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Pogacar Makes History As The Youngest AMGEN Tour Of California Champion

PASADENA – UAE Team Emirates' 20-year-old Tadej Pogacar (SLO) is the 2019 Amgen Tour of California champion after a fast and furious sprint finish at Pasadena's Rose Bowl concluded a week of racing.

Two young first-timers to this race vied for the overall championship in an epic battle yesterday when Pogacar took over the race lead after the Queen Stage summit finish at Mt. Baldy, coming into the final stage +:16" ahead of EF Education First Pro Cycling's 21-year-old Sergio Higuita (COL). With their time gap unchanged today, Higuita finished in second place overall.

Beginning the day in sixth place overall (+:22), Deceuninck – Quick-Step's Kasper Asgreen (DEN) fought to make up time with bonus points today. He joined a chase group that brought the peloton back together before it reached Pasadena, then leapt out to a solo lead on the first of three passes across the finish line to claim maximum Sprint points in the finishing circuits. UAE Team Emirates worked hard to reel him back in defense of Pogacar, who will also go home with the TAG Heuer Best Young Rider Jersey in addition to his



Tadej Pogacar winning Stage 6 and is the 2019 Amgen Tour of California champion.

overall podium spot (+:17), just one second behind Higuita, as well as locked his win in the Sprint competition. Known as a race that brings together the world's best riders while launching the careers of cycling's next generation, past Amgen Tour of California winners have included French rider Julian Alaphilippe, who set a new race record for the youngest champion at 23 when he won in 2016, which was then overtaken in 2018 by Columbia's Egan Bernal who won at age 21.

(Julian) Alaphilippe and (Egan) Bernal, (Fernando) Gaviria, George Bennett... then this year, look at all the young talent. It's phenomenal to see it, and we're proud that we continue to be a launching pad for all of the riders. Congratulations once again to everybody."

Stage 7 presented by Amgen wound riders 78.3 miles from veteran Host City of Santa Clarita to Pasadena. Two former race champions who won the title in Pasadena were in the race this year: Slovak three-time World Champion Peter Sagan (2015), who placed second for today's stage in a furious sprint, and New Zealand's George Bennett (2017), who ended the race in fourth place overall.

In the final meters of the race, Sagan and USA Cycling National Teams' Travis McCabe (Prescott, Ariz.) sprinted shoulder to shoulder until Astana attacked and Team Sunweb's Cees Bol (NED) leapt out and narrowly outpaced Sagan for the stage win.

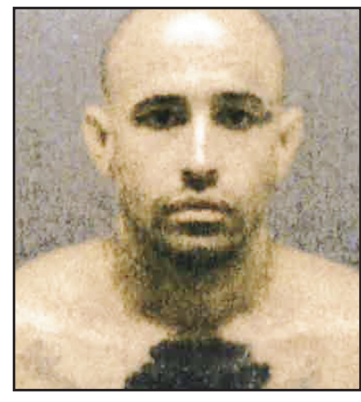
EF Education First Pro Cycling's Tejay van Garderen (Tacoma, Wash.), who wore the Amgen Race Leader Jersey until yesterday's result, finished in ninth place this year (+1:22"), and still holds the race record for the largest winning margin of all time with his 2013 overall win +1.47" ahead of Michael Rogers.

San Gabriel Police Arrest Three Gang Members For Witness Intimidation

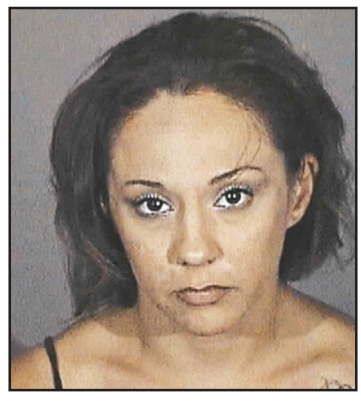
SAN GABRIEL – On May 13, 2019, a final arrest was made in a case involving witness intimidation from several San Gabriel gang members. Upon investigation, a total of three "Sangra" gang members were arrested after formulating a plan to intimidate a witness.

A witness initially observed Anthony "Knuckles" Pelliccino, 29, commit a crime and reported the incident to the San Gabriel Police Department. Days later, Pelliccino approached the witness and threatened the individual by claiming the area belonged to the "Sangra" gang and that the gang was going to resolve the matter.

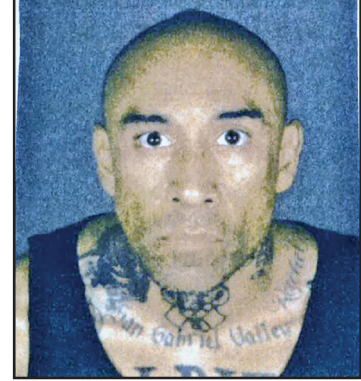
In jail-recorded conversations, Pelliccino orchestrated a plan with Jennifer Duran, 31, of San Gabriel to solicit Sangra gang member Sergio "Yogi" Diaz, 39, of San Gabriel and Franklin "Machete" Orellana, 30, of Alhambra to dissuade the witness from testifying. Upon learning about the conspiracy, San Gabriel detectives arrested the co-conspirators. Working with prosecutors from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, San Gabriel detectives were able to obtain an arrest warrant for the three suspects in connection with the investigation.



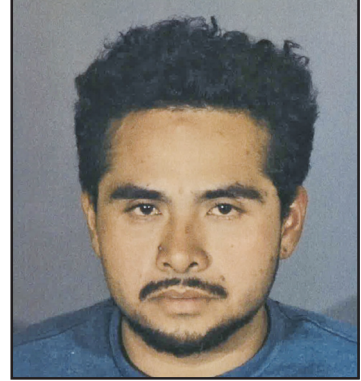
Anthony "Knuckles" Pelliccino



Jennifer Duran



Sergio "Yogi" Diaz



Franklin "Machete" Orellana

"We take the safety of our community seriously," said San Gabriel Police Department Police Chief Gene Harris. "The department will make every attempt to protect community members, businesses, and those reporting criminal activity. We will be relentless in our pursuit of mitigating crime in San Gabriel. This case exemplifies the great working relationship the San Gabriel

Police Department has with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office." Jennifer Duran and Sergio Diaz have been arraigned with a bail set at \$1,000,000. Anthony Pelliccino and Franklin Orellana each have a bail of \$200,000. Duran, Diaz, Pelliccino and Orellana are in custody at the Los Angeles County Jail.



Stage 7 wound riders from Santa Clarita to Pasadena and was won by Cees Bol from Team Sunweb.

AMGEN Tour Cycle Race Draws Cheering Crowds



Over 100 cyclists whizzed by through East Sierra Madre Avenue on to Glendora Mountain Road.

By Jayam Rutnam
GLENDORA - It was Friday May 17th. The crowds lined East Sierra Madre Avenue where the Amgen Tour of California cyclists were expected to breeze by on their way to Glendora Mountain Road and then on to Mt. Baldy. This annual event has gradually gotten more and more

popular with the locals in Glendora, who anxiously and patiently await the cyclists who usually pass by in less than ten seconds. The roads were closed from 1.30 to 3 p.m. in anticipation. It was about 2 p.m. that the cyclists were spotted, with a helicopter hovering over them. Finally the leading six cyclists

whizzed by and then about two minutes later a pack of over 100 racers rode by. It was a beautiful sight although it lasted for less than a minute. The racers were followed by a caravan of cars with "spare bikes" on top of them.

Among the racers were world renowned cyclists who competed in the Amgen Tour of California.

Crash in West Covina Results in Gun Recovery and Arrest

By George Ogden/
Rudy Lopez WCPD

WEST COVINA - Traffic collision investigation leads to the discovery of a loaded, stolen handgun.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:02 PM while investigating a traffic collision with injuries at Barranca and South Garvey, the driver of one of the vehicles involved had been driving on a suspended license.

The vehicle the suspended driver was in was to be im-



Recovered stolen handgun

pounded and during the inventory check, a loaded, stolen handgun and ammunition was found in the vehicle. The suspect, Juan Jose Reyes, 33 of West Covina, was arrested.



Juan Jose Reyes

West Covina Crash Injures One



Officers investigate crash on Merced Avenue in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On Wednesday evening May 15, there was an injury traffic collision in the westbound lanes in the 2300 block of Merced Avenue.

The accident occurred just before 10 pm. The driver of the white car was injured and was taken to the hospital by the paramedics. There were no other injuries.

It appears the elderly man was driving westbound and rear-ended the parked car

which was pushed until it rear-ended another vehicle. The debris of the crash covered the westbound lanes and part of the eastbound lanes.

Merced was closed to westbound traffic for about two hours while cleanup took place.

Three Arrested, One for Resisting Arrest, Burglary, Possession, the Others for Warrants

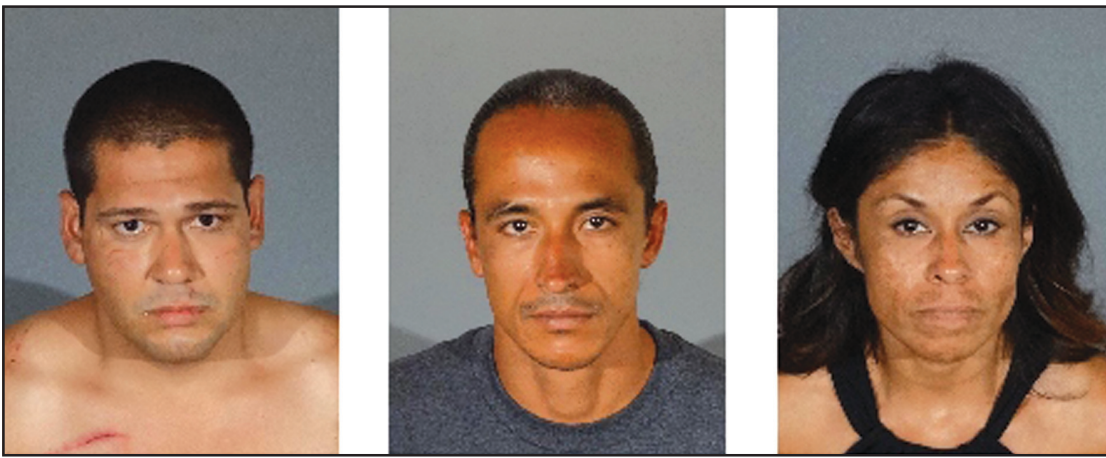


Photo Credit WCPD

By George Ogden/
Rudy Lopez WCPD

WEST COVINA - On Wednesday, May 15 at 7:05 AM, 3 suspects were surprised by WC Officer Corporal Abel Hernandez who was on foot patrol checking Woodgrove Park in West Covina when he saw 3 subjects walking through the park. He saw one holding a glass smoking pipe and a baggie of what turned Methamphetamine.

That suspect seeing the officer ran into the brush area, and while Corporal Hernandez detained the remaining two suspects and calling for back-up to look for the outstanding suspect. Responding officers set up a containment around the area where the fleeing suspect ran.

Several calls were coming in to the 9-1-1 operators that a suspect was seen attempting to break into several residences.

The suspect, Jose Jesus Millan, 24 of West Covina, ran

into officers that had set up on the containment and he was taken into custody for Burglary, resisting arrest, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The remaining two suspects were also arrested. Angie Yvette Murrieta, 42 of West Covina was arrested for a narcotics warrant, and Gary Valencia, 38 of West Covina was arrested for possession of methamphetamines.

Tips for a Stress-Free National Bike to Work Month

May is National Bike to Work Month, and hundreds of thousands of commuters are expected to participate across the country.

If you are new to cycling in general or commuting to work by bike, there are a few things to consider before hitting the streets. Don't just wing it! Take time to plan your route beforehand. Free apps can help you choose the best possible route for arriving safely and quickly, helping you avoid streets that aren't ideal for cyclists. Because many such apps function using crowdsourced data, you'll be drawing upon the real-time wisdom of other cyclists. This can mean a stress-free journey.

No one wants to arrive at the workplace looking -- and smelling -- as though he just hit the gym. To look and feel as put together as you did before leaving the house, seek out fabrics that keep you comfortable.

That's not as hard as it sounds these days, thanks to fabric innovations from companies such as Jos. A. Bank, which are helping commuters look stylish and polished all day, no matter how far they are traveling or how they get there. The brand now carries 37.5 temperature-regulating technology, which is woven into its quality wool, wool blend and cotton

fabrics. The brand's line of Custom Travel Tech suits, sport coats, shirts, and pants feature this fabric technology keeping riders cool when it's hot and warm when it's cold. Plus, it's wrinkle-resistant and designed to trap odor molecules that easily wash away when cleaned. And because with Jos. A. Bank, experienced, professional stylists help you find an expert fit so you can look as great as you feel. To learn more, visit www.josbank.com.

Parking and Locking Up

Find out if your workplace has a biking garage or other means for storing your bike in a secure area. If not, invest in a high-quality lock to prevent someone from walking off with your means for getting home.

Adjusting to a bike commute takes a bit of homework, especially if you want to arrive calm, cool and collected for the day. But with the right gear and some planning, your commute can be stress-free this month and beyond. (StatePoint)

Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team Busy Season Has Started



SMSR team members provided ground support preparing a subject for a hoist from Hermit Falls with LASD's Aero Bureau Air Rescue 5.

By Carolyn Grumm

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team's (SMSR) busy season started when they received 7 call outs over a 5 day period. The Team responds to about 100 calls for help in an average year, but the bulk of those calls come in spring and summer. One recent week kept the volunteer team members quite busy.

Friday April 19 - Just after noon, SMSR was requested to assist the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team with a car that had gone over the side of the twisty mountain road of Highway 39. Multiple agencies worked together and SMSR's responsibilities included rappelling 300 feet down to the vehicle and evaluating how to access the crash site. They then worked with the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team and the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office to recover 2 deceased subjects.

Saturday April 20 - At noon the Team responded to Hermit Falls in the Chantry Flats area. This would be the beginning of a full day, and their first of three trips to Hermit Falls this weekend. SMSR responded alongside the Sierra Madre Fire Department to a subject with a broken ankle. The fire department and SMSR provided medical care and transported

the patient in a wheeled litter across more than a mile of narrow trail to the trailhead where an ambulance was waiting.

Saturday April 20 - Less than an hour after team members returned from their first call of the day, they were again paged out to Hermit Falls. This subject had suffered a head wound. Team members provided ground support as LASD's Aero Bureau Air Rescue 5 hoisted the subject and transported them directly to the hospital.

Saturday April 20 - As team members hiked out of the field from Hermit Falls a concerned husband requested help in locating his wife who was overdue from a hike. SMSR gathered more information while field team members grabbed a quick snack and changed into dry socks. Team members were just heading out into the field on their search assignments when the missing hiker was located walking into the parking lot.

Sunday April 21 - Sunday evening SMSR was again called out to Hermit Falls. A male subject had slipped and fallen at the falls and broken a leg. Again, SMSR provided ground support as LASD's Aero Bureau Air Rescue 5 hoisted the subject and transported them

directly to Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Monday April 22 - Monday evening the Montrose Search and Rescue Team requested SMSR to assist in a search for lost hikers. With limited information on where the hikers were, SMSR crews were sent up Bailey Canyon, Mount Wilson Trail and the Winter Creek trails. The hikers were located on Upper Winter Creek Trail and hiked out uninjured with SMSR team members.

Tuesday April 23 - In their 7th call out in 5 days SMSR received a call Tuesday evening for a hiker with a broken ankle near Fern Lodge on the Sturtevant Falls Trail. This would be the end of a busy stretch of days for the Team, but just the beginning of their busy spring and summer season.

Since 1951, the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has responded to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. SMSR also provides a range of wilderness safety programs. The Team never charges for any of these services, and is funded entirely by charitable donations. For more information, to donate, or to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.



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Senator Ling Ling Chang and Local Organizations Provide Free Microchipping

SACRAMENTO - In celebration of National Pet Month, Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) and animal advocates gathered to host a free "Microchip Your Pet Day." Veterinarians and staff implanted nearly 100 microchips. Experts say microchipping of pets is the easiest and most effective way to help them in the tragic event they become lost or separated, but many pets in California have never undergone this simple process. Senate Bill 64, authored by Senator Chang, would change this. The bill would require local animal control agencies to implant and register microchips in all recovered cats and dogs, potentially reuniting thousands of pets with loving families.

"Our pets are part of our family, and we dread the thought of them becoming lost

or separated," said Senator Ling Ling Chang, who hosted the event. "I'm proud to work with partners and advocates to provide free microchips and raise awareness about SB 64, which would help reunite pets with owners, significantly reduce the number of euthanized pets, and save taxpayer dollars."

"The City of Placentia applauds Senator Ling Ling Chang's efforts in introducing Senate Bill 64," said City of Placentia Mayor Rhonda Shader. "This important initiative will help keep more animals in homes and divert them from shelters. We encourage all pet owners to microchip their pets to ensure they can return home safely and quickly."

"HEART has been on the road many years providing services which are essential for the health, safety, and welfare of both pets and people," said Deborah Kopit, CEO and Operations Manager of Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART). "Microchipping

plays a crucial role in saving lives of pets. Be a responsible pet guardian and vaccinate, microchip, and spay or neuter your pet!"

"Over 10 million pets are lost every year and Placentia Library is proud to team up with Senator Chang to help reunite families with their pets through the microchip IDs," said Jeanette Contreras, Library Director of Placentia Library District. "Libraries help connect people to information and through microchipping we're connecting people with their pets."

"When lost pets are found, microchipping allows them to be returned to their families, instead of left to languish in a shelter. We're proud to join Senator Chang and advocates from across the state to offer this necessary service for pet owners," added Judie Mancuso, Founder and CEO of Social Compassion in Legislation, who is the sponsor of SB64, the pet microchipping bill.

Introducing The Los Angeles County Development Authority

County's Community Development Commission/Housing Authority Rebranded to Better Position itself to Serving Residents, Partners, and Clients

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - After 36 years as an established, trusted community leader in the core areas of housing, community development, and economic development, the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) is excited to announce that it has rebranded itself as the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

Through the years, the agency has made a difference countywide by preserving single-family homes, creating affordable rental housing opportunities for veterans, families, and persons experiencing homelessness; funding and constructing parks, libraries, and other pub-

lic facilities; and providing support to help businesses – small and large – start up or continue their success.

The rebranding offers an opportunity for the agency to reconnect with residents, partners, and clients, and reintroduce its program portfolio, expanded service operation, and initiatives to meet the needs of the County's residents and businesses. The LACDA combines the strength of two successful agencies – the CDC and HACoLA – that have a history of operating in tandem, as separate legal entities. Having one agency, under one management structure, and one uniform voice, allows the LACDA to continue its endeavors of ending generational poverty

and homelessness, encouraging community development, and empowering County residents and businesses to reach their full potential.

The clients served and the excellent quality of service provided will not change. The new structure simply allows the agency to streamline budgeting, staffing, and programmatic operations, and more importantly, create a singular and more distinctive identity both internally and to our community partners.

The LACDA's core mission, to Build Better Lives and Better Neighborhoods, remains strong and intact and does its commitment to work with, and for, its partners.

Monterey Park Police "Click It or Ticket" Enforcement Campaign

MONTEREY PARK - From May 20 to June 2, the Monterey Park Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers and passengers who are not buckled up, including drivers who do not secure children in child safety seats. The enforcement effort is part of the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign focused on increasing seat belt use.

"Seat belts have proven time and time again to be life-savers," said Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith. "Buck-

ling up should be second nature."

At 96.2%, California has one of the highest seat belt use rates in the nation. However, 532 people killed in crashes statewide last year were not wearing a seat belt.

"Putting on a seat belt takes a few seconds and is your best protection in a crash. We want everyone to be as safe as possible when driving or riding in a car and wearing a seat belt is the easiest way to do that," Chief Smith added.

In California, the fine for a

seat belt violation is \$162, and \$490 for failing to secure a child in the proper safety seat. Under California law, children under two years old, 40 pounds and 40 inches are required to be in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of eight must be secured in a car or booster seat.

California has a primary seat belt law, which allows law enforcement officers to ticket someone for not wearing a seat belt without committing another traffic violation.

Azusa Unified to Offer Free Meals to Youths This Summer

AZUSA - The Azusa Unified School District will offer free meals this summer to youths ages 18 and under as part of the federally funded Summer Food Service program that ensures children have access to healthy meals, even when school is not in session. Meals are available to any child residing within Azusa Unified boundaries. Children do not have to be Azusa Unified students to receive free meals. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 10 to July 5 at the elementary

and middle school sites listed below.

Center Middle School (Beginning at 10:15 am) 5500 North Cerritos Avenue, **Dalton Elementary School** 500 East Tenth Street, **Magnolia Elementary School** 945 East Nearfield Street, **Memorial Park** 340 N. Orange Place, **Charles Lee Elementary** 550 North Cerritos Avenue, **Gladstone High School** 1340 N Enid Avenue, **Valleydale Elementary School** 700 S. Lark Ellen Ave, **Azusa Public Library** 729 N Dalton Ave,

Azusa. Meals at Memorial Park and Azusa Library are available for an extended period, from June 10 to July 26, 2019.

"Our commitment to students does not end when the school year comes to a close," said Azusa Unified Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski. "We want to ensure the children of our community have access to healthy, balanced meals so that they can continue their educational and personal growth throughout the summer and be well prepared to enter the upcoming school year."

L.A. County Probation Releases 2018 Annual Report

Report Highlights Probation's Accomplishments and Challenges in 2018

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Probation Department's 2018 Annual Report was released today chronicling the variety of Probation's programs, illustrating the advancements of key issues, and highlighting the many successes of the thousands of men and women who serve L.A. County communities as employees of the Probation Department.

In 2018, the L.A. County

Probation Department advanced their plan of new innovative rehabilitation strategies designed to address core issues of those within the probation system.

"I invite everyone to review this annual report and I am confident that by the time you finish reading the stories, seeing the data and viewing the photographs you will have a deeper understanding of the variety of programs and initiatives that

the Department engaged in in the last calendar year," said Los Angeles County Chief Probation Officer Terri L. McDonald. "I am proud to be the Chief Probation Officer for Los Angeles County and the details presented in this annual report effectively illustrates why."

To access the report, visit <https://probation.lacounty.gov/annualreport>.



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Officer Louie Pompei Remembrance Service

SAN DIMAS - On Sunday, **June 9th** at 2PM there will be a Remembrance Service for Glendora Police Officer Louie Pompei. Office Pompei was shot and killed at the Von's Market in Via Verde on June 9, 1995, while attempting to

stop a robbery. The services will take place at the Louie Pompei Memorial across from Via Verde Park in San Dimas. The park is located at 1010 Puente St. at the corner of Via Verde and Puente Ave. The public is invited to attend.

Crime Abounds – New Initiative On Its Way

How did California end up with the equivalent of a whole new city roaming our streets leaving their drug paraphernalia, and other unpleasant droppings, laying on the streets in plain view. We can't blame all of that on the economy or the unemployment rate. A large percentage of the homeless population today is the result of former Gov. Jerry Brown's failure to properly address the Supreme Court ruling in California's prison overcrowding debacle. His policies have made L.A. County jail the largest mental health facility in the country and impossible for local law enforcement to ensure safety of their communities.

On the November 2020 ballot is a measure to correct some of the problems California is facing today with crime on our streets. We need to know it started out with the Supreme Court ruling requesting state prisons reduce their population to 180% of intended capacity.

The legislative remedies to overcrowding became AB 109 (early release bill); Prop 47 (shoplifting, and drug possession became misdemeanors) and Prop 57 (direct filing on juveniles and redefining "non-violent" offenders). Official ballot titles are Attorney General Xavier Becerra's responsibility and he tends to get very creative with those ballot titles. For instance, California Public Safety Partners (CAPSP), heading up their campaign to undo the disaster that has been done to our criminal justice system, submitted an initiative, **Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018**. A.G. Becerra titled the initiative, **Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors**. Please re-read those titles and note the difference in what Becerra is telling voters they will be voting for or against and what the CAPSP group is telling us their initiative is all about.

Instead of building more prisons or contracting out to others, AB 109, early release, was passed and shifted housing and supervision from the state to county jails, without consideration of past offenses these felons committed. Jails were overcrowded forcing release of 45,000 criminals back onto our streets, some with histories of attempted murder, domestic vio-



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

lence, lewd and lascivious act with a minor ... and with "flash incarceration" provisions, meaning violation of parole got the offender 10 days back in jail ... if there was space.

Prop 47, with the creative title of **Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act**, was originally submitted as **Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes** for the November 2014 ballot. The voters approved this initiative after the ACLU contributed \$3.5 million and a PAC, **Yes on Prop. 47**, contributed \$10.6 million to market this to the voters that some felonies below should be converted to misdemeanors:

- Illegal drug possession – heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine.
- Serial shoplifting, forgery, fraud, theft of under \$950 would get a citation – no jail time.
- Persons already convicted, could petition for reduced sentences.

That \$14 million effort put 13,000 criminals on our streets. Gavin Newsom was listed as a supporter, while Sen. Dianne Feinstein wrote an opposition statement.

Prop 47 passed so easily former Gov. Brown and other supporters, decided to try once again at reducing the prison population using Prop 57 with Gavin Newsom's support. The combined state statute and constitutional amendment, **Parole for Non-Violent Criminals and Juvenile Court Trial Requirements** included those convicted of hate crimes, arson on forest land, assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, rape by intoxication ... the list is longer.

Prop 57 was marketed for approval by spending \$18 million on the campaign with the top five contributors being:

Gov. Brown's Ballot Measure

Committee at \$4.1 million;

- California Democratic Party at \$2.1 million;
- Thomas Steyer at \$1.75 million (environmentalist, fundraising to impeach President Trump)
- Mark Zuckerberg at \$1 million (Facebook)
- Open Society Policy Center, Inc at \$1 million (George Soros' philanthropic agency).

The initiative you will see on the November ballot is proposing to undo most of the damage Brown, Newsom and the progressive insiders have done to our criminal justice system since the 2011 Supreme Court mandate. Submitted as **Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018** by Attorney Charles Bell, it will show up, creatively titled, as **California Criminal Sentencing, Parole and DNA Collection Initiative**.

This initiative will fix three problems:

- Reform the parole system to prevent early release from prison by reclassifying certain felonies as violent. Still would allow early release of non-violent offenders.

- Restore Accountability for Serial Theft by making them felonies after a third theft of \$250 or more. Organized thefts by snatch-and-grab rings would be felonies.

- When felonies became misdemeanors, DNA testing was no longer required. This initiative restores and expands DNA collection from persons convicted of drug offenses, theft and domestic violence to solve violent crimes and exonerate the innocent.

The shooting death of police officer Keith Boyer started the League of California Cities campaign, Taking Back Our Communities. Boyer was shot to death by a gang-banger and five-time parole violator. Each parole violation got the gang member a few days in jail. This new initiative will require a mandatory court hearing for anyone charged with a third violation of parole.

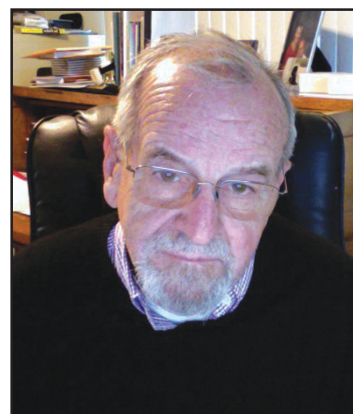
In June 2018, CAPSP had collected the 365,880 signatures to get **Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018** on the ballot, but several counties were not able to verify the signatures – said they ran out time – so the initiative was not placed on the November 2018 ballot. More on this one coming up.

Picking The Right Candidate

On a couple of occasions in recent years I have found myself in the grandstand at the Santa Anita racetrack. Looking over the list of entries for the afternoon, it became clear that I knew nothing about any of the horses nor had I the foggiest idea as to who might be winners. The half dozen sports writers and professional handicappers apparently had no more clue than I since they rarely agreed. Was it the horse's record, the last race, the name of the jockey, the weight carried, or the breeding?

I concluded that the best clue was to pick what I thought to be the cleverest horse's name. As I was tearing up my paramutual tickets, it occurred to me that this might not be a winning strategy. While that afternoon's contests eluded my trackside wisdom, had I a list of the entries for a race sometime next year I would be even further out of my depth. Why, for President there is not yet even a list of the horses.

While I have not even a minimal fascination with horse racing, there is a contest a year and a half from now that has already grabbed my attention, and a sizeable list of the entries is already taking shape. In the next few months some aspirants will break down and be withdrawn. For a variety of good reasons others will be hooted off the track. My guess is that only about a half dozen will make it as far as the starting gate.



Charles H. Bayer

Obviously it is far too early to place any bets or even to evaluate the candidates. Nevertheless, it is not too early to think about who might be worth supporting for the presidency of the United States. My guess is that a year from now all of us will have a much better idea of those to be backed, but May of 2019 is far too early even for speculation.

At this early date, however, I am already thinking about how millions of my fellow progressives will begin to nail down the essential qualities of the candidates we might support. At this point I have two perhaps competing qualifications I believe must be met. But at this point there are no names attached to either. Here they are:

1. The candidate I will support must have the best chance of winning against Donald Trump.

2. The candidate I will support must reflect my progressive ethical, economic and social perspectives.

My guess is that sometime next year it will become increasingly obvious that there are candidates who more perfectly reflect that brace of qualifications I believe to be the best hope of our party and the nation. While he/she might not be the MOST electable or the MOST progressive, taken together he/she might have more than sufficient strength in both. At the same time some compromise in both directions might be called for. The most progressive might not be the most electable, and the most electable might not be the most progressive. Perhaps we need to be cautious enough to counter the purists in either camp.

While we hope that there may arise a candidate who perfectly meets both criteria I have suggested, the chances are that compromises must be made. A few years ago many dedicated progressives backed Ralph Nader, but the price of that support was the election of George Bush. Absolutists favoring either one of these perspectives must be able to settle on someone who most NEARLY evidences the progressive agenda AND has the best chance of winning.

While it is now almost a year until we focus on where to put our support, the candidates are already warming up on the electoral track's backstretch.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Mission Pride

By Joe Castillo

Connections to the Mission... The California Missions are filled with artifacts from around the world as well as artifacts made and created at the Mission themselves. Over the decades the artifacts became part of the Mission itself and found a home in its museum or church. At the San Gabriel Mission, a number of items originated from outside the Mission walls. Here is a short description of some of those items. The name of Gabriel was directed by the 48th Viceroy of New Spain, Don Carlos Francisco Marquis de Croix who in 1770 selected the names of the first five Missions to be built in Alta California. One of Missions was to be named after Saint Gabriel, one of the great Archangels and the Messenger of God. The belfry at the Mission includes six bells from places outside of California. Two bells were manufactured at the Holbrook Foundry in Holbrook, Massachusetts, two bells were cast in Mexico City, Mexico, one bell was cast somewhere else in Mexico and the final bell was made in Rus-

sia. The altar at the Mission was made in Mexico City in 1790 and the six polychrome statues were hand-carved in Spain in 1791 before being delivered to San Gabriel after traveling around Cape Horn.

In the baptistry, a large copper basin was a personal gift by King Carlos III of Spain who ordered it to be made in Spain and shipped to California. The museum contains door hinges used with the original church door which were made in Spain, while a small organ made about 1821 was assembled in France. Various priest garments were brought over from Spain, Europe and even the Orient and are stored within the Museum.

There are numerous other artifacts located at the Mission which have origins going back to Mexico, Spain or other countries but have found a "home" in the Mission museum or church. Nicknamed the "Pride of the Missions", San Gabriel would eventually go on and become the most prosperous of all California Missions. Its location in the fertile valleys east of Los Angeles, allowed crops, orchards and vineyards to be

grown at a hearty pace while its location on the Camino Real ensured commerce along the much traveled "King's Highway". But perhaps the most prized possession of the Mission, is the fourteen hand-painted drawings depicting the stations of the cross. The paintings were made by a local Gabrielino Indian who used the colors from various plants and fruits to bring his paintings to life. Today, all fourteen paintings still maintain their bright colors while hanging in the existing church structure. The paintings are the oldest known Indian paintings located at any of the California Missions and are original to the Mission itself. The "Pride of the Missions" is still the honored name of San Gabriel Mission with its collection of prized and valuable artifacts from all over the world....

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Are the Homeless Really a Problem?

Let us just talk about the San Gabriel Valley and the increasing homeless that are coming into our area? Are they really a problem? Yes it is... it is just as bad and the criminal "Graffiti Vandals" and some of these gang members from L.A. and East L.A. are coming into our areas to commit major crimes including murder, robbery, burglaries and much more.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

sue as those resources are drying up.

The homeless bring with them crime, disease, blight and much more. This includes the loss of business for businesses in many of the cities that are affected by the homeless. They camp out in their doorways, urinate and defecate in the same doorways or wherever they please.

Granted, some of these people have run into hard times. Only a few accept help. Many are rejected by their families and they don't want them around and have gone as far as getting restraining orders against them. When homeless people commit crimes and get involved in a violent altercation with police and get killed, the family comes out of the wood-work and cry foul. So, this guy tries to take out a police officer with a big knife and the officer(s) end up having to protect themselves from this person,

they end up shooting and killing that person.

The family, who has rejected this homeless person for years, all of a sudden, loves this person and ends up suing the police. This is the same family that rejected him... and now he was a loving family member.

Let's tell it like it is. The family of those homeless are part of the homeless problem without question. They feel it is okay to put their responsibility on the citizens, the same people that become victims of the homeless.

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New Data Show Workplace Challenges Exist After a Cancer Diagnosis

The ability to manage employment after a cancer diagnosis can be complex, which means working people with cancer need support to balance

work and health demands.

Despite the challenges that people with cancer face in the workplace, a new survey conducted by The Harris Poll and commissioned by Cancer and Careers, a U.S. non-profit dedicated to empowering and educating people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, reveals that a majority of cancer patients and survivors (69 percent) feel that work aids in their treatment and recovery.

The survey also shows that

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many cancer patients and survivors agree that people living with cancer or cancer survivors want to work (74 percent) and that work gives them a sense of purpose (66 percent). In fact, many cancer patients and survivors said that work provides a source of personal pride and accomplishment and helps them cope. For full survey results, as well as other resources on working with cancer, visit cancerandcareers.org.

"As both a former human resources professional and cancer survivor, I know the uncertainty that occurs after a diagnosis," says Kathy Flora, career coach for Cancer and Careers. "Employers, HR teams and managers can be instrumental in helping employees balance work and health demands if they decide they want to stay on the job." (StatePoint)

What Might Cause China To Become More Reasonable?

Why did China renege on previously discussed terms for a trade deal? Did they think waiting until the eve of a hoped-for deal would force Trump to soften demands for fairer trade relationships? Did China hope some American stock market disruption would cause the USA to "give in" to China again? Can China afford to risk an extended trade war with America?

While the higher 25% level of tariffs will be applied to \$200 billion of Chinese imports and, at a later (so far unset) date, on the potentially \$325 billion of all other Chinese imports, the Chinese government expressed "deep regret over the development" and pledged to take "necessary countermeasures."

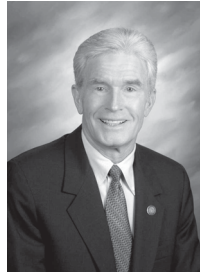
I don't believe many people were convinced that China would disarm its government-backed espionage and its widespread practice of IP theft. In China, there may be more military-uniformed hackers working 24/7 to steal U.S. technology than there are in the entire U.S. Marine Corps. Apparently, a lack of innovation in China means that agreeing to stop stealing U.S. technology and agreeing to eliminate the forced transfer of our technology (to gain access to their market) would totally compromise their ability to keep up with the U.S.

According to the Institute of International Finance (IIF), China's debt-to-GDP ratio is over 300%, highest in the world, even though this figure is hard to quantify due to the opacity of the data. It is estimated that about one-quarter of this debt is tied to real estate.

I think this is where the real trouble lies for China, if America's tariffs remain in place over the long term.

Chinese investors in domestic real estate have been on a buying spree, with 69% of buyers in 2018 purchasing their second or

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third home, with over 50% of those purchases being bought for investment purposes. Trade tensions and capital outflows are already having a negative impact on China's economy. In Beijing, the vacancy rate for investment properties is approaching 20%. Home price-to-income ratios are way out of whack. In Shenzhen, the home price per square foot (PSF) is around \$760 vs. \$636 in Silicon Valley, one of America's priciest markets. The big difference is that the average salary in Silicon Valley is about \$84,000, whereas the average annual income in Shenzhen is just over \$15,000. Housing bubble, anyone?

The latest read on home prices in China show that average prices of homes in 70 cities increased by 10.6% year-on-year through March 2019, up from a 10.4% rate in February. This marked the 47th straight month of Chinese real estate price increases, and the strongest annual gain since April 2017.

Some analysts argue that the binge real estate buying of the past three months was in anticipation of a U.S./China trade deal being consummated. Buyers leveraged heavily into what was expected to be a re-acceleration of the Chinese economy. That may still be the case if a deal comes together in due course, but there seems to be more than a little conflicting data at work here. Consider the ratings on their real estate debt.

The average rating for the debt

of China's largest real estate developers has been downgraded to CCC, with Moody's rating the debt of 51 out of 61 Chinese property companies as "junk."

President Trump has had plenty of experience with junk debt and bankrupt real estate and has a pretty good understanding of how punishing a leveraged real estate portfolio can terrify overleveraged investors!

If the trade war lowers China's GDP growth rate from 6.4% to 5% (or below) and their real estate market undergoes a 2008-2009 type reset, similar to what occurred in the U.S., then (and maybe only then) will the pain in China be sufficient to force long-term and constructive change with China's totalitarian government (at the negotiating table). Unfortunately, any trade war with China will cause hardship for many American agricultural enterprises and other China trade dependent businesses (even if the USA somehow mitigates some of those losses).

If China will not agree to a more reasonable trade relationship with America, such an undesirable trade war will almost certainly hurt China much more than the USA.

However, both America and China will be harmed by a trade war! Nevertheless, if Trump cannot get China to treat America much more fairly, America will be better off suffering some economic pain now, instead of continuing to subsidize what could assist in China's goal for world domination! Thankfully America finally has a President willing to take on the really big issues necessary to protect future generations!

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Your Money - Ask Julia

What's the difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day?

Memorial Day is to remember those who gave their lives. Veterans Day is to honor all those who have served in the armed forces of the United States. On Memorial Day, honor those who loved our freedoms so much that they were willing to die to protect those freedoms from enemies, foreign and domestic. Remember the families, too.

My husband is a recent Veteran. He's going to need long-term care for a while. Are there benefits for Veterans to help with long-term care expenses?

Yes. Qualifications include service, plus income limitations. After a review of his service, current needs, and income, he can apply for benefits. In some cases, benefits are also available for a Veteran's spouse.

We have life insurance policies and retirement accounts that we haven't looked at for years. We really don't know what we have, let alone if or when they expire or mature, or even if we have the beneficiaries right. Would you be able to take a look, tell us what we've got, and advise us if we need to make any changes?

Throughout our lifetimes there are many changes, so it is wise to take a good look at what we have in terms of insurance, investments, and goals. Besides getting older, marriage, children, college, empty nest, sickness, divorce, and death all have a huge impact on our financial planning. It can be overwhelming to go through the various



Julia Yoder

policies and accounts, but it is very important to make the time to sort paperwork and get organized. Consider getting a trusted family member or long-time friend to help you with this task. Another method is to call each company for the most recent statement. They are usually quite helpful in answering your questions, too. Then we can talk about possible changes that could be in your best interest.

You talk about it, but are there really "safe investments"?

First of all, the safety of the investments I recommend to my clients depend on the financial strength of the company offering those investment products. Second, although you cannot lose your investment dollars, you also cannot gain all the "ups" of the stock market that these investments mirror (your money is not actually in the stock market). Picture two elevators. One can go all the way up to the penthouse and all the way down to the basement. That elevator is like the stock market; it can capture all the gains and suffers all the losses. Elevator number two can only

go up to the 7th floor, for example, and it cannot go lower than ground level. This elevator is like the safe investments I talk about; it can capture some of the gains, but suffers none of the losses. Each policy anniversary, your balance is locked in. Ask yourself which elevator you want a good portion of your investment dollars in.

Our son just graduated from college, cannot afford to live on his own, so he's moving back in with us. Do you have any suggestions on how to handle this situation?

He's an adult now and you'll need to see him that way and set your expectations accordingly. Even though he's going to be living with you, his parents, he's got some "adulting" to do! Issues to consider and communicate are: length of stay, rent and/or contribution to household expenses, duties (chores), and mutual respect, freedoms, and communication. Be careful - don't sacrifice your own financial future. Make an effort to keep your sense of humor, express your love, and try to enjoy the extra time together.

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The Importance Of Early Screening For Autism



For children who have autism, early screening can make a lifetime of difference, and a diagnosis is just the first step toward getting the help needed to fulfill their potential.

Autism affects an estimated one in every 59 children. Though early intervention can make a lifetime of difference, far too many children are not diagnosed early enough.

What Is Autism?

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. There is not just one kind of autism but rather many subtypes, and each person with autism can have unique strengths and challenges. A combination of genetic and environmental factors can influence the development of autism.

Though ASD can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2, the average age of diagnosis in the United States is between 4 and 5. Furthermore, the reported prevalence among white children is 7 percent higher than for African American children and 22 percent higher than for Hispanic children—suggesting missed or delayed diagnoses in those groups.

For young children on the spectrum, early intervention is crucial; it can translate to a lifetime of impact by supporting healthy development, improving communication, decreasing challenging behaviors and leading to positive outcomes later in life.

What You Can Do

1. Learn the Signs: Parents can learn to recognize the early signs of autism. Not all children with autism show all signs of autism. That's why all children should be screened for autism. A diagnosis is the first step toward supporting your children to help them fulfill their potential. Here are some possible signs of autism:

- No big smiles or eye contact at 6 months
- No babbling, back and forth gestures such as pointing, and little response to their name at 12 months
- Very few words at 16 months
- No two-word phrases at 24 months
- Restricted interests
- Repetitive behaviors
- Unusual and intense reactions to sounds, smells, tastes, textures, lights or colors
- Loss of speech or social interaction at any age.

2. Take Action: If your child displays any of these signs, ask your pediatrician or family doctor for an evaluation right away. While every child develops differently, early screening improves outcomes. Studies show, for example, that early intensive behavioral intervention improves learning, communication and social skills in young children with autism spectrum disorders.

What Others Are Doing

The nonprofit Autism Speaks is dedicated to empowering parents to help children with autism live their best possible lives, while working to increase understanding and acceptance for the 70 million people worldwide with autism.

"We hope to give families the tools they need to identify early signs, feel empowered to get their children screened and seek support if they need it," said Autism Speaks President and CEO Angela Geiger. "Autism Speaks is committed to closing the diagnosis gap so all children receive support as early as needed."

If you think your child may be on the autism spectrum or if a child you know is on the autism spectrum, you can get personalized support and answers to questions about autism from the organization's Autism Response Team in English at (888) AUTISM2 and en Español at (888) 772-9050 or by e-mail at familyservices@autismspeaks.org.

Learn More
At ScreenForAutism.org and DeteccionDeAutismo.org, families can access resources to learn the signs of autism, use an autism screening tool, and find nearby service providers and supports for before, during and after an autism diagnosis. (NAPSI)

THE CAR GURU
WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialist

Is Your Vehicle Ready For Summer?

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start of summer... and that means summer vacations are just around the corner! Is your vehicle ready to hit the road?

We know we can feel our energy ooze out of us in the summer heat and your car feels it too! Just imagine sitting there day after day on the hot pavement while the relentless summer sun shines down on you. Car's components such as rubber are very sensitive to heat and tend to become brittle and crack. Here are just a few things we look for when we service your vehicle for summer:

- Batteries take a beating. Between the car's vibrations and heat, they usually only last three years. It is always a good idea to have them tested to determine how much life they have left in

them.

- Cooling systems are very susceptible to summer heat. You will notice more cars sitting on the side of the road with steam pouring out from under the hood during the summer months. We always check your cooling system thoroughly to make sure the coolant isn't contaminated. We also check the rubber components for cracks and frays. If they are past their prime, we will recommend replacing them so you don't end up on the side of the road.
- Tires need the proper inflation to function well. They don't operate well if they are over-inflated or under-inflated. They need to be just right!
- Fluids and filters need to be checked and replaced if needed.

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- Air-conditioning systems need to be looked at so you and your passengers stay comfortable no matter how high the outside temperatures climb. We make sure to check the refrigerant and other components.

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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 Saturday Adult Basketball League

Gather your friends, form a team and stay active in the adult basketball league. Whether it's casual or competitive, there's always an opportunity to stay fit and have fun. Games are played at the Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm, beginning Saturday, June 29, 2019. Saturday Open League is limited to six teams and is open to all levels of play. League fees are \$502 plus a \$40 forfeit deposit, which includes 9 league games, officials, scorekeepers, and championship award. Registration takes place on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

BALDWIN PARK 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 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.

Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel. Applications are available at covinaca.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers "Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. 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.

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.

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.

GLENDORA Genealogy Group

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **May 28** at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Pat Chavarria leads a refresher class on genealogy at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by the program: "Foreign Language Records" by Linda Serna. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

National Stroke Awareness Month

Join the Glendora After Stroke Center in observing Stroke Awareness Days as we listen to a

presentation by Lili Liew on Wednesday, **May 22** from 10:45am to 12:00 noon at the La Fetra Center. Lili Liew, a former volunteer and caregiver support group facilitator for GASC, will grace us with her enlightening presentation about the causes and signs of stroke and one's wellness after a stroke. Lili is both a physical therapist and counselor. Glendora After Stroke Center meets weekly at the La Fetra Center.

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.

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.

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 con-

tact 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

"Newcomers and Friends" Invites Local Residents to General Meeting

ARCADIA - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local women to attend their next general meeting.

On **June 5**, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held in Jordan Hall at Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 West Duarte Road, in Arcadia.

This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and

learn about the club's wide variety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. You can bring a friend along or just come and meet your future friends!

The next Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley general meeting will be September 4, 2019.

Additional Newcomers and Friends' mostly-daytime, weekday activities include a Book Club, Bridge, Crafters, Day Trips, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Golf, Hiking, Happy Hour, Lunch

Bunch, Mah Jongg, Movies, Pinochle, and Wine Tasting.

Newcomers and Friends is a friendly, caring group of women of diverse ages. This group currently has 136 members of various backgrounds and has existed since 1965. You can choose to be as actively involved as you like, based on your time and interests.

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@gmail.com or visit them online at www.sgvnewcomers.com

Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Day Observance

GLENDORA - Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Cordially invites you to attend the 143rd Annual Memorial Day Observance Program Monday, **May 27**, at 11:30am.

A Special Dedication of our new Historical Designation

Marker will be unveiled During this year's program. The program is open to all members, friends and families of our communities Please plan to join us on this National Day of Observance.

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Glendora Woman's Club Sets Annual Meeting With Reports, And Installation Of Officers

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will hold its Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Tuesday, June 4th at the clubhouse. The meeting will include the Installation of officers and Annual Reports

A special part of the Annual Meeting will be the Installation of Officers, with club member Chris Ohrmund set to be installed as president for the coming year. Serving as installing officer will be past president Carolyn Cunningham.

The club day will begin with a social time at 10:30 a.m. followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. that will include the Installation of Officers and reports. The catered luncheon by Cambria Catering will follow.

At each club meeting, the members participation Art Display will feature a different display theme, said project chair Susan Lepkojus. This month's display theme will be "Wedding Memories" and members are encouraged to share one item from home for display.

The Historian's Display and report for this month's Annual June meeting will feature club's



Glendora Woman's Club historian Rose Myers with the Historian's Display to be on view at the Annual June Meeting, that also includes department and special reports. She is holding one of the items in the display, her own award, the Ann Baker Service Award presented to Mrs. Myers by YWCA WINGS organization in 1998.

three awards received in 2012 as the Founder of the Glendora Public Library in 1921, and other historical items from the club's archives, said Historian Rose Myers. Also on display will be an individual service award, the Ann Baker Award, named "An Angel of WINGS." was presented to her by the YWCA WINGS (Women in need Growing Strong) organization on April 23, 1998.

One of the club's annual service projects helping to support the Glendora Coordinating Council's Campership Pro-

gram. The program's goal is to send 60 Glendora children to one week of day camp, children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to go to camp, said philanthropy chair Rubel Castle. The cost for a child to go to camp is \$110. Donations from clubmembers, in any amount will be greatly appreciated, said Mrs. Aparicio.

For information about joining the Woman's, service projects, or special events, call Chris at 909-598-554; for information about renting the club house for a special event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue, Glendora.

Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Award Recipients for May

GLENDORA - Cathie Hawkins is a Glendora volunteer hero. Always kind, thoughtful and generous she has volunteered in the Children's Room at the Glendora Public Library for the past 26 years. At Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Cathie has been a volunteer for the over 25 years, serving as a board member, membership chair, telephone committee chairperson, scholarship committee and has worked a weekly four hour shift at the reception desk. Cathie just received her 6,000 hours of volunteering pin. For over five years Cathie has volunteered and been a member of the Glendora Historical Society. She volunteers each month as a docent at the museum and was also responsible for winding the clock tower each day at Rubel Castle. Cathie is also a board member of the Glendora Welfare Association, which serves those in need in the Glendora community. She has been an active member at Foothill Vineyard Church serving in their food ministry, has helped at Skid Row and for the past 14 years has coordinated the Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry. Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very proud and honored to recognize Cathie with May's Humanitarian Award.

A senior at Glendora High School Carina is a very involved and hard working student maintaining a 4.5 GPA. She is a member of the Honor Society, Medical Club, Tartan Leadership Class, Drama Club, Cross Country Team, tutors students and established Doctor's Without Borders Club. Outside of high school Carina has been a volunteer at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital for the past two years serving on the Star Program and Junior Auxiliary Board with 200 volunteer hours. She volunteers



Rose Wentz, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President with May's Humanitarian Award recipient Cathie Hawkins.



Glendora Community Coordinating Council President, Rose Wentz presenting Carina Semaan with May's Youth Recognition Award.

at her church and was also one of her grandmother's main care givers following her surgery. It is with great honor Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Carina with the May 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.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank Sue Lewis for being our meeting sponsor.

Two Traffic Stops, Two Guns Recovered, Two Arrest Made



Vutha Ly, 34 of Pico Rivera



Jose Galindo Anzaldo-Rosales, 27 of West Covina

By George Ogden/
Rudy Lopez WCPD
WEST COVINA - Early

Saturday morning, May 18, around 2:30 AM, West Covina Police Officer Paparro conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation. During the investigation, a loaded handgun was located under the driver's seat. The suspect, Vutha Ly, 34 of Pico Rivera, a known gang member, was arrested.

Not to stop there, later on in the same morning, around 8:30 AM, West Covina Police Officer Clifton conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation. The driver, Jose Galindo Anzaldo-Rosales, 27 of West Covina, was found to be driving on a suspended license. It was decided to impound the vehicle and during the inventory check, a loaded handgun was found along with two fully loaded magazines. In addition, they found methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The investigation revealed the handgun to be reported as stolen. The suspect, Anzaldo-Rosales was arrested.

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Upper District Announces Winners Of The "Water Is Life" Student Art Contest

MONROVIA - The Board of Directors for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) honored 20 San Gabriel Valley students who submitted award-winning entries to our annual "Water is Life" art contest. The art contest helps raise awareness about conservation and educates students about the importance of preserving our most precious resource.

Students are encouraged to express what water means to them and its impact on our lives through artwork. This is the 15th year that Upper District has hosted the "Water is Life" art contest introduced by Metropolitan Water District of South-

ern California (MWD). 167 art submissions were received and 33 schools participated this year. Schools within the Upper District boundaries were allowed to participate and submit a maximum of five entries per student category as follows: Kindergarten-2nd; 3rd-5th; 6-8th; and 9th-12th grades.

All eligible art entries were displayed at Upper District's board room for a week to allow the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the public the opportunity to vote by ballot for their top choices in each student category. The votes determined the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place winners. Students were awarded certificates of recognition and

check prizes at today's board meeting. They were joined by their family and teachers in celebration for their achievements.

"Every year we are amazed with how incredibly talented and creative the students are in demonstrating their perspective on life's dependence on water. Educating students about our local water supply and groundwater basin helps them develop their own understanding of why water is a critical resource in our region. We will continue to support programs that work towards this goal," said Board President Ed Chavez.

Upper District's winning entries will now go on to compete in the "Water is Life" student art



Board of Directors Jennifer Santana, Ed Chavez, and Al Contreras with the winners of the 2019 "Water is Life" art contest.

contest hosted by MWD. The winners for this contest are normally announced in the fall. The student winners of Upper District's 2019 "Water is Life" art contest are as follows:

- K- 2nd Grades**
 - 1st Place: Cindy Xinyi Zhang, 1st grade, LA Art Academy
 - 2nd Place: Bianca Lim, 1st grade, St. Martha School
 - 3rd Place: Lanlan Li, 2nd grade, LA Art Academy
 - 4th Place: Grace Cheng, K, Clairbourn School
 - 5th Place: Sophia Rodriguez-Ibanez, 2nd grade, Cedarlane Academy
- 3rd - 5th Grades**
 - 1st Place: Tiffany Chu, 5th grade, Cleminson Elementary
 - 2nd Place: Julia Yu, 5th grade, LA Art Academy
 - 3rd Place: Catalina Tsao, 4th grade, Cleminson Elementary
 - 4th Place: Arthur Wang, 4th grade, LA Art Academy
 - 5th Place: Hayley Fung, 3rd grade, LA Art Academy
- 6th - 8th Grades**
 - 1st Place: Claire Li, 8th grade, LA Art Academy
 - 2nd Place: Iris Xu, 8th grade, LA Art Academy
 - 3rd Place: Ellie Nakamura, 7th grade, South Pasadena

- Middle School**
 - 4th Place: Jessica Lu, 6th grade, LA Art Academy
 - 5th Place: Selina Yu, 8th grade, LA Art Academy
- 9th - 12th Grades**
 - 1st Place: Mia Dominguez, 10th grade, Los Altos High School
 - 2nd Place: Janice Wu, 11th grade, LA Art Academy
 - 3rd Place: Jessica Mayo, 9th grade, California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley
 - 4th Place: Charlene Hsu, 9th grade, California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley
 - 5th Place: Phoebe Luo, 9th grade, LA Art Academy

diversified and affordable portfolio of high quality water supplies to the San Gabriel Valley; including water conservation, recycled water, storm water capture, storage, water transfers and imported water. Upper District services nearly one million people in its 144 square mile service territory. Governed by a five member elected board of directors, Upper District is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Annually, more than 78 billion gallons of water is used in Upper District's service area. For more information about Upper District, please visit our website www.upperdistrict.org or call 626-443-2297.

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Glendora Police Dept. Open House



Glendora Police Department Auxiliary officers Eddie Saiza and Greg Gilliam with retired Glendora Police Captain Joe Ward stand by the GPD Patrol car being packed with school supplies.

By Jayam Rutnam
GLENDORA - The Glendora Police Department held its annual Open House in their parking lot on Saturday May 18th. With an arch of blue and white balloons welcoming Glendora residents and those from surrounding cities who come to see the Glendora Police Department go all out to show off the equipment they use to fight crime in our fair city. There was a truck with screens for people to play video games, The Police Auxiliary was there and so was Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). The SWAT team was there in their SWAT outfits, explaining the tactical items involved, such as the guns. The Police cars were very popular among the children, who were allowed to sit in them and check out all the controls and

equipment. There was a fingerprint station where kids could be fingerprinted. There was a long line of people waiting to go into the Police Station to see the workings of the Glendora Police Department, which included Glendora Police Chief Lisa Rosales' office, the detectives' offices, the dispatchers and the jail etc. They even had a police helicopter flown in from the Pasadena Police Department, which was parked in the middle of Glendora Avenue. Hot dogs and refreshments were being handed out, free of charge. They also had a Glendora Police Patrol Car which was being packed with Back to School supplies for Glendora students in need. If you would like to donate school supplies, please contact Auxiliary Officer Eddie Saiza of the GPD.



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