961, only eight other years have begun this strongly. In those eight cases, the S&P 500 rose by an additional average of 10.35% for the remainder of the year, with the smallest increase (2012) being 4.43% and the largest gain (1995) being 26.5%, so let's hope history repeats itself with an additional rise this year.

A decade ago, on Thursday, March 5, 2009, bearish sentiment on the stock market hit an all-time high. The weekly poll of the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) is widely considered to be a contrarian indicator, since investors tend to be super-bearish at market bottoms and super-bullish near the top. In the AAII survey, investors are asked if they are bullish, bearish, or neutral on the then current market over the next six months. Historically, the lowest-ever percentage of bears was just 6%, set on August 21, 1987, the week the market peaked before the catastrophic 1987 crash. The highest percentage of bears was 70.3% in the poll released March 5, 2009, the day before the major stock market indexes bottomed out.

Investors have been super-slow to get back into this current market. The results of a May 2018 Gallup poll showed that the percentage of American households owning stocks fell from 65% in 2007 to 55% in 2018, implying that at least 10% of Americans owned stock in 2007 but were so scarred by the 2008-09 crash that they stayed out of stocks - permanently. The paranoia profile for Americans under 35 is even worse. During the mostly-bullish years of 2001-2007, 52% of young Americans

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owned stocks vs. just 38% from 2008 to 2018. Jason Thomas, chief economist with the Carlyle Group, a private equity firm, said, "Psychological scars from the crisis make this one of the most unloved bull markets in history."

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell appeared before Congress last week to explain how the Fed is striving to promote steady economic growth. I find it especially interesting that Powell is watching global events, as he said: "Growth has slowed in some major foreign economies, particularly China and Europe."

Brexit is expected to be the most recent event of major concern since many companies are fleeing Britain due to uncertainty over tariffs and the underlying business environment. Recognizing this uncertainty, both Britain and the European Union (EU) are now seeking to delay the March 29th Brexit deadline. Specifically, Prime Minister Theresa May has said Parliament can vote to extend the Brexit deadline on March 12th. However, Prime Minister May does not appear to want to delay Brexit beyond March 29th. This vote seems to be more about appeasing rebellious lawmakers and ministers who believe a "no deal" exit would be a disaster. The EU is hoping for a Brexit extension, but remains divided on the timing. Overall, it is apparent that politicians are doing what they do best

- they "kick the can down the road," which could be a disaster (or maybe good) for both Britain and the EU. The business community cannot plan amidst all this uncertainty, so both the British pound and euro remain weak, with recessions for Britain and the EU looking inevitable (unless something "big" happens soon).

In the meantime, Venezuela remains a humanitarian disaster. The fact that the Venezuelan military has violently blocked trucks with food and medical aid on both the Brazilian and Colombian borders is expected to cause more army desertions. Brexit and Venezuela are just two examples of why the U.S. remains an oasis in a troubled world.

It is important to remember that the U.S. remains an island of economic and personal safety. China's GDP growth has slowed, while Britain and the European Union (EU) are teetering on a recession. This is one reason why the U.S. dollar remains strong. Big multinational companies are being paid in eroding foreign currencies, so their earnings are being impacted by a massive foreign currency headwind. However, domestic companies, especially many small-to-mid-capitalization stocks, are largely immune to any significant currency headwinds.

Overall, Wall Street remains in a "Goldilocks" environment characterized by a lack of inflation, moderate interest rates, a dovish Fed, and a strong U.S. dollar. There is no doubt that the U.S. remains an oasis amidst the impending Brexit chaos and other concerns about global GDP growth.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

When does one have to pay taxes on the different kinds of investments?

On savings, checking, CDs, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, and treasuries, you pay taxes NOW (annually). Pay taxes LATER (when you make withdrawals) on an IRA, a 401k, a 403b, other pension plans, variable and fixed annuities, and savings bonds. Pay taxes NEVER* on Roth IRAs, Municipal bonds, and life insurance cash value accounts. (*You already paid taxes on the money before investing in these.)

Is there anything I can do to help lighten the tax burden my baby brother will have when he inherits my 401k?

You have several choices depending on your circumstances. If you are no longer working at the company holding your 401k, roll it into an IRA so that you don't trigger a taxable event. IRAs have much more flexibility on distribution than funds from a 401k. Additionally, you could purchase a life insurance policy with your brother as the primary beneficiary. Since the payout from life insurance policies are income tax free, that money could be used to pay the taxes on taxable inherited monies.

When the stock market 'corrects' I panic! All my retirement savings is in a 401k at work, so I can only make changes once a year. What can I do?

Start by making an appointment and talk with the 401(k) provider's financial advisor. (This should be free.) Meanwhile, take a look at your statements and



Julia Yoder

compare balances from 1 year ago, and current. Keep in mind that you are not required by law to invest in that 401(k). However, if you are being charged little or no money management fees, and/or if your employer is matching all or part of your contributions, it can be good to keep adding to your 401(k). You might also see if you qualify to invest in an IRA, Roth IRA, or in an IUL (Indexed-Universal Life Insurance) policy.

When the Feds raise their rate, what else does that affect?

When the Feds raise their rate, savings, U.S. Bonds, mortgage, and variable credit card rates will rise. Banks are much quicker to raise their loan rates (credit cards and mortgages) than they are to raise interest they pay on savings and investments. Wages could be affected, but often remain unchanged. Stocks could become more volatile.

I have about \$100,000 that I'd like to invest, but it has to be safe. I don't anticipate needing any of the money for at least 5 - 10 years, and even then

might not need it. Are low-interest earning accounts (CDs, money market, muni bonds) the only safe places to put my money?

No. You might want to consider putting your money into one of a couple of products which could offer you a potentially higher rate of return, defer taxes, be every bit as safe, and offer some great additional benefits you could take advantage of later in life. These products also fulfill some aspects of retirement and estate planning.

My husband lost his job and our health insurance, too, as we can't afford Cobra. What do we do now?

Contact a licensed health insurance agent to help you navigate the health insurance choices available. Ask about short-term health insurance policies which frequently work out to be less expensive than the cost of annual policies. You could also check into using 401(k) funds to pay the Cobra premiums. See if you qualify for MediCal.

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Baldwin Park Job Fair Focuses on Direct Hiring

Professional development, resume critique, and more

BALDWIN PARK - As many as 55 employers, all with current job opportunities will gather in Baldwin Park on Thursday, **March 21**, for the Baldwin Park Job Fair. The event is slated from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Esther Snyder Community Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd.

Organizers said it is free and open to the public. On-hand will be professionals who, according to officials, are prepared to help job seekers with resume critiques, direct hiring, online and computer access, and even on-the-spot interviews.

"There will be a set of diverse fields ready to hire: from warehouse to security, hospitality, law enforcement, government agencies, health care, transportation, logistics, education etc.," said Victor Viramontes, Management Analyst with the City's Department of Community Development. "We are excited to bring employment opportunities from a range of exciting careers to choose from."

As many as 700 people are expected at the hiring spree, organizers noted. Attendees are encouraged to dress in appropriate business attire and bring multiple copies of their resume to help make their day productive. Additional onsite professional development services include

free haircuts, hair blow dry's and manicures provided by the Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education (BPACE) program, who will also distribute vouchers to be used at a later time.

Economic Development Director, Benjamin Martinez, shared that the "City of Baldwin Park is honored to once again coordinate the 2019 Job Fair efforts in collaboration with regional partners to that brings together hundreds of benefits for job seekers that are not only looking for employment, but who also seek to better their personal lives as well as those of their families" he said.

The Job Fair is a citywide effort coordinated in partnership with the Economic Development and the Recreation and Community Services Departments, as well as regional partners including the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD), the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and the East San Gabriel Valley Americas Job Center of California (ESGVAJCC).

Martinez encourages those seeking quality work to join us for the exciting event on March 21st.

The Baldwin Park's Job Fair has been an annual event for more than a decade, taking place at the heart of the community, located at Esther Snyder Community Center according to Manuel Carrillo Jr., Director of the Department of Recreation and Community Services.

The job fair was initiated in response to the economic downturn in 2007, when job market opportunities began to dwindle. Carrillo described the event as an outlet that "continues to provide meaningful professional development and job opportunities for hundreds of job seekers as well as connecting employers to top quality candidates."

New elements to this year's job fair include the connections to a variety of federal positions that are designed to assist the U.S. Census Bureau. The Los Angeles Regional Census Center is hiring positions at various capacities that include Regional Technicians and alike in preparation of the 2020 Census count.

Don Lindgren, a career development employment specialist with the Office of Education, noted that Baldwin Park's Job Fair exclusively connects job seekers and employers. The employment search process can be intimidating, said Lindgren, so officials are doing what they can to keep job seekers encouraged.

"This brings the jobs directly to the community. Diverse groups of employers with hundreds of job leads will be in one place," he added. "It's a one-day, one-stop job, kind of event."

Lindgren noted that Baldwin Park's event is one of the most successful in the San Gabriel Valley. "The job fair evolves every year, because we're not just getting people into jobs, but we're also getting people into career driven employment options."

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Around the Valley & Senior News

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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

Enjoy Ocean Adventures with Blue Submarine

Experience marine creatures up close and learn about the amazing life of the sea star at the Arcadia Public Library on Saturday, **March 23** at 2:30 pm or 4 pm. Children of all ages can have the opportunity to touch live tide pool animals such as sea stars, sea urchins, Hermit crabs, sea slugs and more!

For more information, please call 626.821.5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Spring Fling - 70s Dance Party

Come join us for a far out 70's dance party and enjoy good food, get your boogie on to live music by Stone Soul's vocalist, Matthew Grey, enjoy the photo booth, dessert bar, raffle and more! The Spring Fling will be held on Friday, **April 5**, from 4:30-7pm at the Arcadia Community Center - 365 Campus Drive. Tickets are \$13 and are for sale now both online at arcadiaca.gov/recreation and in person at the Arcadia Community Center. Don't wait to purchase your ticket for this groovy dance party! If you are interested in attending or for additional information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

Annual Bookmark Contest at Library

Every spring children ages 3 to 14 can enter the Arcadia Public Library's annual Bookmark Contest. The winning design will be part of this year's Summer @ Your Library program. Is your child a budding artist? Pick up an entry form from the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room at Arcadia Public Library: all entries are due before 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, **April 13**.

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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

Autry Museum of the American West

Discover the art, history, and cultures of the American West on Wednesday, **April 3**, 2019 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm! Located in Los Angeles' beautiful Griffith Park, the Autry features world-class galleries filled with Native American art and artifacts, film memorabilia, historic firearms, paintings, and more. The Autry's collection of more than 500,000 pieces of art and artifacts includes the Southwest Museum of the American Indian Collection, one of the largest and most significant collections of Native American materials in the United States. We will also be stopping by Sizzler's for lunch. Meals not included. Tickets are \$15 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$20 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

Carlsbad Flower Fields and Carlsbad Premium Outlets

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

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 in-

formation on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA

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.

GLENDORA

Benefit For The Glendora Museum

GLENDORA - Come together and celebrate Glendora's rich history! Join us for an evening of

history, music, cocktails, and dinner. Help to preserve the collections of our region. Your support will aid the Society to continue its stewardship of our history. The museum is one of the city's landmark structures and provides a valuable community and educational resource. *A Night At The Museum* will be on Saturday, **April 13**, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Glendora City Museum, 314 N Glendora Ave, Glendora. Tickets are available at www.aNightAtTheMuseum-GHS.eventbrite.com

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

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.

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

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

Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

WEST COVINA

TOPS Meeting

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

Go West

Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more. For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777. The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The fare is only \$1.00 each way. No Service on Holidays.

Senior Lunch

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

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

Garden Club Plant Sale

COVINA - On Thursday **March 28** at 11:00 am, the Friendship Garden Club will hold a plant sale prior to their regular business meeting. This month's guest speaker, Don Delano, Chief Horticulturist at the Fairplex, will speak on spring planting. Club members will provide a homemade tea following Mr. Delano's presentation. The Club meets at the Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina. The plant sale, meeting and tea are open to the public and all interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 626-422-7904.

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Glendora Genealogy Group Meeting

GLENDORA - The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **March 26** at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Pat Chavarria leads a refresher class on genealogy at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by Gena Philibert-Ortega speaking on "Love, Marriage,

Mistresses and Divorce: Researching Relationships". Ms. Ortega is an author, researcher and instructor on genealogy and social and women's history. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.



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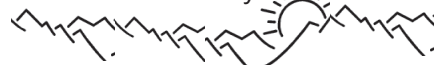
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Citrus College Student to Receive Prestigious National Recognitions

GLENDORA - Citrus College student Philippe Schicker will receive two of the nation's most prestigious academic honors presented to two-year college students next month in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Schicker, an international student from Germany, is one of only 10 community college students in the country selected to receive the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society's Hites Transfer Scholarship. He will be recognized during the organization's annual Catalyst convention in April 2019.

Approximately 2,800 students nationwide applied for the \$7,500 scholarship, which is the largest and most prestigious offered by PTK. Mr. Schicker and the other recipients were selected because of their outstanding academic achievement, as well as their leadership and engagement in college and community activities.

"I was so pleased to receive the wonderful news of Philippe Schicker's award of a Phi Theta Kappa 2019 Hites Transfer Scholarship," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The Citrus College community is incredibly proud of Philippe - he is an excellent student and has excelled on many fronts. We are all thrilled that his academic suc-



Citrus College student Philippe Schicker was elected international vice president of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Division IV. PTK is the world's largest and most prestigious honor society for two-year college students. Photo courtesy Citrus College.

cess and college contributions are being acknowledged on a national level."

In addition to receiving a Hites Transfer Scholarship, Mr. Schicker is also one of 20 students named to the prestigious All-USA Academic Team. He will receive a second scholarship of \$5,000 during the American

Association of Community Colleges' annual convention.

The All-USA program is widely recognized as the most significant academic honor presented to students attending associate degree-granting institutions. Each of the nation's nearly 1,200 two-year colleges may nominate two students who show

intellectual rigor and demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and civic growth.

"Receiving these honors is beyond humbling," Mr. Schicker said. "When I came to the United States, I promised myself that I would not let any opportunity pass. Through hard work, dedication and support from Citrus College, especially my academic advisor Mr. Brian Waddington, I am being recognized for doing my very best."

"I hope to inspire others by letting them know that with discipline and a supportive community like Citrus College, anything is possible in the land of opportunity," he added.

Mr. Schicker will not only be attending the PTK Catalyst convention as an honoree, but also as the organization's international vice president. PTK is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students, helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. It is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 10 nations.

In his role as international vice president, Mr. Schicker represents 292 PTK chapters across eight regions, including chapters located in Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

"Philippe Schicker has distinguished himself as a student leader at Citrus College and throughout the country. He is a stellar example of the brilliant and talented students that Citrus College serves," said Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "On behalf of the college community, I extend my sincere congratulations to both Philippe and to Brian Waddington, the faculty advisor for Citrus College's PTK chapter. Recognitions such as these advance the college's reputation for being a national leader in higher education."

Receive 10 Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2019 and receive 10 free white pine trees or 10 white flowering dogwood trees.

"White pine trees or white flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers and red berries that attract songbirds during winter. White pine trees are fast-growing landscape trees that will break heavy winds, making them an ideal addition to any yard."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

With planting instructions included, the trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/march or send a \$10 contribution by March 31, 2019 to:

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Pieology Pie Day - A Tremendous Success

By Jayam Rutnam

AZUSA - I visited the Pieology Pizza Restaurant in Azusa on March 14 (3/14). The staff were taking a short break from the noon rush. It was a special occasion. "Pie Day 3.14" and they were offering pizzas at buy 1 at regular price and the second one at \$3.14. According to the General Manager Yuri Furlong, this was a day that they celebrate their employees, their guests and their company! The staff were also very busy putting up signs outside advertising "Pie Day" and awaiting the evening rush.



From right to left - Taylor Flynn (Shift Leader), Colin Beard (Shift Leader), Yuri Furlong (General Manager), Angel Torres and Kristina Ramirez (Team Members).

Pieology's pizzas are very special, since they are made to order of course, but their customers can also choose from an array of toppings that are displayed, to create their own. "Before we embarked on our

create-your-own pizza experience, our story began in the kitchen, with our founder, his wife and daughters, and a plan to share time together. From that day on, Pieology would forever be a fresh retreat from the everyday hustle and bustle

-- where the only thing more important than quality food is quality people to share it with."

"We didn't set out to create just another create-your-own pizzeria. We're here to nourish and inspire - to serve creativity - and celebrate people coming

together to connect. It's a bigger vision. One filled with purpose. For pizza, people and passion."

Pieology started the year off by introducing three new plant-based protein toppings on the menu. Vegans, Vegetarians, and "flexatarians" no longer have to stick to the cheese and veggie pizza. Instead, now they have meatless options.

The Pieology Franchise has close to 150 locations primarily base in Southern California. They offer 6 Premium Crusts and a variety of toppings and cheeses to compliment your pizza. Pieology is an International Company with stores in Canada, Spain and Mexico.

Pieology in Azusa is located at 962 East Alosta Avenue. Their telephone number is 626-969-1893.



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