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Commitment to Community Earns HIS House Nonprofit of the Month Award

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) recognized Homeless Intervention Shelter and House (HIS House), a transitional living center, as the 29th Senate District's Nonprofit of the Month.

"Homelessness and affordability are two of the biggest struggles impacting residents throughout the Golden State, including California's 29th Senate District. It is truly a privilege to recognize HIS House as Nonprofit of the Month knowing that Carrie and her team are dedicated to helping our vulnerable populations overcome homelessness and achieve independence," said Senator Chang. "Helping our homeless neighbors is one of my top priorities and in order to combat our homelessness crisis, we need partnerships from all sectors. I'm proud to support HIS House and their innovative programs."

"HIS House is proud to be the recipient of this recognition from Senator Chang," said Carrie Buck, Executive Director H.I.S. House. "We are focused on helping people experiencing homelessness get back on their



feet as quickly as possible. Through determination, creativity, being adaptive, and special partnerships, we have achieved a high rate of success. HIS House has operated a successful program for the last 30 years in North Orange County and helped over 4000 men, women and children with shelter, services, and support. We are continuously looking for more ways to help and positively impact our community."

HIS House served its first clients in 1989 and currently operates as a 54-bed transitional housing program in Placentia. They serve as a refuge for residents, a safe place

where homeless individuals and families can turn their lives around and move towards of life of self-sufficiency. Recently, a second house was

purchase and a Second Step program initiated to provide space for individuals to continue progress toward self-sufficiency after their time in the main house.

"HIS House continues to be an important community partner in Placentia," said Rhonda Shader, Mayor of Placentia. "I appreciate their dedication to helping families and individuals establish themselves, supporting self-sufficiency and overcoming homelessness."

Each month, Senator Chang honors nonprofit organizations in the 29th Senate District for their contributions. There nearly 72,500 nonprofits in California, where volunteers contribute more than \$24.7 billion in unpaid labor each year, or the equivalent of 450,000 full-time jobs. Nonprofits rank as the 4th largest industry in California by employment.

Suspects Arrested in Firefighters Death

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - John Brian Mananghaya Aguila, of West Covina, went missing Thursday, Aug. 22. Aguila, 27, is a part-time firefighter with the Bureau of Land Management. He was last seen on Aug. 22 and was on his way to work. He never showed up, which was out of character for him. The family filed a missing person's report with the West Covina Police Dept.

The West Covina Police were aware of an incident in Upland where a burned body was found near the San Gabriel Mountains and thought there may be a connection.

Also, Aguila's car, a 2017 Honda Civic, was found abandoned in a San Dimas residential neighborhood on Aug. 23 and during a search of the vehicle they found bloody clothes and other evidence indicating that there was a crime, most likely the murder of Aguila. The search of the vehicle also produced other evidence including fingerprints not belonging to Aguila. With everything coming together with other police agencies working together, they compiled enough evidence, including a surveillance video with one of the suspects leaving the vehicle and walking away, to get warrants.

Law Enforcement officers was



The 28-year-old John Aguila, a firefighter from West Covina.

able to identify two suspects and a location where they might be. The suspects were identified as Elijah Thomas Rouse, 18, of La Verne and Shaun Cardarelli, 37 of San Gabriel. Police were able to get a search warrant for the La Verne apartment. They found other criminal evidence.

Both men were arrested on Tuesday, Aug. 27 and charged with murder and are being held without bail.

It is believed that the two men kidnapped Aguila and put him in

the trunk and robbed him with a knife being used and then stabbed him to death while he was in the trunk. Later they may have driven his car to the foothills in Upland and removed him from the trunk and set his body on fire. Then one of the suspects drove his car to the San Dimas location and left it in the neighborhood. He returned to the La Verne apartment.

There is still an ongoing investigation and there may be other suspects involve, but the two men arrested are the primary suspects.

Charter Oak High School Receives 2019 Best of Covina Award

Covina Award Program Honors the Achievement

COVINA - Charter Oak High School has been selected for the 2019 Best of Covina Award in the Public School category by the Covina Award Program.

Each year, the Covina Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Covina area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Covina Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Covina Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Covina Award Program
The Covina Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Covina area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the abil-



ity to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Covina Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization

works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

Azusa Rotary Club Presents Annual Field of Glory

AZUSA - Azusa Rotary Club will present their annual Field of Glory, taking place at Azusa City Hall, September 7 through September 11 and featuring hundreds of U.S. flags on the front lawn of the Azusa City Hall. They will be honoring our first responders, veterans, and active service

members.

Azusa Rotary is proud to bring the Field of Glory for the 4th year in a row to this location. The Field of Glory opening day events between 8 and 1:00 pm on September 7, will include a Pancake Breakfast, Opening Ceremony, various exhibitors, military and first re-

sponder vehicles, and various dignitaries.

Please join them in honoring the courage, patriotism and sacrifice of all the men and women who protect our country and our communities.

For more information please visit their website at www.fieldofglory.org

Dr Ruth Hamad Retires

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - Dr. Ruth Hamad, well known, popular physician who has served the community of Glendora and surrounding cities for 31 years, has officially retired on August 30, 2019. During her many years at 130 W. Route 66, Dr. Hamad and her staff were known for her charitable activities including participating in "walks" against, diabetes, heart disease, leukemia etc. We wish Dr. Hamad a wonderful retirement and the best of luck for the future.

Dr. Hamad's care at HealthCare Partners will automatically transition to Dr. Lesley Po, MD, Family Medicine. According to Dr. Hamad,



Dr. Ruth Hamad is flanked by the late Helen Clausen on the left and Annie Nonoka, holding a poster advertising the Walk for Diabetes in 2013.

"I am confident that you will be in good hands with Dr. Po

and the rest of the care team at our clinic."



Glendora Woman's Club Names Philanthropies and Service Projects for 2018-19

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club and its four departments of Cards, Garden-Crafts, Music-Drama, and Potpourri have announced the names of their philanthropies and service projects for 2018-2019, said Woman's Club Philanthropy chair Gloria Aparicio

The list of the service projects and programs that received monetary and in-kind donations from the Glendora Woman's Club included the following: California Lions Club In Sight, Citrus Valley Hospital Hospice, EYE-DAS (Eye Diseases re Serious), Glendora Coordinating Council-Camperships and Holiday Basket Program, Glendora Chamber of Commerce, GLendora High School Choral Groups of the Silhouettes and the Illumination, Glendora High School scholarships, Glendora Historical Society, Glendora Public Library - Friends Foundation - Memorial Book Program, Glendora Rotary Field of Heroes, La Fetra Singers, Pennies For Pines of U.S. Forest Service, Provident Place, Shepherd's Pantry, YWCA Meals on Wheels, and YWCA



One of the Glendora Woman's Club's ongoing philanthropy - service projects is collecting used eyeglasses and related eye glass items for the California Lions Friends "In Sight Program". Looking over some of the eyeglasses collected for the service projects are, from left, Gloria Aparicio, Woman's Club Philanthropy chair, and Chris Ohrmund, Woman's Club president and Lions Club Project chair. (Photo by Rose Myers)

WINGS Shelter.

Funds for the monetary donations were raised from the club's Annual Fashion Show, department events and through a special arrangement with the New Unto Others Thrift Store in Glendora. With that arrangement the Woman's Club when clubmembers and community friends purchase items at the store or donate saleable items

to the store and name the Woman's Club to receive the credit. This arrangement replaced the club's Annual Rummage sales at the club house, years ago, said Mrs. Aparicio. One of the Woman's Clubs earliest service projects was the founding of the Glendora Public Library in 1912. In 2012, the Glendora Woman's Club was officially honored with recognition awards from the Glendora City Council and the Glendora Public Library. (Glendora City Records at City Hall, woman's club archives, and newspaper coverage at the time.)

The Glendora Woman's Club, organized in 1908, is one of the oldest active service in Glendora and one that maintains its own club house. Over the years, the club has accumulated a long history of involvement and service in Glendora.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek Speaks at Sri Lanka Parade



Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek speaks at the Parade. Sri Lanka Foundation's Founder Dr. Walter Jayasinghe and his son Dishan Jayasinhe who is the Foundation President are in the background. By Jayam Rutnam

PASADENA - Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek and his wife Maria were honored guests at the Sri Lanka Day and Parade held on July 20th. This event which has become very popular draws crowds of Sri Lankan expatriates and residents from Pasadena and surrounding cities who line the parade route, which is on part of the Rose Parade route.

A record crowd of over four

thousand people lined Colorado Boulevard cheering on the many colorful floats that took part in the event. The various Colleges of Sri Lanka also took part in the Parade with floats. The winner of one of the big prizes was the entry by Upul's Travels whose float was lit up to look like the lights and entrance to LAX International airport. Upul's Travel Service is located in Covina.

Azusa Police Pursuit Ends in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The Azusa Police tried to pull over a driver of a white Volvo sedan which turned into an hour-long pursuit on freeways and residential streets Saturday. It wasn't until the Azusa officers used a PIT maneuver (the technical name...Pursuit Intervention Technique) to bring this to a close in West Covina.

Officers attempted to do a traffic stop around 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug 31, however the driver failed to yield and took off. The original stop would have been around Mauna Loa and Barranca

Why Children Should Spend More Time With Their Grandparents



Play is important for everyone, no matter their age --- and when grandparents, parents and children play together, that's where the real benefits of unstructured fun are discovered.

"Play time with adults of different ages is not just a chance for families to bond, these interactions with positive role models can help children develop a range of important social, language and problem-solving skills," says Dr. Amanda Gummer, child psychologist and an expert contributor to TheGeniusOfPlay.org.

Adults benefit from play time too. As one grows older, the free unstructured fun enjoyed in childhood is often replaced with structured activities like sports, card games and solving cross-words. Time spent with youngsters can help adults young and give them a chance to relive more carefree days.

According to The Genius of Play, a national initiative whose mission is to raise awareness about the importance of play and help parents make play a critical part of raising their kids, here are three reasons why intergenerational play is good for young children:

- Unstructured play tends to be collaborative, encouraging cooperation and honesty.
- Spending time with older

adults helps children understand how aging works, and later accept their own aging.

• Grandparents are storytellers and their wisdom and experience can open children's horizons further, as well as ignite imagination and creativity.

When it comes to adults, intergenerational play is beneficial in the following ways:

- Children bring innocence, joy and laughter to any situation, helping adults reduce stress.
- Active, busy play time can keep an older adult vital and healthy. Indeed, those that play with children burn more calories, experience fewer falls and become less reliant on walking aids, according to studies.

• Play time is good for an aging adult's mental and emotional health. Games can help seniors maintain cognitive skills and retain memory, and the quality time with children can prevent feelings of loneliness and boost positivity.

Whether you're young, old or somewhere in between, these three tips from The Genius of Play can help you make the most of the time together:

- Share your favorite games with your grandchildren. From

hide-and-seek to hula-hoops, introducing them to the games you played years ago is a great way to connect and make new memories.

• Give children an opportunity to express themselves by letting them share their ideas for what they want to play with you.

They'll be more enthusiastic about participating if they get to call the shots sometimes. In today's tech-savvy world, grandchildren might want to play with a toy that uses augmented reality or teaches coding skills. This can be a great way to engage with them on their level and learn more about their favorite activities. Plus, you'll be learning something new!

• Let your grandchildren win and lose the game sometimes. This is a great chance to boost self-esteem while learning about good sportsmanship.

For more play ideas, expert advice and resources for families, visit TheGeniusOfPlay.org.

There's no doubt about it, intergenerational play is beneficial to everyone along for the fun. Be sure to carve out play time for your family, particularly when visiting with older relatives. (StatePoint)



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S&P Rates City of Glendora Pension Obligation Bonds at “AAA/STABLE” Leading to Savings of \$31.5 Million

GLENDORA - S&P Global Ratings has assigned a new “AAA” long-term rating to the City of Glendora Pension Obligation Bonds, with a “Stable” outlook. “AAA” rating on the POB bonds means the City will see greater savings on their pension costs over the next 25-years,” said June Overholt, Finance Director.

The bond proceeds will be used to refund the City’s outstanding unfunded actuarial liability which is currently amortized over 27 years at a rate of 7%. With the recent pricing of the bonds at a True Interest Cost (TIC) of 2.81% we estimate pension savings of \$31.5 million over the next 25-years.

The rating reflects S&P’s view of the City Financial Strength of Strong economic fundamentals, characterized by:

- Very strong Economy, with access to a broad and diverse

metropolitan statistical area (MSA);

- Very strong management, with strong financial policies and practices under one Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology; and

- Strong budgetary performance, with balanced operating results in the general fund and an operating surplus at the total government fund level in fiscal 2018.

According to S&P, “the City’s POBs are eligible to be rated above the sovereign because we believe the City can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S. in a stress scenario.”

“I want to applaud the Council and our excellent finance staff for pursuing the Pension Obligation Bonds. Their hard work has resulted in the acknowledgement of Glendora being only 1 of 15 cities out of 482 in the entire state that have

a AAA bond rating on debt outstanding. The cash flow savings are projected at \$31.5 million over 25 years which will be re-invested in our community.” Councilmember Mendell Thompson continues to state. “This timely financial decision is also a reflection of our Cities superb financial position, which continues to allow Glendora to be the Pride of the Foothills....and an excellent place to....Live...Work...and Play.”

Mayor Judy Nelson commented, “Thanks to Glendora’s former and current Council and management staff who have consistently prioritized working with a balanced budget and a strong reserve. We’re delighted that our long-time fiscal prudence has paid off in a AAA rating with a favorable interest rate and greater savings over the time of our new Pension Obligation Bond.”

New RV Parking Rules to Take Effect in Duarte

DUARTE - New rules for parking recreational vehicles (RVs) are now in effect in the City of Duarte. The ordinance restricts overnight parking of RVs on city streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

After a unanimous recommendation by the Public Safety Commission for the creation of an RV parking permit program, the Duarte City Council adopted Ordinance No. 891 at its May 14th meeting. The ordinance added a new chapter 11.15 to the Duarte Municipal Code relating to permit and license requirements for overnight parking of recreation vehicles on city right of way.

The goal of the ordinance is to effectively manage the parking of RVs in the City of Duarte and address the many complaints by residents, visitors and business owners associated with overnight parking of RVs on city streets.

“The main crux of this was due to complaints from residents about RVs not moving and being stored permanently on streets,” Duarte Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos stated at the City Council meeting on May 14th.

He explained that permanent street storage proved a safety hazard as street access narrowed and the oversized vehicles blocked line of sight, sometimes placing drivers in potentially hazardous conditions.

Additionally, surrounding cities have also passed similar ordinances that pushed permanent RV parkers to move their recreational vehicles to Duarte streets given the lack of regulations.

“During recent business visits, several proprietors complained that permanent RV parking was also causing increased illegal dumping near their businesses including human waste,” explained Karen Herrera, Duarte Public Information Officer. “The ordinance gives the Public Safety Department the necessary tools to address RV owners that act without regard to the health and safety of others in the City of Duarte.”

At the request of City Council, Villalobos returned to Council with a fee resolution and implementation plan for the new ordinance. At the August 27

meeting, Council approved the new fee structure which includes up to three free daily permits for senior residents (age 60+) per month. Public Safety will issue warnings starting Sept. 3, giving residents nearly a month to make necessary storage arrangements. On Oct. 1, Public Safety will begin issuing citations for violations of the ordinance. Citations will be assessed a \$60 penalty.

Additional details:
• Starting Tues., Sept. 3, all RVs parked on a public street will require an overnight (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) parking permit.

• Parking permits can only be obtained at the Public Safety Office (1042 Huntington Dr.)

• Resident parking permits are \$5 a day, up to six days per month.

• Guest parking permits are \$10 a day, up to six days per month.

• Senior residents (age 60+) can obtain three free daily permits per month.

For more information, please contact Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.

Assemblyman Holden’s Bill to Kill 710 Tunnel Passes Appropriations Committee

Legislation to extend dual enrollment and monitor idle oil wells also passes

SACRAMENTO—Six of Assemblyman Chris Holden’s bills cleared the California State Senate Appropriations Committee today. The legislation passed includes Assembly Bill 29 that would eliminate any future possibility for the 710 tunnel; Assembly Bill 30 that ensures dual enrollment opportunities remain available to students; Assembly Bill 914 that would end the termination of Medi-Cal benefits for inmates; Assembly Bill 1075 that would increase the number of Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) positions at the Cal State University system; Assembly Bill 1097 that would require the Department of Education to examine the effectiveness of high school credit recovery programs; and Assembly Bill 1328 that would require operators of idle and abandoned oil and gas wells to report pollutants found during the well plugging process.

Assembly Bill 29 specifies that State Route 710 is from Route 1 to Route 10, eliminating any future possibility of a freeway tunnel. The legislation will close potential loopholes in both Caltrans’ Final Environmental Impact Report and the 2017 Los Angeles Metro concept that drop the tunnel concept for strictly financial reasons.

“Fixing our state’s highway code to reflect the new reality is the logical next step to bury the tunnel idea once and for all,” said Assemblyman Chris Holden. “We couldn’t get to this point

without the decades of hard work, passion, and leadership of community stakeholders, who have also made a direct impact on my views on this issue.”

Assembly Bill 30 would extend the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP), first established by Assemblyman Holden’s legislation in 2015, past its current expiration at the end of 2021, and ensures dual enrollment opportunities remain available to students who are not already college bound or are underrepresented in higher education.

“Dual enrollment will increase the number of college graduates, reduce time and money spent for college, and help close the achievement gap,” said Holden. “This bill is a win for students and their families.”

Assembly Bill 1328 would require operators of idle and abandoned oil and gas wells to report hydrocarbon emissions found during the well plugging process. There are about 30,000 idle or abandoned oil wells in California, many of which were improperly abandoned, or left idle. Oil and gas pollution released from these wells can cause headaches, nosebleeds and nausea, and has been linked to certain types of cancers and birth defects. The bill requires results from these tested oil and gas wells to be collected and publicly reported by the Department of Conservation.

“We need to know how much

and how often these wells are emitting pollutants in order to protect public health,” said Assemblyman Chris Holden.

Assembly Bill 914 suspends Medi-Cal benefits and annually reevaluates eligibility for Medi-Cal for incarcerated individuals under the age of 26. The current lengthy process of terminating and reapplying for Medi-Cal benefits delays access to life saving health care once released. Assembly Bill 914 ensures that inmates coming out of incarceration have access to their health benefits immediately upon release.

Assembly Bill 1075 would increase the number of Speech Pathologists (SLP) slots at the CSU to help close the speech-language pathologist shortage the state is experiencing. The legislation will expand existing programs in California State University (CSU) system. Assemblyman Holden already secured \$3 million through the state budget to be allocated to such a program.

Assembly Bill 1097 would provide greater transparency around credit recovery in California. Credit recovery classes in California, often offered to the state’s most vulnerable students, are undefined in statute and operate with minimal oversight by the Department of Education. Holden’s legislation would require the Department of Education to examine the effectiveness of high school credit recovery programs.

How to Sell Your Glendora House Without An Agent And Save the Commission

Glendora - If you've tried to sell your home yourself, you know that the minute you put the "For Sale by Owner" sign up, the phone will start to ring off the hook. Unfortunately, most calls aren't from prospective buyers, but rather from every real estate agent in town who will start to hound you for your listing.

Like other "For Sale by Owners", you'll be subjected to a hundred sales pitches from agents who will tell you how great they are and how you can't possibly sell your home by yourself. After all, without the proper information, sell-

ing a home isn't easy. Perhaps you've had your home on the market for several months with no offers from qualified buyers. This can be a very frustrating time, and many homeowners have given up their dreams of selling their homes themselves. But don't give up until you've read a new report entitled "Sell Your Own Home" which has been prepared especially for homesellers like you. You'll find that selling your home by yourself is entirely possible once you understand the process.

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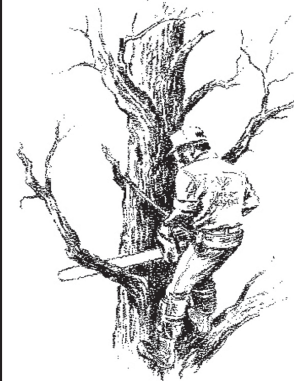
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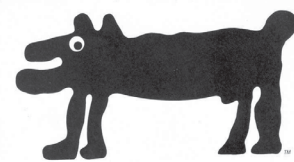
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SB 1: Fix It Or Nix It

In a strictly politically biased move, Sen. Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) has authored Senate Bill 1 to defeat the progress that has been made in advancing water technology, conservation and environmental protections. It is an attempted throw-back to the Obama era and pre-2017 Trump era advancements promoting technology and science in evaluating water delivery to all needed areas - agriculture, residential and commercial and our environment.

William Bourdeau, Chairman of California Water Alliance, said, "SB 1 is bad for farmworkers, farmers, and communities throughout California. Our environmental laws and regulations should be defined by current, sound science, not petty politics."

SB 1, co-authored by Sen. Anthony Portantino (D-San Dimas) and Henry Stern (D-Canoga Park) requires, according to a press release by Atkins "... any federal environmental or worker-safety standard in place and effective before Jan. 22, 2017, shall remain in effect and be enforceable under California law even if the federal government rolls it back."

The Assembly Staff Analysis says SB 1:

- "... establish(s) minimum federal environmental, public health, worker safety and labor standards as state baselines in the event Congress or the Trump administration weaken or repeal federal law or regulations."

- "... provides it is unlawful for a person ... to transport, sell, receive, acquire or purchase any fish, wildlife or plant (except for cannabis or hemp ...) taken, possessed, transported or sold in violation of any law, treaty, policy, regulation or finding of the United States law in effect on January 19, 2017." Makes a sunset (terminates) provision on January 20, 2025 and repeals SB 1 January 1, 2026.

- Requires California Air Resources Board (ARB), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Occupational Health and Safety Board (OSHSB), and Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) "... regularly assess ... and publish on their ... websites and California Regulatory Notice Register, a list of changes made to federal standards that MAY impact California."



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora

As with all new laws recently passed in California there are dollar signs attached and this bill is no different. Each of the agencies mentioned, with responsibilities assigned to them in SB 1, have costs. If federal regulations are modified, need review and be rewritten by these agencies to California standards, they have costs associated with those tasks.

- ARB estimates ongoing annual costs of \$30 million to adopt state versions of the federal air quality rules with money coming out of the general fund and Air Pollution Control Fund. The APC fund is money collected on vehicle and non-vehicle penalties and fees to fund the duties of the ARB.

- Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) projects annual increased costs of \$6 million for 16 new staff to list new species, process incidental take permits and make consistency determinations until 2025. Incidental take permits are defined as those issued to private, non-federal entities undertaking lawful projects that might result in the taking of an endangered or threatened species. Funding would come from the general fund and Fish & Game Preservation Fund. Preservation Fund dollars come from fines, fees, tags and permits with \$1.5 million from miscellaneous sources.

- SWRCB classifies their costs as "unknown" but qualified some costs as \$175,000 plus one staff position to prepare the quarterly list of federal changes annually until 2025. "Unknown" cost is based on necessary CEQA compliance actions and potential litigation. Funding would come from the general fund, Waste Discharge Permit Fund and the

newly created Safe Drinking Water Fund.

- The staff analysis, reports Department of Justice (DOJ) has costs. "Increased [costs] unknown, but potentially significant DOJ litigation costs associated with defending a state agency against a challenge to a regulation, representing a state agency in citizen lawsuits for non-compliance with the bill's mandates or DOJ action against an entity in violation of the bill." DOJ, with input from the bill proponents, have five potential cases that could require litigation at an estimated cost of \$350,000 per year for four years fully funded by direct billings to the responsible agency.

- Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) estimated costs are at least \$1.5 million the first year and \$1 million ongoing until 2025 all from the general fund. There is a single standard and reporting is now done electronically. Any of SB 1 provisions could trigger a reaction and add potential new costs.

Senators Toni Atkins, Anthony Portantino and Henry Stern have the potential, not only to cost agencies a fist-full of tax dollars, but destroy five years of work crafting a water plan to provide the Delta and Central Valley adequate water. Key to the plan are VAs - Voluntary Agreements.

Cal EPA's Jared Blumenfeld and Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources, lead the Voluntary Plenary Group and meet monthly with water users, non-governmental conservation organizations and federal agencies to begin a scientific and coordinated approach to the rehabilitation of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the starting point for major water projects diverting water to 27 million people and three million acres of farmland.

The Voluntary Agreements approach to solving the water conflicts and delivery is supported by Trump's administration, former Gov. Brown and Gov. Newsom and is a better tactic than lawsuit after lawsuit.

California Water Alliance, a non-profit, non-partisan organization advocating for increased water supply to all areas, says Fix or Nix SB 1. From Shade's Perspective, I say it is time to nix it!

MY TURN: Could Dalton Trumbo Ever Write This Screenplay?

Debra Messing and Eric McCormack, stars of the "Will & Grace" reboot, were in the news lately for wanting to blacklist Trump supporters in Beverly Hills. This is nothing new for the new Hollywood society that is leaning very far Left as it reflects the rest of the Democrat Party and its Progressive movement, that has pushed most anyone out that hasn't stepped in line. Just ask Kanye West.

Dalton Trumbo, a successful screenwriter, became the anti-blacklist movement's poster child, representing the Hollywood and Broadway entertainment talent that were the victims of the earlier Senator Joe McCarthy hearings and its resulting "Blacklist." Deep in the Cold War era, in the 1950's, many fairly or unfairly were accused of being Communists. As a result, Hollywood took up the cause and for years the "Blacklist" was fodder for Academy Award speeches. A film was made about Dalton Trumbo just a few years ago starring Bryan Cranston. While Communism was regarded as a significant threat in those days of the Cold War, Hollywood stars saw the "Blacklist" as an affront to everything that was America-free speech, artistic expression and the right to hold your own viewpoints.



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It was a noble cause for many of the stars in those days.

Stars like Kirk Douglas, who defended those he worked with that were threatened by the "Blacklist" and defiantly hired the talents to use their talents on his productions. Kirk Douglas was one of the biggest champions of Dalton Trumbo, using his screenwriting skills in such films as "Lonely Are the Brave." He even went as far as allowing, or better put, insisting, the use of Trumbo's real name on the credits rather than hiding his contribution under an alias.

But unfortunately, Hollywood has not learned their own lessons. Today, they have chosen instead to utilize a new "Blacklist" of their own making, targeting those who share their support and opinions with President Donald Trump. In the forefront is Messing and

McCormack among others in this new Hollywood majority. They are willing to suppress the speech of, and deny employment to, those folks who find it necessary to remain in the "closet," of Hollywood's only real, currently existing intolerance, the targeting of Conservatives and Republicans. And they boycott the projects these outcasts produce, and you can see it in the ways they are treated by critics, entertainment writers, entertainment promoters, and media supporters.

Sadly the new Hollywood Left avoids admitting or acknowledging the idea that their actions are no different than those of the folks they have been protesting against and fighting against for all those years since Senator McCarthy.

Ironically, one of the Democrat candidates in the current Presidential campaign, running for the office of President, referred in one of his campaign speeches to having experienced a "Spartacus moment." It has to strike most anyone as something somewhat amusing. The candidate, Senator Cory Booker was acknowledging the character that Kirk Douglas famously portrayed in the film of the same name.

And who was the screenwriter of the film, "Spartacus?" Dalton Trumbo, of course.

Coming Back To Earth

It was a grand to have a break from my weekly eight hundred word view of the nation's serious issues, not that they ever escaped my attention. August was not just a pause without serious implications. Here are just three of the critical matters facing our nation about which I will comment in the weeks to come.

TO IMPEACH OR NOT TO IMPEACH.

The Mueller report left no doubt that the two-year investigation indicated the President violated the Constitution and engaged in a series of acts clearly defined as "obstruction of justice," but under the Constitution a sitting President cannot be criminally indicted, so the matter appeared to end there. EXCEPT, the clear indication was that Congress has the right and the duty to pursue impeachment. What remains unclear, however, is the political fallout of that potential action. Since there is no possibility that the Senate would convict, would a House indictment be more than a futile gesture that would divert Congress from its vital task legislating while supplying the President with the very sort of controversy he would use to rally his base? My current guess is that this matter should be held in suspension and every effort be focused on the election.

MEDICARE FOR ALL?

Certainly the goal is medical insurance for every American. The question is how to get there. My guess is that pushing "Medicare for All" is a political disaster. Tens of millions are happy with their private coverage, and



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to eliminate it would guarantee defeat in the coming election. In addition, to wipe out the entire medical insurance industry would only solidify the opposition and secure victory for Trump and his followers. On the other hand, patching up would not in itself insure universal coverage. Perhaps the best option is to offer the Affordable Care Act, Medicare for anyone wanting it, and allow those who want to maintain their private plans to do so.

CLIMATE CHANGE

I believe the overriding issue concerns the jeopardy facing every living thing as we continue to make the earth less livable. The world's scientists are clear: human activity centered on fossil fuel combustion is the central cause. And yet to protect that industry the President is both deaf and blind to the scientific findings. It is not hyperbolic to say that at stake is the fate of the planet.

There are obviously other issues that must be addressed when Congress returns. Both parties realize that the nation's infrastructure is crumbling and have

promised action. Thus far the only action is verbal. When is the Administration going to offer a significant program to meet this critical need? And when will Congress address it with adequate financial resources?

In the shadow lurks an increasing threat of a military encounter with Iran. The crisis began when the President had the United States back out of an agreement supported by the rest of the world and complied with by Iran. What was wrong with the "deal" is that a Democratic Administration had secured it. Is it too cynical to wonder if Trump would risk war if it appeared the result would be that he would go down to defeat in next year's election? A president with no ethical standard of conduct is capable of anything.

In addition to the above matters, for the last year, this column has also focused on more personal concerns. As I move into my 90s and deal with an increasingly fragile body, is my mind still in good enough repair to keep going? And then there are family matters that grow more precious, with Wendy at the center. My connection with three generations—now including great-grandchildren—is increasingly important as I age. Then there are friends, near and far, new and old, who are part of who we are.

And somewhere on the list is whether or not to seek the companionship of a new dog. So you see, there is plenty to keep me occupied.

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Please Control the Little Ones While in Public

I had the opportunity to break away and go to dinner with a client and friend of mine. We went to a Mexican Restaurant, Villa Tepeyac in West Covina. It is located at Hollenbeck and Garvey South just south of the I-10 Freeway. Good food, good service and good prices. In my opinion, it is a classy place.

While there, a group of people were sitting at some tables that were pushed together. It seemed like a fun group which included a little boy that was 3-4 years old. He was having a good time running all over the place. He was running from one end of the dining area to the other. He also made it to the front door out of sight of the group. Although, you could say it was entertaining, but in my opinion, highly unacceptable.

Outside of the parents being rude to others by allowing a lot



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

of latitude for the little boy to run amuck around the restaurant while others are eating is extremely annoying. The servers are trying to serve the customers and often they have plates that are hot. In some cases, they are served with a lit flame. Running into this little boy can get the boy badly injured if knocked down, and the server and customers can get injured as well. The hot food can burn people and the glass plates can do damage as well.

There are senior citizens that are trying to make their way around the restaurant that could trip over the little ones and get hurt.

I am surprised that I didn't say anything to these folks. They did absolutely nothing to reel him in and get a little control. I guess I didn't want to put a damper on their party. What did blow me away is the fact that this little guy had so much energy. The entire two hours that we were there he was running around and he was still going strong when we left.

Parents need to be considerate of others when they bring their little children to events and to public places. Parents need to be parents and control their kids. Management must correct the bad situation their customers are in when trying to enjoy their evening.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

"TIME JOCKEY" - Ice Days

By Joe Castillo

Before Electricity... For those of you who still don't believe in climate change, all you have to do is spend a little time outside. Here we are in August, and most of the month we experienced cool morning marine layers and cooler evenings. Then over the last two weeks, the temperatures were ninety-five and up while the humidity also spiked to abnormal levels. To say the least, the weather was not normal for this time of year but then again we've experienced a changing climate over the past few years. It's becoming more and more of a challenge to just stay comfortable and cool but then again, it's been worse than this before.

Back in 1890, there was no electricity, thus no air conditioning, no refrigeration and no relief from the dreaded summer heat. During that timeframe, bread was delivered by the breadman, milk was delivered by the milkman, and ice was delivered by the ice-man. Home delivery was a thriving business for essen-

tial goods but it was the ice delivery business which made everything else possible associated with cooling.

In 1890, there was no electricity or refrigeration. The only way to keep food cold in an ice-box was by adding ice to the lower section, and the only way to add ice to the lower section was by delivery of ice by the ice-man. But where did the ice-man get the ice? During the cold winters, the rivers of the east froze over and companies were formed to cut huge ice-blocks and ship them for storage in huge ice-houses which were cooled by ice blocks. It was a dangerous job but it paid well and there was always a ready supply of men available for work.

When the summer months saw an increase in temperatures, deliveries of ice picked up and ice-men became a job sought out by many. Ice was delivered to homes but the ice-man had to chisel the ice-block to make it fit into a home ice box. In a month's timeframe, he would return with a

new ice-block. Even large buildings which required a cooler environment, would place large ice blocks in front of a fan which would blow cool air through an air duct and cool the inside of the building down. In 1936, President Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Act passed bringing electricity to the most remote locations in the United States. By 1950, over 90% of homes in America had electricity and refrigerators which no longer required natural ice or its deliveries. The era of ice deliveries and the ice-man was over and progress provided a more comfortable way of life. The climate changes of today may be making for erratic weather conditions but keeping things cold have stabilized since the days of the ice-man.....

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If Not U.S.A. Capital Markets, Where Else?

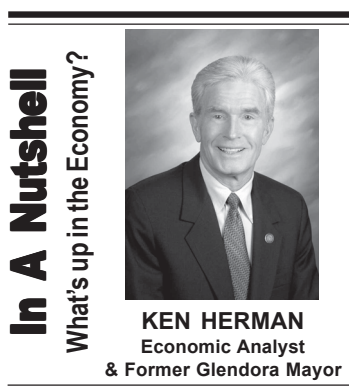
August did its usual number on investor confidence by whip-sawing the major averages up and down on an almost daily basis. After the recent dramatic market volatility - the worst this year - speculation abounded concerning more declines to come. Many market pundits wrote about how this market could continue to fall further, even faster. Others latched on to the inverted yield curve, pointing to an imminent recession looming. Commentators pointed to the history of trade wars or the conflict between China and Hong Kong. Many of us looked at the dismal array of Democratic candidates and a rising sea of red ink flowing out of Washington. No wonder some of us questioned why we should invest in America (at least over the next five years).

It's always easy to find problems at home; but, when you compare American fundamentals to the overseas options, it's quickly obvious that the most "comfortable" place for your money is here, in the U.S.A.

Chinese companies may sport dazzling growth statistics, but are those numbers reliable? Are their accounting procedures guaranteed by accounting firms you trust? Is Beijing still able to favor one company over another on a whim? Can their banking system absorb the huge levels of debt overhanging their economy?

Europe is trapped in a negative-yielding economy with zero growth, due in large part to an array of entitlements and a youth group refusing to work. Britain still has to navigate through Brexit.

Even considering all of the "negative noise", this may still be the best time of year to invest. September and October previously were the worst months of the year to invest, but lately August has earned that "worst" distinction. During the last 20 years the



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fourth quarter has returned three times the gains of the other three quarters combined. In this year, we have the added advantage of S&P 500 dividends returning 50 basis points more in yield than the 10-year Treasury bond.

In this somewhat unpredictable business climate, the worst earnings may now be behind us. Earnings are projected by many to pick up in the third quarter and reach +6% in the fourth quarter, before potentially returning to double digits next year. Many profit margins are already in double digits. Corporate tax rates remain low. GDP growth remains healthy. The U.S. holds the best cards in the trade dispute with China, while our other major trade partners are already lowering tariffs.

However, Germany slipped into a recession, and there most likely is at least a global growth slowdown. China admitted a slowdown. Latin America is a mess, evidenced by Argentina's Miraval Index one-day -48% plummet last week. Surely global investors realize that U.S. stocks represent an oasis. There's a capital flight out of European stocks. Europeans appear to be nervous about everything: Brexit, global slowdown, even the U.S. wanting to buy Greenland!

Investors are fleeing to long-dated bonds because they're safer, which squishes yields. More yield curve inversions could follow. However, in the U.S.A. this is the first 2 year/10-year yield-

curve inversion since 2005, which preceded the 2007-2009 "great recession". Most people understand that Inversions preceded recession. But, that's just another way to lie with statistics... A more accurate way to phrase that correlation would be this: While every recession was preceded with a yield-curve inversion, not every yield-curve inversion has preceded a recession.

Uniquely, the 2007 disaster was caused by a "leveraged debt bomb", with speculative home buying assuming never-falling prices. Big banks bundled those mortgages together and sold them as AAA-rated paper to pension funds and endowments.

What happened? Defaults soared above expectations, and the housing market collapsed. The whole fiasco went up in flames. But today, we don't have major levered debt bombs (at least that anybody's talking about).

Nevertheless, people still worry! So much so that most of Europe's bond yields are negative, meaning investors prefer to pay for safe money rather than to speculate on earning a risky return.

Meanwhile, U.S. Corporate earnings remain more than adequate, corporate tax rates are low, and profit margins are high. While there are clear international risks, once logic prevails, why wouldn't there be a continued desire to own U.S. equities?

Short term volatility should not influence long term investment strategies. Patience and sticking with originally designed investment strategies will reward the investor in the long term.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

September is Life Insurance Awareness Money

This is a good time to review your policy (-ies) or purchase life insurance. Since you are alive to read this, it's not too late for you to look into the costs and benefits of today's various policies. There's term (least expensive), whole life (most expensive), universal life and variable universal life (can lose money and/or premiums increase), fixed-index universal life (can build funds that you, while alive, can use for any reason).

I have group life insurance at work, but the rest of my family has almost no life insurance. I know we cannot afford the expenses if one of us passes on, but I don't think we can afford premiums for them. What do you suggest?

First of all, if you lose your job, what happens to your life insurance coverage? (Call your Human Resources department to find out!) Now, ask yourself if you can maintain your lifestyle, either without another family member's income, or when you're faced with hiring help to fill the vacancy left by the passing loved one. Life insurance is an essential part of a sound financial plan that can help provide much-needed security in the event of an untimely death. Mourning family members should not have to beg for donations and do fundraisers to help with funeral costs. And, don't



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forget the children; a child's policy is very inexpensive, and when you are already grieving such a loss, you really don't want to have the additional financial strain at the same time. Getting a free quote will let you know whether or not life insurance is affordable for you and your family.

How do I figure out whether to get term or whole life insurance? And, how do I figure out how much coverage I should apply for?

Term life insurance expires at the end of the term selected. Whole-life insurance costs more, but does not expire as long as you continue to pay your premiums. Whole-life and Fixed-Indexed-Universal Life insurances can build up a cash value that you can use during your lifetime. To calculate how much insurance, you'll need, estimate how much your heirs will need, over and above other sources of income, to maintain their lifestyle

without you. Include child care, higher education, and inflation.

If either of us business partners decide to get out of the company, or dies, the other will be left in total chaos. Neither of us wants our business to end. Neither of us wants our business to end. Is there any way to protect each other and the company?

There are a couple of ways to accomplish the same goal with either a buy-sell agreement backed up with life insurance policies, or with cross-insurance policies where you are the beneficiary of your partner's life insurance policy and your partner is the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

There are so many natural disasters - earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados. How can I be more prepared?

Go online to FEMA.gov. There you will find guides and lists for your emergency kits.

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Duarte Chamber Invites Women Entrepreneurs to "Celebrate Your Power to Influence" at Women's Business Expo

DUARTE - The City of Duarte, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and the Foothill Workforce Development Board have partnered to host the annual Women's Business Expo scheduled for Sat., **September 7** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Held at the Duarte Community Center (1600 Huntington Dr.), the theme of "Celebrate Your Power to Influence" will offer attendees the opportunity to hear from and network with female leaders in finance, real estate, information technology, and government. Additionally, participants will be able to sign-up for one-to-one coaching with SCORE and SBDC, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors.

For those curious about the steps to opening their first shop to owners of well-established businesses, there is a topic for everyone's level of entrepreneurship. Sessions include "From Business Concept to Reality," "Branding Your Way to Success," and "What is New in Government for Business Owners." With a Ph.D. in Business Psychology, keynote speaker Dr. Carla Michelle will address attendees on the unique hurdles women face in the workforce and provide insight on the powerful steps needed to grow one's own business.

Attendees are encouraged to apply for one of two \$500 micro business grants which will be awarded at the end of the event.

The application can be found at the website for the Expo below. Winners must be present. Participants will also have access to over 20 expert exhibitors in the world of business throughout the day.

Admission is \$20 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and a gift bag. Register online at www.duartechamber.com/wbe.html. Exhibitor opportunities for the event are also available. As part of registration, all exhibitors will receive a display table and chairs, meals and mention in the event program. Interested parties and participants are encouraged to contact the Duarte Chamber at (626) 357-3333 or visit the above website for answers to any additional questions.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in September and Receive 10 Free Trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program.

Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees, which benefit the environment and improve the quality of life. With nearly 1 million members and supporters, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone who joins this month will receive one of the following tree packages based on their location: 10 Arizona cypress, 10 live oak or 10 mix trees including eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, riv-

er birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

"These trees are carefully selected to yield year-round benefits, including beautiful spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, winter berries, and nesting sites for songbirds," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"These trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's Tree City USA communities," Harris continued. "For the past 43 years, Tree City USA has supported effective urban forestry management across the country and planting these trees will enhance this tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the 10 free trees, visit arborday.org/September or send a \$10 membership contribution by September 30 to:
Arbor Day Foundation
Ten Trees
100 Arbor Ave.
Nebraska City, NE 68410

Signs Your Brakes Need Attention

Noises - A scraping sound means metal is rubbing metal and that tells you that your brake pads are worn out and need to be replaced. A squealing noise doesn't always indicate a problem depending on the materials used in the pads but shouldn't be ignored as it could also mean the pads are worn or your system is missing a gasket.

Swerving - If your vehicle swerves to one side when you apply the brakes the front brakes need to be checked to make sure the "power" of the brakes are evenly distributed. This could

indicate a leak or a mechanical problem or a miss-match of brake pad brands on either side. It is best to have it checked out if you notice this issue.

Signs you need to have your vehicle towed - Pedal to the floor is a sign that the car has a leak or a bad master cylinder. This is a situation where you need to get your car towed in for repair immediately. Do not drive your vehicle if this occurs. Another issue is when your brakes "lock" as this is caused by a damaged pad.

Keep in mind that your brak-

ing system endures a lot! The components are constantly bombarded by water, road grit, heat and contamination of its fluid. We suggest you have your brake system inspected once a year so it can do what you need it to do...bring you to a stop!

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Arcadia Unified Ranks in the Top 1% of Best School Districts in America

ARCADIA - The new school year has only recently started and the Arcadia Unified School District is already making the grade. Of the more than 10,700 school districts situated across the United States, Arcadia Unified ranks in the top 1 percent of the best school districts in America, according to Niche.

Influential school and neighborhood review website, Niche.com, recently released its 2019 Best School Districts lists. Segmented into national, state, and local rankings, Arcadia Unified holds a top spot at each level.

Arcadia Unified School District Niche Distinctions:

- Top 1% Best School Districts in America, California, and Los Angeles
 - Top 1% School Districts with the Best Teachers in America, California, and Los Angeles
 - Top 1% Best School Districts to Teach in America, California, and Los Angeles
- "It's such an honor to have

Arcadia Unified named as one of the best school districts in Los Angeles, and it's very humbling that our district is also a leader in California and in the nation," said Arcadia Unified Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdale. "This recognition will serve as fantastic fuel for the school year ahead and is a testament to the incredible team we have here who work with continuous determination to support, challenge, and inspire students to make a positive and profound impact on their world."

Each of Arcadia Unified's schools has individually secured top Niche nods as the best schools in Los Angeles. Arcadia Unified's elementary schools (Baldwin Stocker, Camino Grove, Highland Oaks, Holly Avenue, Hugo Reid, and Longley Way) landed in the top 2 percent of the nearly 1,300 public elementary schools analyzed. All three of Arcadia Unified's middle schools (Dana, Foothills, and First Avenue) ranks in the top 1 per-

cent of the nearly 500 middle schools in L.A. The district's comprehensive high school, Arcadia High, remains a leader among its peers, making the top 10 list for Best Public High Schools in Los Angeles out of over 400 high schools analyzed by Niche.

In addition to making the Niche grade, Arcadia Unified has remained committed to educating the "whole child" in its 360-degree approach to student support. Last year, Arcadia Unified's Board of Education committed to providing a full-time school counselor at each of its six elementary schools to help further support and provide proactive approaches to student mental health and wellness. Likewise, the district also offers character education programs, such as "The Leader in Me" for students in TK-8 grade, and has adopted "restorative practices," which are techniques geared towards building strong, trusting relationships and community in classrooms and schools.

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

Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up

Join us on Tuesday, **September 10** from 9:30-11:30am at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive for Metro's Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up and learn everything there is to know about using public transportation. Hosted by LA County Metro, this event will include information on the On the Move Riders program, all about TAP cards, trip planning, and resource tables. To sign-up for this free event, call 626.574.5130.

Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our **Sept. 19** Monthly Meeting at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our Program will be Empress of the Night, New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species. Speaker Norman Fang is the owner of Normans Orchids. Refreshments. All welcome!

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 Los Angeles County Fair

The LA County Fair Goes Pop! Spend a day at the fair with us on Wednesday, **September 11th** from 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Celebrate decades of pop culture re-

visiting all the toys, tech, fashion, movies and music that make up Los Angeles' iconic pop culture scene! Features include: The Farm at Fairplex; Carnival games and rides; the Flower and Garden Pavilion; and a shopping promenade. Don't miss out on your chance to indulge in bacon fried smores, fried hot sauce, frog legs and craft beer. Seniors age 60 and older receive free admission with valid ID at the ticket gate. Tickets for Baldwin Park Resident Seniors is \$5 and \$7 for Non-Resident Seniors. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

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

COVINA

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.

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 Cen-

ter 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

Glendora Genealogy Group

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **September 24** at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Pat Chavarria leads a refresher class at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by the program: "Using Records of Transported British Convicts Who Were Sent to the American Colonies," by Barb Russell. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

Stress Management & Controlling Chaos

Feeling overwhelmed can peak from a long to-do list which is increasingly common as demands on human attention increase. A clear sign of being overwhelmed or stressed is forgetfulness, anxiety, anger, and emotional chaos. Learn to manage personal space, time, and energy in this interactive class where your challenges, experiences, and solutions will be solicited. Pre-register at the La Fe-

tra Center: 333 E Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA or by calling (626) 914-0560. Fee: \$12.00 material fee payable to instructor, Mondays, September 16-30, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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. For more information, please call Toni Levyssohn at 909-843-5239. The program is **Wednesdays** 8:30 a.m - 12:00 pm.

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 contact the Department of Commu-

nity 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 confi-

dence. 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

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.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every week on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Cortez Senior Center, located at 2501 E. Cortez St in the back classroom building. Visitors are always welcome and your first meeting is free. Come now and learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, motivation, and more every week. This group has members from all over the San Gabriel Valley. For details, call Erika Hernandez at 626-384-0502.

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.

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2nd Annual Beerfest "On the Lawn"

DIAMOND BAR - Craft beer lovers will gather together for the Diamond Bar Community Foundation's 2nd annual Beerfest "On the Lawn" September 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue, Diamond Bar.

This one and only Beerfest in Diamond Bar will feature unlim-

ited tastings from Elysian, Firestone Walker 805, Golden Road, I&I Brewing, La Verne Brewing, MillersCoors, Old Stump, Pacifico, a Special Surprise Ale and Taj Mahal. Guests will also enjoy pizza from Mr. G's, live music, DJ, Sip-n-Paint, lawn games, wine and lots of fun.

Wristbands are \$40 and now available for purchase at thedbcf.org. Designated Drivers wristbands are \$20. All attendees Must be 21 years of age and show I.D. at the door. Proceeds from the event supports programs within the community of Diamond Bar.

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Mike Bertelsen Tapped To Become Azusa's Next Chief Of Police



Azusa Police Captain Mike Bertelsen

AZUSA - City of Azusa City Manager, Sergio Gonzalez, today announced the selection of Azusa Police Captain, Mike Bertelsen to the permanent position of Chief of Police for the City of Azusa. The 25 year veteran of the Azusa Police Department is replacing Chief Steve Hunt who will retire on September 12, 2019. Bertelsen will assume his duties as Azusa's new police chief on September 13 and will be ceremoniously sworn-in to office at the Azusa City Council meeting on Monday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the civic auditorium at 213 E. Foothill Blvd. A recep-

tion in his honor will be held in the Azusa City Hall Courtyard (directly adjacent the Civic Auditorium) at 6:00 p.m. prior to the council meeting. "It is a great pleasure to appoint Mike to serve as the City's next Chief of Police," said Azusa City Manager, Sergio Gonzalez. "I look forward to working with Mike and I have total and complete confidence that he will do an exceptional job leading an outstanding police department while providing great service to the residents, business community and visitors to Azusa." "This appointment to the po-

sition of Chief is indeed an honor," says Bertelsen. "Like our council and city manager, I am a strong supporter of community outreach by law enforcement. It is absolutely necessary for the Azusa Police Department to have strong partnerships, communication and community engagement to continue to successfully provide public safety services to the City of Azusa."

Bertelsen began his career 25 years ago when he was hired by the Azusa Police Department as a jailer in 1994. He later attended the Rio Hondo Police Academy in Whittier, graduating in August, 1995. During his early career in Azusa, he worked as an officer assigned to the patrol division and also worked a collection of special assignments which include field training officer, property crimes detective, gang crimes detective, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, detective lieutenant, operations division captain and administrative division captain.

Bertelsen has also worked a variety of collateral duty assignments during his career; they included explorer advisor, citizen's academy instructor, Azusa Golden Days liaison, terrorism liaison officer, community service officer/police aide supervisor, social media team supervisor, field training officer manager and reserve police officer coordinator.

He holds an associate degree in Administration of Justice from Mount San Antonio College, a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Cal Poly Pomona, and a master's degree in Organizational Management from Azusa Pacific University. He believes in being a lifelong learner and regularly attends training to continue his professional growth.

Bertelsen, who grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, has worked his way through the ranks of the Azusa Police Department.

Ignore These Vehicle Repairs And You May Get Pulled Over



Keeping your car in good repair may keep you from getting a ticket.

Many drivers may feel that they don't have the time or money to address vehicle repairs immediately, but beware: Ignoring some repairs can get you pulled over and even ticketed.

"Ignoring certain vehicle repairs may seem to save money in the short term but can lead to extra costs, such as fines or 'fix-it' tickets, if these problems are not taken care of when they arise," explains Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "In some jurisdictions, car owners may even lose their license for certain violations. A few dollars spent on simple vehicle repairs can help avoid trouble with the law."

While a vehicle is in operation, traffic laws require that certain equipment is properly installed and functioning correctly, including brakes, headlights, turn signals, mirrors, windshields and safety belts, to name a few.

The Car Care Council rec-

ommends that drivers address these four repairs right away as they present public safety concerns that can earn drivers a traffic ticket on top of a repair bill.

- Non-functioning turn signals and headlights or taillights that are cracked or broken. Most states require vehicles to have functioning turn signals as well as two functioning headlights and taillights. Taillights must illuminate red; if a taillight is cracked, it can give off a white light, which is also typically a traffic violation.

- Cracked windshield. If a windshield is cracked, discolored or tinted in a way that obstructs vision, drivers may get ticketed and fined. In some states, vehicle modifications, such as tinted windows, are prohibited.

- License plates are unreadable. If the license plate light is out or the plate is otherwise unreadable, drivers may be pulled over. In some states this in-

cludes clear or tinted plastic license plate covers.

- Loud exhaust system. A defective exhaust system that is too loud, either because it's been modified or because it needs repairs, can be cause for a ticket. What's considered loud depends on the state.

Many states also require periodic vehicle safety inspections. For an overview by state, visit <https://drivinglaws.aaa.com/tag/safety-inspection/>.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>.

Free Guide To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit www.carcare.org. (NAPSI)

Covina Woman's Club Meeting

The Covina Woman's Club would like to invite the public to our Sept 9 meeting. The meeting will be held in the Covina Woman's Club located at 128 South San Jose Ave, Covina. The doors open at 11am, lunch 12pm to 1pm and guest speaker at 1:15. Our guest speaker will be the former mayor of Monrovia Mary Ann Lutz. She will share her experience of her latest trip to the

Middle East, a very timely subject.

There is an \$10-dollar fee for lunch and a reservation is needed, reservations must be received by Sept 06, 2019. Call (626) 335-6741 to make your reservations.

Check out our web site covinawomansclub.org for more info. Hope to see you there.

Arrest in Covina Bar Fight, Man Almost Loses Ear

By George Ogden

COVINA - Covina Police responded to a call early Monday morning, August 26, of a fight in the 100 block of Shopper's Lane at The Republic Bar.

When officers arrived, they found a group of men going north through a parking lot next to a KIA dealership. They were detained to try and sort things out. During that time, they found the bloodied victim who nearly had his left ear cut off. He told police that he was approached by a group of men who were making fun of him because he appeared drunk. The victim, a 22-year-old man from Azusa, stated that for no reason at all the men started attacking him. He was beaten by two men with one of them

getting a bottle and smashing it on the side of his head which seriously cut the man almost completely severing his ear. Paramedics were called to treat the victim.

The victim identified the suspect that bashed his head with the bottle and the police took him into custody. He was identified as Aaron Gonzalez, 27, 5'8", 225 lbs. from Glendora. He was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and his original bail was set at \$30,000. However, after his court appearance, additional charges were also filed. His bail was raised \$1,000,000.00 plus the \$30,000.00 with a total bail of \$1,030,000.00. He is being held in the L.A. Co. Central Jail.

Gonzales has previous ar-




The Republic bar on Shopper's Lane in Covina.

rests in Azusa and Glendora that goes back a few years.

There is still an ongoing investigation where investigators most likely will review the surveillance recordings in the area.

If anyone is familiar with the incident or may have seen something, the Covina Police would like to hear from you so they can get the full picture of what happened.



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A Celebration of Life.

The City Of Glendora said goodbye to Retired Police Sergeant John Cameron Maycock last Thursday at First Christian Church. The Reverend Karen Davis led the service that was attended by many of John's past co-workers, friends and family. John passed away on August 19th 2019 from Cancer.

John Maycock grew up in Glendora graduating from Glendora High School in 1966, after serving in the United States Navy. John joined the Glendora Police Department in 1973 where he served for 30 years.

After a version of "Precious Lord" sung by Sergeant Jason Tibbets then a eulogy was read by Retired Police Lieutenant John Doan who first met John while attending Citrus College. Lieutenant Doan along with a few other retired officers visited John the day before his passing. The eulogy brought tears and chuckles among those in attendance. A slideshow of photos taken throughout his life gave an insight into John's early years and love for his family.

John was described as a smart street cop who knew how to talk to people and he "sure liked to talk and tell stories". Some notations from his work evaluations noted his strong work ethics, calming demeanor, and willingness to help others. John also ran two daycare centers in Glendora and one of his manager's spoke of his kindness and ability to make employees feel like family. During his retirement John and his wife of 32 years Tina loved to travel and watch their



Retired Glendora Sergeant John Maycock



son play Hockey. A letter written by his wife said "I will miss John until the day God calls me home" A United States Navy Honor Guard Presented a folded United States flag to John's widow. Following the

service a reception was held and the stories continued as people got reminisced about John.

John is survived by his wife Tina, four sons, one daughter and a brother.

Festival Indonesia at APU



Michelle and Christine Tang sang at the Talent Contest. They are both "Princesses" of the 2019 National American Miss Princess.

By Jayam Rutnam

AZUSA - Festival Indonesia presented by IDN Socal and sponsored by the Consulate General of Indonesia was held at the Felix Event Center of Azusa Pacific University (APU) on Sunday September 1st.

Although it was a hot California day, the event was well attended by people of Indonesian descent and others. The food bazaar booths were very popular, serving Indonesia delicacies including their famous "Nasi Goreng" fried rice.

It was cooler inside the main hall where the cultural booths, with apparel and goods from Indonesia were displayed. They also had a cultural talent show of young Indonesians. Ethnic Indonesian music was played on typical instruments from Indonesia.

New Partnership Gives Duarte Residents Free Trees

DUARTE - In partnership with the City of Duarte, the CIRCLE 3.0 program will be giving away 200 trees to residents for free. Select up to three 1- or 5- gallon trees to be planted by West Coast Arborists, Inc. on your property. Available tree species include; Australian willow, Brisbane box, coast live oak, pink trumpet tree, and tipu tree. Sign up early to get the selection of your choice.

Residents need to visit <http://bit.ly/DuarteTreeGiveaway>, input their address, select the tree(s) they wish to be planted, and indicate where on their property the tree should be planted. Deadline to sign up online is **September 26, 2019**. West Coast Arborists, Inc. will also be attending the



City of Duarte's July 3rd Independence Day Celebration for the first hour. Residents are encouraged to visit the City Hall booth at the event to ask questions about the tree giveaway and sign up in person.

After the checkout process is complete, signed-up residents will need to attend the 62nd Anniversary Picnic on **September 28** at Royal Oaks Park (2627 Royal Oaks Dr.) anytime from 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. to pick up their tree flag - make a day of it and check out the Route 66 Parade starting at 10 a.m. Flags need to be placed on their property to identify the tree planting location. West Coast Arborists will schedule and coordinate planting days with residents by email.

Benefits to having additional trees in your neighborhood include increasing your home's value, beautifying your street, trapping air pollution, and improving public health. Adopting and caring for the tree is as easy as watering weekly.

If you have questions, please call David Pineda with West Coast Arborists, Inc. at (714) 404-8877.



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