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Citrus College Ranked Among Nation's Top 100 Minority Associate Degree Producers

GLENDORA – For the second consecutive year, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education has ranked Citrus College first among all public two-year community colleges in the United States for the number of associate degrees awarded in English language and literature/letters to minority students.

A national newsmagazine dedicated to matters of access and opportunity in academia, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education recently released its annual "Top 100 Associate Degree Producers" edition. Using data from the 2017-2018 academic year provided by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, the publication reports statistics regarding the awarding of associate degrees to African American, Asian American, Hispanic and Native American students.

The Top 100 issue ranks the nation's colleges and universities according to the total number of associate degrees awarded. It also offers specific rankings in more than 50 major fields of study. Citrus College was ranked 18th in the nation for the total number of associate degrees awarded to minority students, and it was recognized in more than



Photo courtesy Citrus College.

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education recently lauded Citrus College in its annual 'Top 100 Associate Degree Producers' edition. For the number of associate degrees awarded to minority students in the United States, the college ranked first in English language and literature/letters, second in social sciences, fourth in psychology, and fifth in multi/interdisciplinary studies.

80 other categories.

"It is truly an honor to be considered a national leader in awarding associate degrees to minority students. The Diverse: Issues in Higher Education rankings serve as a testament to Citrus College's commitment to fostering an inclusive culture," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus

College. "Diversity is one of the college's foundational values and student success is at the core of our institutional mission. I am proud of the progress our faculty and staff have made in helping students of all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds reach their academic goals."

In addition to being ranked first for the number of associate degrees in English language and literature/letters awarded to minority students, Citrus College also ranked second for the number of associate degrees in social sciences awarded to minor-

ity students, fourth for the number of associate degrees in psychology awarded to minority students, and fifth for the number of associate degrees in multi/interdisciplinary studies awarded to minority students.

While Citrus College was recognized among the top 100 associate degree producers for awarding degrees to all minority students in 19 different categories, it was also recognized for its success in serving specific minority groups. For example, the college was ranked among the

top 100 associate degree producers for awarding degrees to Hispanic students in 21 categories; for awarding associate degrees to Asian American students in 16 categories; for awarding associate degrees to African American students in eight categories; and for awarding associate degrees to Native American students in seven categories.

The Diverse: Issues in Higher Education rankings come on the heels of several other recent recognitions. In November, the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education recognized Citrus College as one of the top colleges and universities in the nation for Hispanic students. And, in late October, the Campaign for College Opportunity named Citrus College a Champion of Higher Education for Excellence in Transfer for the fourth consecutive year.

"The Citrus College community is dedicated to increasing college completion rates, and it has worked to ensure that all students receive access to the academic, social and financial resources that are necessary to achieve success," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "On behalf of the board of trustees, I extend my sincere gratitude to the many individuals who have made these recent accolades possible."

Influenza Activity Increases in LA County

It's Not Too Late for Your Flu Immunization

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) reminds residents it is not too late to receive influenza (flu) immunization to prevent getting the flu. Flu activity is currently elevated and is increasing throughout Los Angeles County.

"Getting immunized against flu protects both the person who receives the immunization and also reduces the chance they will become ill and spread the flu to family and friends," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "People at higher risk for complications from the flu should seek medical care as soon as they begin to feel ill for an evaluation and potential antiviral treatment, whether or not they have been immunized."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that influenza activity remains elevated and widespread. Similar to other regions of the United States, LA County is experiencing high levels of influenza activity with influenza B virus as the dominate strain at the moment.

However, influenza A virus appears to be increasing.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should be immunized against the flu every year. This is the best way to prevent influenza spreading among family, friends, and co-workers, who may be at high risk of flu complications. Groups of people that are at high risk include children younger than 5 years, adults 65 years and older, and pregnant women. Medical conditions such as asthma, chronic lung or heart disease, diabetes and being overweight (body-mass index >40) can also increase your risk for flu complications. Prompt antiviral treatment can be given that can reduce the risk of experiencing complications and decrease the severity and duration of illness. Antiviral therapy is most effective when given early in the course of illness. So, if you develop symptoms compatible with the flu, contact your clinical provider immediately for an evaluation as quickly as possible and to get their recommendation on whether you should receive the medication.

In addition to getting a flu immunization, practicing good hygiene can help prevent getting and spreading the flu. This includes washing your hands, covering your coughs and sneezes, not touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, and staying home if you're sick.

Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. Pneumonia is the most common complication of the flu. Flu can also aggravate underlying health conditions like heart disease or asthma. Annually, thousands of people nationwide are hospitalized or die from influenza-associated illness.

You can get the flu immunization from your regular health care provider or local pharmacy. Immunization is also provided at no-cost or low-cost at various locations throughout the county. For more information please visit the Public Health website at: <http://bit.ly/LACflu>. Residents may also call the LA County Information Line at 2-1-1.

The Public Health Threat No One Talks About: Loneliness



Too much time alone can be bad for your health but modern technology can help keep you connected.

There is a public health threat looming across the United States that's not visible to most but affects nearly half of all Americans daily: loneliness. Social isolation is as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is twice as harmful as obesity. Worst of all, loneliness is a contributing factor in senior suicides, which are rising in the U.S. While it is not something people like to think about, now more than ever, Americans must remove the stigma around mental health and spread awareness to better combat loneliness.

Many of the 12 million Americans over age 65 who live alone are entering the time of year where that lack of companionship and isolation is most palpable: winter. Whether physical or travel challenges keep seniors from attending family gatherings or the harsh weather deters them from venturing out for a social event, seniors can suffer from

prolonged loneliness that can quickly manifest into more serious issues.

Loneliness does not have to be synonymous with getting older or with aging in place. Here are tips on how to help keep loneliness—and its negative health effects— at bay:

- Intervene early: Spotting loneliness in yourself or someone you love can be difficult. The most common physical and behavioral signs of loneliness include persistent sadness, impaired cognitive performance, lower self-esteem, or lack of motivation and energy. Early intervention can positively affect one's quality of life, so it's important to address these symptoms as soon as possible before they become overwhelming.

- Leverage technology: Technology can play a key role in reducing loneliness, ensuring seniors are always connected to loved ones and care teams who

can monitor and interact with them. For example, Philips Cares is a mobile application that helps connect seniors who are subscribers to Philips Lifeline service with their family and friends, helping to enable these caregivers to be there for their aging loved ones, easing and enriching their aging journey.

- Make a connection: Connecting with people, purpose and passions will help eliminate feelings of isolation. Consider organizing a reoccurring social gathering, such as a book club or a group fitness class. Explore local activities organized by a senior community center or find a National Council of Aging program through www.ncoa.org/ncoa-map.

For further facts about the latest technology to help seniors stay connected with their care circle, visit <https://philips.to/2MGDqLm> or call (855) 223-7395. (NAPSI)

Assessor's Office Reminds Homeowners Of Easy Save

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Assessor Jeff Prang reminds homeowners that a savings awaits them only for the asking, which can result in a \$7,000 drop in a home's taxable value.

The Homeowners' Exemption reduces a property's taxable assessed value by \$7,000, provided that the property is the owner's principal place of residence as of January 1st. The result is a \$70 savings on the annual tax bill. Homeowners need only apply once in order to receive these savings each year. Savings continue until a change (such as a sale) is recorded.

Moreover, many a homeowner is unaware of the tax savings

program or has not taken advantage of it. The homeowner has to file by Feb. 15 to receive the full year-long savings. If a homeowner files after the Feb. 15 deadline, they will receive a prorated reduction this year only to receive the full amount in subsequent years.

Assessor Prang explains it this way: "Nearly one in three homeowners in Los Angeles County do not take advantage of this tax savings program, leaving \$30 million unclaimed each year. Across the County, an additional 435,000 families can be saving on their tax bills."

This tax savings program is just one avenue available to them,

which is why Assessor Prang has instituted an aggressive public information effort to raise awareness about ways in which Los Angeles County property owners can save on annual tax bills.

Those programs include Misfortune or Calamity, Parent-Child, Veterans' Exemption, Disabled Veterans Exemption, and the Senior Exemption that allows anyone 55 and older to move and take their low tax-base with them. This is just a few of the tax savings offered by Assessor Prang.

For additional property tax relief programs call 213/974-3211.

Three Citrus College Audits Receive Unmodified Opinions



An aerial view of the Citrus College campus in Glendora, California, taken in May 2018 by photography student Sarah Adams. (Photo courtesy Citrus College)

GLENDORA - The Citrus Community College District has been transparent and thorough in its financial reporting, according to an annual study conducted by an independent business and accounting firm.

During a recent meeting of the district's board of trustees, a representative from Eide Bailly, LLP, presented reports of three Citrus College audits from the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The firm conducted an annual financial and compliance audit of the Citrus Community College District, an audit of the Citrus College Foundation, and a financial and performance audit of the Measure G Proposition 39 Bond Fund.

Each Citrus College audit received an unmodified, or "clean," opinion, which is the highest level of assurance an auditor can provide.

"An unmodified opinion is the best possible outcome. These positive results show that Citrus College takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "I am incredibly grateful to the college's faculty and staff, especially those working in our fiscal services department, for their careful stewardship of public funds."

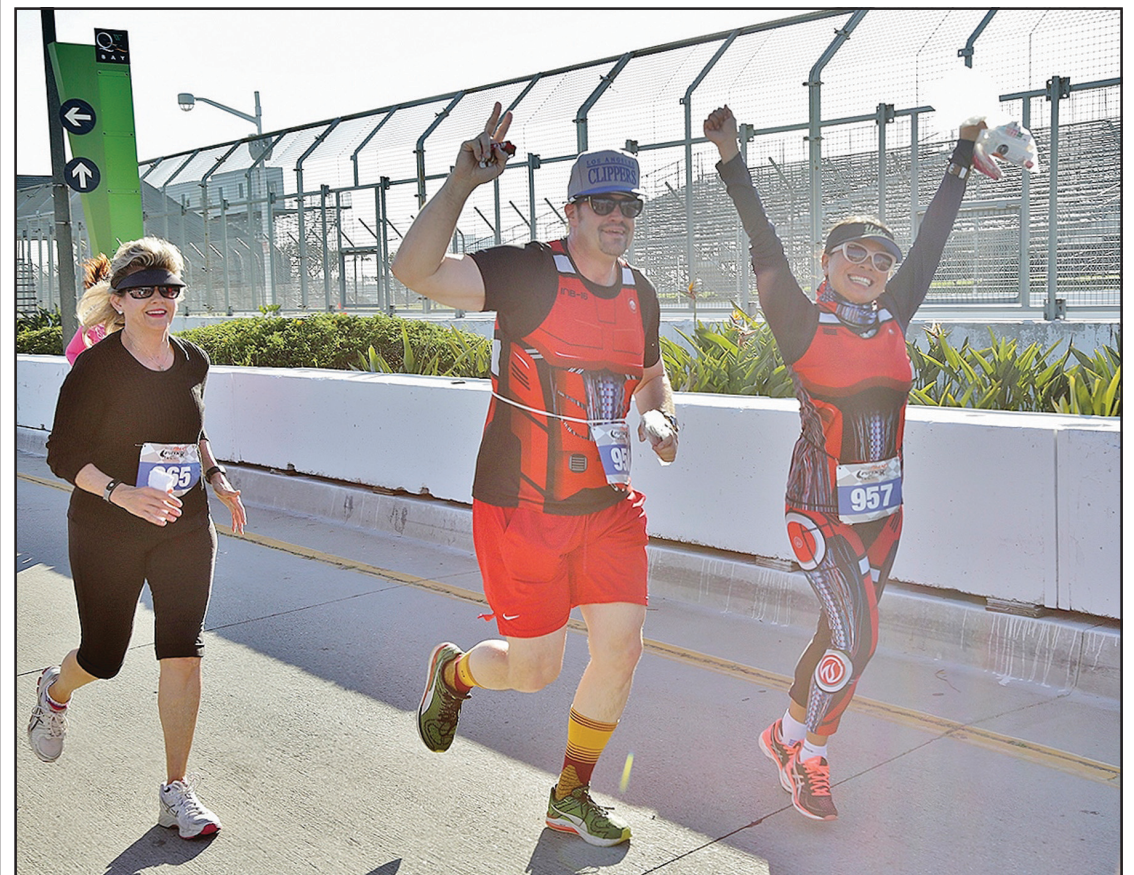
Citrus College is legally required to evaluate internal controls, as well as federal and state compliance, through an annual audit process. Prior to the arrival of the independent auditors, the college spends significant time reconciling financial information, ensuring compliance with program requirements and gathering supporting documents.

Throughout the 2018-2019 fiscal year, representatives from Eide Bailly made several visits to the college during which they evaluated internal controls, reviewed financial information and assessed the college's adherence to regulatory requirements. Based on the results of the audit procedures, no adjustments were made to the financial statements and no significant deficiencies, material weaknesses or instances of noncompliance were noted.

"We are extremely pleased with the results of all three audit reports," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Citrus College has a history of financial stability and fiscal integrity for which local taxpayers can be proud."

Registration For April 5 Grand Prix 5k Is Open

3rd Annual Event to Benefit Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach



Grand Prix 5K participants from 2019. (Photo Credit: Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach)

LONG BEACH - On Sunday, April 5, racing fans and runners of all skill levels and ages will have the opportunity to "run the course" at the 3rd Annual Grand Prix 5K, which will benefit local charities through the Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach.

Registration for the Grand Prix 5K is at www.thegrandprix5k.com.

Participants will run a two-lap tour of the world-famous Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach race course including Pine Avenue and Seaside Way, with the finish at the official Grand Prix start/finish line on Shoreline Drive. New-for-2020, kids 12 and under can get in on the action with the Kids' Turbo 1K, which will take place after the main races on a portion of the regular race course. The other two races will be the Elite/Pro 5K (those who can finish the race in under 25 minutes) which will start at 7:30 a.m. and the run for the general public, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Entry fee for the Grand Prix 5K will be \$35 per person from now until March 15, with each paid person being entered in a drawing to win one of four rides in an Acura NSX pace car around

the Acura Grand Prix track! The drawing will take place on Monday, March 18.

After March 15, the entry fee will go up to \$40 through April 3, while the on-site entry fee on race weekend will be \$45. The entry fee entitles each paid runner a finisher medal, an official Grand Prix 5K t-shirt, post-race refreshments and two complimentary Friday general admission tickets to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, a \$68 value. In addition, there will be activities in the 5K festival area at the conclusion of the run.

The Kids' Turbo 1K entry fee will be \$10 per person and includes a finisher medal and post-race refreshments.

Grand Prix 5K age divisions will include under 14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80+. Age division winners will win prizes in the main and Elite/Pro races.

"Adding the Elite/Pro category to last year's Grand Prix 5K proved to be a big hit," said Rick DuRee, president of the Grand Prix Foundation. "Now we're adding an event for kids which will add to the fun. We're excited to be opening up the opportunity for more people to run the iconic Acura Grand Prix race course for a great cause: local charities."

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The Grand Prix 5K, organized in conjunction with Run Racing, joins the Grand Prix Foundation's popular Monte Carlo Night, taking place April 17 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Long Beach, as events that will raise money for the Grand Prix Foundation's local charitable endeavors which include funding for the Long Beach Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, Century Club, Short Stop, Operation Jump Start and many others.

The Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach is a 501 (c)(3) publicly supported organization whose purpose is to raise funds through a series of charitable events held in conjunction with the Acura Grand Prix. With the Foundation's low administrative costs, approximately 90 cents of every dollar raised goes to benefit Long Beach charities every year.

For more information and to register for the event, visit www.thegrandprix5k.com.

Domestic Violence Suspect Arrested By Police has Court Proceedings Halted

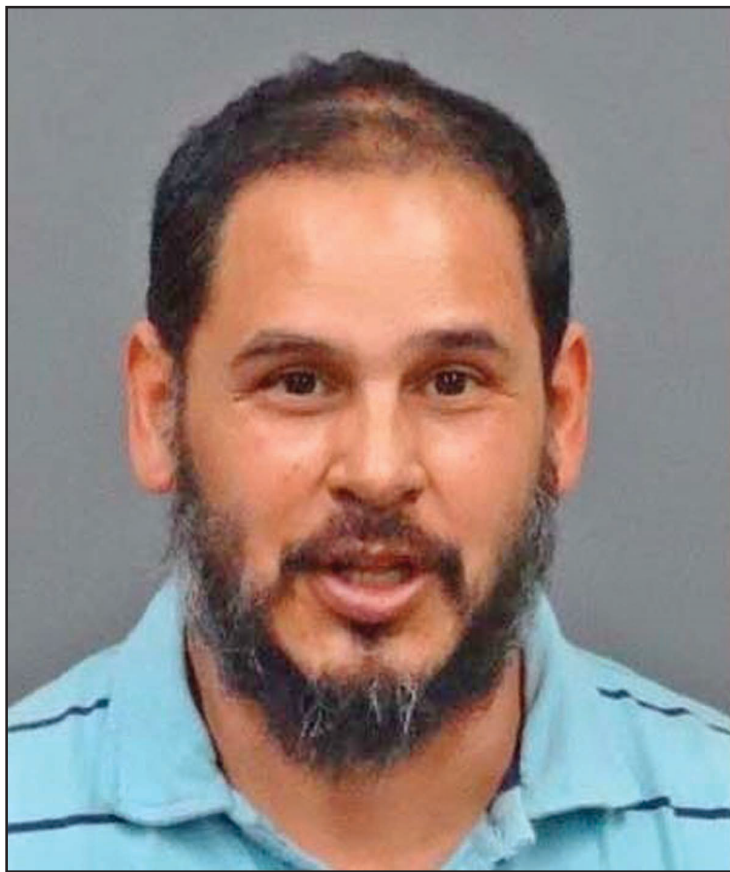
By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Back on Jan. 3rd (Friday) just after midnight, West Covina police responded to a residence where a 9-1-1 call came in for some type of disturbance.

When police arrived at the two-story home located at 1317 West Bainbridge Avenue, they met a 43-year-old woman who had been beaten up. She was standing out in front of the home and the police found out she was the girlfriend of Nicholas Misquez, 49 who turned out to be the suspect.

Officers tried to make contact with Misquez and he refused to come out and ended up barricading himself in the home. The police found out that he had a dangerous criminal record Police felt that they needed to evacuate the neighbors for their safety. This would be the start of a 10-hour standoff.

Police blocked off the area and continued to try and get the suspect out of the house. Officers put a team together and forced their way into the home. The suspect had retreated upstairs and then into the attic. When officers tried to enter the attic, Misquez met them with a machete. Officers refrained from shooting the suspect hoping to have a peaceful resolution. The suspect put down the machete, pick up gasoline and threw it on at least two officers and started throwing ignited material at them trying to set them ablaze. Officers quickly retreated to a safe area from where the SWAT officers launched tear gas into the attic area. The suspect then kicked a hole in the roof and climbed outside onto the roof where he remained for a while until he decided to surrender and climb down at 10:45 a.m. He was arrested at that time.



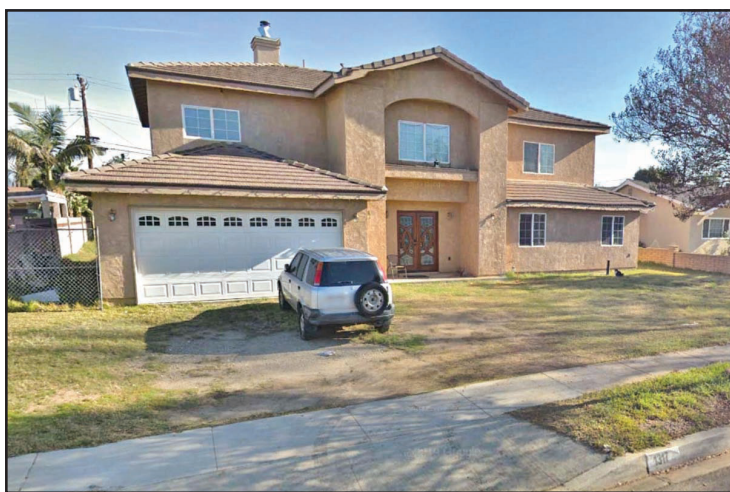
Suspect Nicholas Misquez, 49.

Bail at the time was set at \$450,000.00 for 8 counts of assault upon a peace officer, attempted murder on a police officer, arson of an inhabited dwelling and domestic violence with injuries.

Now, the suspect has had his court hearings delayed because at his court appearance his defense raised doubts about his mental health. The judge must see if Misquez is mentally competent to stand trial. Since Oct.

22, 2018, Misquez has been arrested 4 times and now this is his 5th arrest. He has 20 charges filed against him and none of the prior cases was there an issue with his mental health. Some of his past charges and prior convictions were for violating a restraining order, assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats.

The judge set bail at \$755,000.00.



Crime scene where Nicholas Misquez barricaded himself.

Children at YWCA WINGS Shelter Receive Holiday Gifts from Glendora Woman's Club



Glendora Woman's Club members display Holiday gift bags they assembled for the 19 children who were staying with their mothers at the YWCA WINGS Shelter this past Christmas. Pictured are, from left, Lisa Mendoza, project chair Rose Myers, Judy Gillham, Hellen Spear, Carolyn Cunningham, Evie Larimore, Sue Falls, and Sylvia Jimenez. Not pictured is Loretta Salazar, photographer and project members. (Photo by Loretta Salazar)

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - During the recent holidays, one of the Glendora Woman's Club's ongoing service projects is the YWCA WINGS Shelter for battered women, accompanied by their children. For this service project, the Woman's Club provides Christmas gifts for the children staying with their mothers at the shelter. This past year, 2019, marked the 31st year the Woman's Club has selected the WINGS (Women In Need Grow-

ing Strong) Shelter project as one of its special ongoing service projects, said project chair Rose Myers.

For the club's recent Holiday Service Project, club members assembled Christmas gift bags for the 19 children who were staying with their mothers at the Shelter at that time. The gift bags were filled with gifts and toys that were matched with gifts and toys that were matched to the

children at the Shelter through their age and gender, said Mrs. Myers.

Also, during the year, the Woman's Club sends other items to the WINGS Shelter, including Easter Baskets for the children. Its four departments, service projects, and events, call 909-598-0554; for information about renting the clubhouse for a special event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010

New Study Shows LA County Can Safely Divert Thousands of People with Mental Illness from Jail Into Treatment

On any given day, more than 3,300 people struggling with mental health disorders in Los Angeles County jails are legally suitable and clinically eligible for diversion to community-based treatment programs, according to a new study by the nonprofit RAND Corp.

A significant proportion of this population is likely to be homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Conducted in response to a motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Kathryn Barger, the independent research noted about 5,400 of the County's average daily inmate population – nearly one-third – are in mental health housing units and/or have been prescribed psychotropic medications.

Of the jail's mental health population, RAND concluded 61 percent meet the criteria currently used by the County's Office of Diversion and Reen-

try (ODR) to determine whether an individual may be put forward to the courts as a candidate for diversion. An additional 7 percent are also potentially eligible for diversion, while 32 percent are not, according to the study.

RAND said 74 percent of women and 59 percent of men with a mental health disorder in County jail are appropriate candidates for diversion.

RAND recommended expanding diversion programs and better tracking their outcomes. It also urged the County to improve its early diversion efforts, which may be able to help people before they enter the criminal justice system. For example, some jurisdictions intervene at the point of law enforcement contact.

"Knowing how many people are appropriate for diversion is a first step toward understanding the types of programs, staff and funding that would be needed to treat those individuals in the community," the study's lead author, RAND behavioral scientist Stephanie Brooks, said.

RAND's findings echoed those of ODR, whose own recent research concluded 56 percent of the County jail's mental health population is eligible for diversion, with an ad-

ditional 7 percent also potentially eligible.

Since its creation in 2016, ODR has diverted more than 4,400 people from County jails to long-term care and supportive housing, with very low rates of reoffending. Among those placed in the ODR Housing program, 90 percent have remained housed after six months.

Diversion programs cost the County about \$70 daily per person, while incarceration costs about \$600 daily per person with serious clinical needs.

"No one can get well in a cell," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, who authored the motion that created ODR. "With diversion, we are creating better outcomes for people and saving County resources - without compromising public safety."

"Diversion is also breaking the cycle between jail and homelessness, enabling those with mental health disorders to get treatment instead of the costly alternative of serving additional time behind bars and then being released with no support," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas added. "RAND's research underscores the need to double down on diversion to reach all those who could benefit."

Senator Chang Introduces Legislation to Outlaw Cyber-Flashing

Bill Seeks to Make Unsolicited Lewd Images Online a Crime in California

SACRAMENTO - State Senator Ling Ling Chang (R - Diamond Bar) introduced legislation to deter the growing online trend of sending unsolicited lewd images. After consultation with global social networking app Bumble and other stakeholders, the Preventing Indecent Content Sharing (PICS) Act was introduced to combat harassment that's mostly directed at young women online. Senator Chang's legislation will be amended to make unsolicited lewd images online or via text a crime punishable by a fine. Pew Research states that over half of young women say they received an unwanted explicit photo while online.

"We know from leaders in the tech space that this is a problem. The research shows it's a problem. I've heard from other women in my community, and it's even happened to me," said Senator Chang. "It's time to take this is-

seriously. We need to send a message that this culture of online harassment is unacceptable. We need to make online experiences safe and free from harassment."

Bumble Chief of Staff, Caroline Ellis Roche said, "So much of people's lives are spent online, yet the digital world has fallen short of protecting us there. What is illegal in the real world needs to be illegal in the digital world. Bumble is committed to working with Senator Chang to making that a reality in California."

Senator Chang's legislation comes on the heels of the Texas State Legislature passing the first-in-the-nation law to fine and criminalize the sending of unsolicited nude photos. Bumble successfully pushed this legislation in 2019 and Senator Chang is now bringing that momentum to the Golden State.

Bumble has taken a proactive

approach to fighting bad behavior in both the digital and real world. Bumble invests a great deal into the safety and security of its users and recently launched the Private Detector which leverages AI to identify and block unsolicited nude images before they are sent between users.

As a member of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, and a founding member of both the Millennial Caucus and the California Legislative Technology & Innovation Caucus, Senator Chang is uniquely positioned to bring this important online safety measure to California. She has leveraged her expertise in technology to pass legislation to combat cyberbullying and allow state workers to use sharing-economy services during business travel.

The legislation will be soon be referred to a policy committee and considered by the Senate in Spring of this year.

LA County Urges Property Owners To Open Doors

New Assurances for Property Owners Who Partner With the LACDA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In an effort to increase the number of property owners participating in the County's rental assistance programs, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has launched a new business model which provides an enhanced customer service experience for property owners.

Open Doors, a collaborative effort between the LACDA and Los Angeles County, is designed to provide property owners with an increased level of customer service. The business model is a win-win-win solution, intended to benefit property owners financially and provide enhanced customer services, in an effort to increase the number of rental units available to subsidized families.

Property owners are an essential partner in the County's fight to end homelessness. According to the University of Southern California's Center for Real Estate, Los Angeles County currently maintains a vacancy rate below 4%. As homelessness in Los Angeles County increases and property owner participation

in rental assistance programs decreases, thousands of families and individuals, including many military veterans, struggle to find opportunities to use their vouchers in the County's competitive rental market, contributing to the broader homelessness crisis. Open Doors is meant to encourage more owners to participate in its rental assistance programs in order to increase the number of families who are able to utilize their vouchers.

Open Doors provides monetary and non-monetary assurances to property owners who rent their available units to subsidized families, including:

- A Sign-On Bonus for property owners upon execution of their contract;
- Vacancy Loss Payment, totaling one month's rent, if the family vacates the unit without proper notice, or is evicted for good cause;
- Damage Mitigation for unit repairs. Up to \$2,000 not covered by the security deposit to repair the rental unit following the departure of a subsidized family;
- A team of dedicated special-

ists, trained to assist property owners with all aspects of the LACDA's rental assistance programs; and

• Reliable Rental Payments deposited directly to the property owner's bank account.

The agency has also reconfigured its lobby to offer a more inviting setting for property owners to conduct business with the agency. Open Doors provides a one-stop shop where property owners can address their questions or concerns with the LACDA, without the need to speak with several different employees. The program also provides property owners with the latest news regarding the agency's rental assistance programs, answer all rental assistance related questions, address any payment disputes, and check on the status of any pending actions related to a specific property owner and their rental unit(s).

Property owners can receive Open Doors assistance by visiting the LACDA's Alhambra or Palmdale offices, over the phone at (626) 586-1999, or by email at opendoors@lacda.org, during regular business hours.

West Covina Appoints Lisa A. Sherrick as Assistant City Clerk

WEST COVINA - City Manager David Carmany is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Lisa A. Sherrick as the City's new Assistant City Clerk.

Lisa Sherrick has thirteen years of municipal government experience working for the City of San Bernardino. Ms. Sherrick was appointed the Deputy City Clerk in the City of San Bernardino and has significant experience in preparation of budgets, working in the reorganization of departments, and mentoring diverse teams that provide customer service results and encourage better working processes.

"I am looking forward to promoting accountability, transparency, and overall good government within the Clerk's Office," said Ms. Sherrick.



Lisa A. Sherrick - West Covina's Assistant City Clerk

Annual Health & Wellness Fair

GLENDORA - Celebrate wellness with the City of Glendora Community Services Department and learn how to create a healthier lifestyle by attending the free Annual Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, **January 23rd** from 12:30pm to 3:00pm at the La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill

Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741. Over 34 businesses and vendors will be present giving out information on a variety of health topics such as transportation, first aid safety, homelessness, insurance, stroke awareness, healthy eating, elder care, mental health services and so much more. Free

screenings such as pulmonary function, hearing, blood pressure, blood sugar, memory, and depression will be available to all who attend and don't forget to get your free chair massage and enter your name in the raffle.

For more information please call (626) 914-8235.

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Biggest Budget Topped With New Bond

The state legislature has just gone back to work in Sacramento and the Governor has presented his budget providing a 3% increase in K-12 and Community College funding. That's a \$222 billion budget that also gives \$80.5 million for additional medical funding to the poor and 27,000 illegal immigrant seniors and \$20 million for a new park at an undisclosed site.

A new bond issue, AB 48, was negotiated and placed on the ballot by Gov. Newsom and the Democrat legislature. Interesting he is providing a 3% increase on top of this bond issue he is hoping will pass on March 3rd.

In a strange twist, we have Prop 13 on the March 3rd primary ballot. No, not the good HJTA Prop 13 but this bond measure - \$15 billion worth of general obligation bonds for school and college facilities - and that's the title - School and College Facilities Bond. If passed it will cost \$11.5 billion in interest.

- This bond would provide
- * \$9 billion for preschool and K-12 school
 - \$2.8 billion for new construction
 - \$5.2 billion for modernization
 - \$500 million for charter schools
 - \$500 million for career technical education programs
 - * \$4 million to universities
 - \$2 billion capital outlay financing needs (Don't know what that is right now)
 - \$2 billion capital outlay financing needs of the University of California and Hastings College of the Law (Really need to know more about this one)
 - * \$2 billion for community colleges
 - Capital outlay financing needs of community colleges
- One of the components for



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
universities to receive any money is the adoption of a five-year affordable student housing plan that would take students living out of their cars in parking lots into some form of housing. That gets Gov. Newsom some of his affordable housing he's promised to provide.

A second requirement is use of a project labor agreement (PLA) that gives unions and contractors bargaining rights to determine the wage rates and benefits of all employees on the job before they are hired.

A third component, the Department of General Services, not our legislators, will decide which project gets the money using built-in bullet points: earthquake safety, financial hardship, grants requested for lead remediation in water, severe over-crowding and a formula using a district's tax base, percent of English learners, free and reduced lunch numbers and foster youth.

Fourth component is a requirement for first-come, first-served and matching funds. This gives larger districts a better opportunity to access this money because they are better able to generate their own bond money for the match up. To generate their own bond money? That means in most cases they will be back at the ballot box asking you

to approve another bond locally so they are able to match money they want from the state. And that's Jon Coupal, HJTA's concern.

Existing law prohibits the total amount of bonds issued by a school district or community college district from exceeding 1.25% of the taxable property of the district. This bill, negotiated out by Gov. Newsom, raises that limit to 2%.

Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, stated: "Currently, there are strict limits on how much bond debt local school districts are allowed to carry. But a hidden provision of Prop. 13 (2020) nearly doubles the limits school districts can borrow. This means huge increases in property taxes are a near certainty. Who pays property taxes? We all do, either directly in property tax bills or through higher rents and other costs. Unlike the Prop. 13 from 1978, this Prop. 13 puts all taxpayers at risk of higher taxes."

Ballotpedia Reports: Californians cast ballots on 43 bond issues, totaling \$173.656 billion in value, from January 1, 1993, through January 1, 2019. The legislature referred 35 bond measures to the ballot, and 27 of 35 legislative referrals were approved. The most common purpose of a bond measure during the 25 years between 1993 and 2018 was water infrastructure, for which there were nine bond measures. This bond requires a majority vote not 2/3 vote to approve. It is purposely scheduled for the March ballot because more Democrats will show up to vote on Democrat presidential candidates.

Twenty -six Democrats support this bond and two Republicans. Former Governor Jerry Brown is at the top of the list.

How The Church Has Blessed Its World

Weeks ago I reviewed a number of historic episodes in which Christianity and its primary institution, the church, has been a blight on society. In this column I will be looking at the far more pervasive story in which the institutions of the Christian faith have been a blessing. I believe the dark episodes are but a minor part of how Christianity has affected society. Throughout most of history—and still today—the presence of the church has been a blessing to its culture.

There were occasions when the church made a profound positive difference, as it became involved in the struggle involving critical cultural issues. While in each case there were other actors, it was the church that largely paid for and supplied the persons at the center of the abolition movement, and later the struggle for civil rights. In the United States it was the church led by The Rev. ML King, Jr. In South Africa it was the Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu who joined hands with Nelson Mandela in the struggle to end apartheid. In the United States the labor movement, the women's movement and the anti-war movement were staffed by committed Christians. Centuries earlier it was the church that established schools, universities, hospitals and safe houses for refugees and travelers.



Charles H. Bayer

While the church was continually engaged in these larger struggles, consider the more numerous occasions in which the church and its members worked silently infiltrating cultures as yeast, continually offering simple acts of compassion, justice and equity. Having witnessed the consistent theme of Jesus' ministry—and thus the marching orders he directed to the church—the focus has been, "good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed."

Christians have always known that the earth belongs to its creator and we are only caretakers and stewards. While nature is here for us to use, it is not here for us to use up.

Not only have Christians fed the hungry, but they have asked why they are hungry as they ad-

ressed unjust societies, and worked within them for economic justice. People of faith have stood between warring parties and built bridges of reconciliation. People of faith have welcomed refugees, provided sanctuaries for the hunted, sheltered the sick and the dying, offered a welcome to the outsiders, and said to the nobodies "you are somebody." Although the church has neither brought in the reign of God nor can it be identified with it, from time time, here and there, among this culture and that one, it has given evidence that God's just reign is not only a future hope but is also taking shape in the here and now. The church has often been a beachhead, a demonstration project reaching into the future and saying by what it has brought back, "here is a hint of the world God longs to see actualized on earth as it is in heaven."

This winter there will be two more columns addressing the role of the church in this post-modern world. In a few weeks I will look at a typical mainline protestant congregation as it addresses its community and its world. Finally, I will ponder the question, why has sometimes the church sometimes been a blessing and sometimes a curse?

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New Laws in California

We have a number of new laws in California and we get these without people mastering the last set of laws that have been put out there.

A good example is: When it rains you turn on your headlights when you drive. Use of a cell phone for texting or calling when you don't have a hands-free device when you are driving. A long time-law, stopping when a school bus has its "red flashing lights" illuminated. The school bus does not need to have that swing out stop sign. If it is flashing the red light, YOU STOP! You can't believe how many people don't stop at all.

For some of the new California laws that went into effect and are good to know:

CVC 12509.5(a): A person with a valid driver's license or



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That's just the way it is!

permit of any class can operate a motorized scooter

CVC 21761: Driver approaching a stopped waste vehicle with flashing amber lights must slow or change lanes to pass

CVC 22101: Where indicated by traffic lights, bicyclists may go straight through an intersection from a right- or left-hand turn only lane

CVC 40610: Officers may re-

sume issuing fix-it tickets for excessive noise/exhaust (but not for motorcycles)

PC 647(j) (1): Unlawful peeping includes via drones or electronic devices

PC 25100, 25200: Criminal storage of a firearm is no longer limited to loaded firearms or handguns, but now includes unloaded firearms and long guns

PC 29825: Anyone prohibited from buying a firearm in another state will not be allowed to purchase a firearm in California

PC 26835: Anyone who owns a firearm that is taken out of the home by a child or "prohibited person" can be charged with a crime.

Special thanks to WCPD for posting this. I felt it was important to get this out there.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

MY TURN: The Plan Is Evident When You Connect The Dots

Senator Chuck Schumer still doesn't believe that President Trump has a plan for his foreign policy.

Trump started his term 3 years ago with the same clean slate that any President arrives with. Any accomplishments or goals met can be added to that slate with a mark, or maybe a "DOT." Trump not only said that he wanted to make better deals to benefit America, but freedom from regulations that strangle our economy and a strong military. Like the builder he is, strong foundations for his "plans." All to be done to "Make America Great Again."

First he approved the Keystone pipeline and others as well, and the Democrats squawked. Where is the plan? Add some DOTS to the slate.

Next, he reversed and/or negotiated a number of deals, opening talks with China, Russia, even North Korea. He began talking to the new Mexican President, redefining many agreements. And the Democrats squawked. Where is the plan? Add some more DOTS to the slate.

Trump lifted many regulations as promised and started the country on a route that would take us to the lowest unemployment in decades, job growth, and a strong economy. And the Democrats squawked.



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Where is the plan? Add some more DOTS.

Then Trump decided to strengthen our military, making it stronger than it had been in decades. And the Democrats squawked. Where is the plan? Add some more DOTS.

With our new economy and our new goal of strengthening our energy resources at home, the President was finally able to declare ourselves energy independent. The Democrats were still squawking. Where is the plan? More DOTS please.

With his newly strengthened military, Trump went after the terrorists, including a decimation of ISIS. The Democrats still found the need to squawk. Still wondering where the plan is? And again, more DOTS.

Continuing his new foreign policy, he demanded that NATO pay its fair share and actually managed to get some agreement from them. He got us out of NAFTA and the Paris Accord. More squawking from Democrats about no coherent plan, according to them. But add some more DOTS.

Then the President, with his new upgraded military, took out Al Baghdadi, and then most recently followed up with General Soleimani. This really made the squawking Democrats skeptical. Two of the

most important terrorist leaders killed and they questioned what was no different then things Obama did. DOT, DOT, DOT.

After Soleimani's death, the Iranians shot off about 15 missiles, but did little damage and no reports of American casualties. President Donald Trump, managed to accomplish something big. He got the Iranians to fear, not our military strength, since little was necessary on our military's part, but fearing the "thought" of our military strength. Squawking Democrats questioned this and still couldn't see a plan. But add a big DOT for good measure.

The real point of Trump's January 8th speech, summarizing the missile attack, was to say he would ask NATO to take a bigger role in dealing with the Middle East. We had the strongest military but we don't want to use it if we can avoid it. We are also energy independent and not desiring their resources, so we don't think we should stay there forever wearing out our welcome. He wished the best for the Iranian people because it is not them that are our enemies but the regime that controls them. Hopefully that can change soon. Trump said he wants to get us out as soon as enough things are in place to make it possible.

No saber rattling, no excessive, over-the-top hate speech, nothing the Democrats and the media were in fear of. But they still foolishly ask, where is any semblance of a plan for this area?

Well, it is very simple if you were paying attention all this time. The plan is there. All you have to do is connect the DOTS.

'TIME JOCKEY' - Lighting The Way

By Joe Castillo

Warning System... We don't see many of them on the West Coast but we've heard about them and seen them in the movies. Even though California has one of the longest coastlines in the United States, the Pacific Ocean is a much milder ocean compared with the Atlantic Ocean. If you haven't guessed by now, I'm talking about lighthouses.

The first lighthouse was commissioned in 1791 during the administration of President George Washington. He placed the administration of the buildings under the Department of the Treasury and its secretary Alexander Hamilton. In 1820, the number of lighthouses had grown to 55 with 8 located in the State of Maine alone. Over the next 32 years, 325 lighthouses had been built and 35 were located in Maine, which just happens to have more coastline than California. Maine's coastline isn't straight like California's coastline but its tidal coastline as so many inlets that if placed lengthwise it would have 51 more miles than California's coast.

The lighthouses along the Eastern coast were used as a guide for ships to carry on their business of shipping products such as lumber, fishing, granite, and materials used for shipbuilding. These early industries were the basis for Maine's commerce and industry, and the financing of the construction of each lighthouse was paid for by ships using each port which was being guided by a particular lighthouse.

Early lighthouses were made of wood but many of them burned down and none exist today. Their light was provided by the brightness of candles, which was also the source of why so many burned down. Eventually, the structures were replaced by masonry-built building made from local rocks filled with sand and lime, all of which was found on the beaches of Maine. The lighthouses were sturdier and taller, rising to 25-50 feet tall.

The first lighthouses used candles; they were replaced by flatwicks which fed off whale-oil. The barrels of whale-oil were so heavy that 4 men had to carry the oil barrel up the lighthouse tower after crossing over rocks and logs. The men then poured the oil into oil lamps. But first the barrels had to be lifted as high as 6 feet up. It required quite a bit of work to maintain a lighthouse but

its importance was critical to the ships which needed a guiding light to traverse the hazards of the jagged Maine coastline.

Lighthouse keepers were paid \$200 a year in 1790 to manage and maintain a lighthouse and the price included food, room and lodging. California in the 1790, was just being settled by the Spanish with 11 of the first 21 mission founded by that time. The East Coast was far more developed than the West Coast, and lighthouses were one example of just how far along shipping and commerce had become on the Atlantic side of the United States...

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Republican Women Socials and Meeting

WEST COVINA - The first meeting of the year for the Republican women is Friday, **January 24** at the Holiday Inn, 3223 E. Garvey North, West Covina (off the 10 freeway). Social is at 10:30, meeting begins at 11:00 with lunch at noon.

Guest speaker after lunch is Captain "AP" Acuna-Perez. Captain Perez is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Unit CA -20051, Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp at

West Covina High School. Besides his military record and earning a Master's Degree, he deployed in support of Operation Restore Hope and Enduring Freedom To Africa and Afghanistan. The goal of Air Force Junior ROTC is to instill discipline, integrity, excellence, service and sound character in students.

Guests are welcome. For reservations please call (626) 824-8717.

"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Is America!

Instead of focusing on the economy this week I wanted to share a "letter" I recently received from my best friend. Both my good friend's daughter and her letter writing friend live on an Army base in Georgia (Fort Stewart / 3rd Infantry). This military wife's husband (a drone instructor and pilot) recently was deployed to Iraq, which precipitated her writing the following:

If you're scrolling through social media today, you have probably seen posts about the American troops that have rapidly deployed in big numbers this week. I don't know the statistics, but it seems like it has been a while since we've seen this kind of quick reaction and deployment on such a scale as 3,000+ troops. And the reactions are already rolling in...

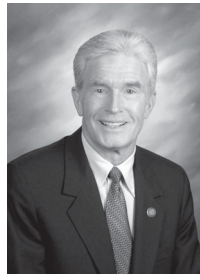
I don't watch much of the news as a general rule when it comes to military movements and events. I have a pretty reliable source for that - and while so many people are reposting articles about the soldiers leaving, talking about how the block holiday leave has been interrupted for so many, and expressing their concern for our troops and their families... still others persist with yet another reason to disagree and cast blame.

Watching video of the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Airborne Division march out on that airfield, army green against a beautiful blue sky, with that ominous C-17 looming in the background, I get goosebumps. Knowing where they are headed, my eyes fill with tears. The ones taking those pictures, watching those soldiers walk away from them, make my heart ache. Writing these words, I am filled with so many memories of the same and my first instinct is to squeeze those tears back and pray every prayer I've got for their safe return.

You know what else I feel though? Maybe it's just me, but I hope not. It's so hard to describe, but I'll try...

Those men and women in uniform - walking away from their

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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holiday break, their families, their homes and neighborhoods, their daily comforts, their way of life - represent a level of pride and hope that you can't put words to. They come from different backgrounds, neighborhoods, and beliefs. They don't all follow the same sport or have the same favorite team. They might like country music or hip hop or Chopin. They probably voted for different people and have plenty to say about the state of politics in this country. Yet somehow, miraculously, these thousands of diverse human beings are all walking together under a blue sky towards an unknown outcome. Why.

Because that is AMERICA. AMERICA means our military men & women stand ready and willing to hop that C-17 to God knows where or what, because they believe that this country and this way of life are WORTH THE RISK. You. Me. Our children. Millions of people these men & women will never set eyes on - we are worth it. Imagine believing in something with such conviction that you are willing to set aside what and who you hold most precious and say, "ME. I will go."

Just take a moment, please. Imagine squeezing the hand of the girl of your dreams - the woman you married, made a family with and fought through all the ups and downs with - the late nights & early mornings, long drives, unexpected changes, the fights, the firsts, the holidays, the plans, the losses, the unexpected bumps and the best days ever, imagine squeezing her hand one more time, kissing her one more time, looking

into those eyes as familiar as your own - one. more. time. - Maybe a wink. Maybe a nod. "Be right back." And then walking away with only the hope of coming back to her and all the promises you made to each other. What conviction would it take? What bravery? What strength?

TELL ME. Who among us can say we would take the risk?

You're looking at them. On your newsfeeds and Facebook walls. Those faces you don't know and never will. The eyes that are watching them walk away that you will never have to face. THEY walk boldly away from the dreams and opportunities the rest of us will continue to tuck safely under our pillows tonight with our prayers. THAT IS AMERICA. That is pride built on something more than the opinions, politics, politicians, or whatever social movement of the day is current. Without them, there are no causes, no opportunities, and no dreams to unfold.

Do you feel it yet? Do you feel the power in their choice to STAND and GO? I do. And it doesn't make me sad. It makes me shake with pride and cry tears of gratitude that I can bear witness to such unbelievable selfless SERVICE and COURAGE. That I should be worthy of such bravery. That this country, so treacherously & hatefully divided, should be so unified by them. Do you feel it? Can you see it? THAT IS AMERICA.

HOPE. These stories and pictures shouldn't inspire deeper disagreement or finger pointing or blame. They should inspire HOPE. That is what I feel when I see those pictures and find myself smiling at them - no matter the state of the country, the politics, or who sent them - THEY GO. For us. For all of us. That kind of love and conviction should be celebrated & emulated. It should UNITE us. It should inspire us to make THEIR AMERICA a better place.

Take notice. Smile for them. Cry for them. Pray for them. Believe in them. Wait for them.

Your Money - Ask Julia

I got a bonus in December and cashed the check in January. Can I claim it as income in 2020?

No. You'll need to claim it as income received in 2019 because that's when your employer paid you. In the future, if you anticipate a bonus next December, talk to your boss to see if other arrangements can be made. Beware that, in some cases, unless you specify, some employers do not subtract withholding taxes when they issue bonus checks.

The stock market has been doing great! How long will this last?

Yes, it has been doing great, and, sorry, but nobody knows how long this will last. We all know that the stock market is risky. Go online and get the big picture by looking at a chart that covers 5 to 10 years of the stock market ups and downs. Overall, from the beginning of year one to current, do you see that the stock market has gone up? Regardless of whether you have time to ride out the lows, or if you are nearing retirement, you should investigate diversifying the types of investments you are using to reach your goals. Don't limit yourself to only investing in the stock market and CDs. There are other good places to invest.

Why was half the cost of my \$100,000 group term life insurance policy through work added to my income on my W2?

Only the cost of the first \$50,000 of group term life insurance is considered a tax-free fringe benefit. Additional bad news: The IRS uses its own table to determine the cost of group term life insurance. This fre-



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quently is higher than the actual amount being paid by the employer, resulting in a higher "phantom" income on your W2. Consider accepting your employer's \$50,000 "free" coverage and looking into purchasing your own life insurance policy outside the company. If you were to lose or leave your job, you'd need your own coverage anyway.

Are home loan interest rates going to go up in 2020?

Probably, but rates are good right now. (Check BankRate.com) When the Feds raise the rate that they charge banks for money, interest rates for mortgages, credit cards, and other loans will go up. Whether the Feds hold the rates, or raise the rates, depends on government statistics and other factors that affect the economy. One factor is inflation. The unexplainable 'mystery' of our current economy is that we should be seeing inflation, but we aren't.

I have some money that I'd like to pass on to my beneficiaries. What do you suggest?

It really depends on what's suitable for your individual situation. If you qualify, look into a paid-up life insurance policy.

That way, upon your death, your beneficiaries could receive the money income tax free. If you use the right kind of life insurance policy, you could have access to those funds during your lifetime - just in case your plans change. If you don't want, or don't qualify for life insurance, look at a fixed, or equity-indexed annuity. You could have access to the funds in your lifetime, and choose between methods for your beneficiaries to receive their inheritance via a lump sum, or a gradual payout over five or more years.

I'm a Realtor, and I'm frustrated with mortgage loan people who say my buyer has loan approval and then days before close of escrow that lender says there's a problem with the mortgage insurance certification! Is there a way to avoid this disaster?

Yes. Get a loan originator / loan officer who has access to loans offered by a wholesale lender who stands by their mortgage insurance certification issued early in the loan process all the way to funding. They really do exist!

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Building Intrigue When Talking About What You Do

As we start the New Year we are newly energized to take on new challenges, personal, and professional growth, as well as vowing to follow a new direction. If you believe in the effects of Solar Eclipses 2020 will be the year for you. Solar eclipses are typically for new beginnings and great opportunities. Because they happen in the New Moon, it is important to write down all your intentions and what new things you want to manifest for this period.

Many businesses, freelancers and service providers make the mistake of focusing on themselves rather than on their clients' needs. They also don't make it clear what value they provide. For example, they might tell everyone they work as a virtual assistant, but don't make it clear exactly what top services they provide. Writing intriguing marketing copy in relation to your services can help you get more clients, and it is easier than you think.

Who Will Hire You?

Many companies are now hiring freelancers in order to do particular tasks which are either too boring or laborious for them to bother with, or which they don't have the staff to cover. This being the case, there are many opportunities for virtual assistants and other service providers to work on a range of special projects, or get a steady stream of clients they can help every day.

A good virtual assistant can be worth their weight in gold to a busy executive particularly if they can't afford or have a steady stream of work for a full time Public Relations Officer. A good PRO can take care of the many administrative tasks related to running a successful business and frees the executive / owner up to focus on business development, product development, and other important tasks that will in-



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crease their revenue stream.

Your Value as a Service Provider

You need to make your value proposition clear from the outset when you are writing your description of your services, but you can do so in an intriguing way. Some virtual assistants are generalists who will do just about any business-related tasks just as if they were a personal assistant working full time in an office. Others specialize in particular areas or computer programs.

One of the most popular specialties for service providers is WordPress, the number one blogging software in the world. Many business owners use it to create their websites. Once they have a website, they need to keep it up to date. Virtual assistants, who can upload content, schedule it, optimize it for search engines and so on, and will command a higher salary than a generalist. Most business typically has a website, but make a fatal mistake by not keeping it current and fresh with new content.

Be Solutions Oriented

When you are writing your copy, intrigue your audience by painting a picture of how great life can be if they hire you or by highlighting how your services will ease their daily stress. Start by showing that you understand their pain points; that is, the things that they find most difficult in their business, which

might be holding them back from the success they deserve.

By showing you understand their pain points, you are offering a solution to those problems through the services that you provide. What would their life be like if they didn't have to spend so much time working on WordPress and other mundane websites and computer programs? How much more time would they have to grow their business if you took over their email marketing campaigns? The above simply highlighted the service of online marketing. This is not limited; business is in the business of service. Whether it be lawyers, CPS's or manufacturers who make products, a service is still being provided.

Your Pitch Should Support Your Assertions

It's relatively easy to write intriguing copy, but you also have to convince the reader that you can deliver. Your pitch needs to tell a story to keep the reader's attention and intrigue them to keep reading. The story should interweave the challenge, the solution and the conclusion highlighting what your company can do while at the same time enticing them with in your marketing materials and services provided.

If you've been struggling to get new clients, rewrite your marketing materials to make them more intriguing and compelling, and you should soon see clients who are willing to give you the opportunity to provide your services and new exciting projects.

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Cabin Air Filters - Why They Help In Winter Months, Too!

When drivers think of cabin air filters, they usually think of them as necessary in the spring. They are, of course, very helpful in the spring as they help allergy sufferers by trapping pollen and keeping the spores out of the car or "cabin" of the vehicle. Some argue that yes, that is important, but it is even more important to make sure your cabin air filter is working well in the winter months! Why?

- Tailpipe emissions release particulates that create havoc with drivers' and their passen-

gers' respiratory systems. When our outside temperatures even drop 20 degrees, this release is doubled. Cabin air filters can stop these particulates even when they are as small as one micron in diameter!

- Just like your car's battery, the warmer months cause the damage in cabin air filters that is often the result of failure in colder weather. If your vehicle seems to be struggling with heating/cooling issues, it could be due to leaves, bugs, and pollen build up in your cabin air filter. It did its job protect-


ing you and your passengers all spring, summer and fall, but now it is full of debris and needs to be changed.

- How's your defroster working? If you are finding it hard to see out the windshield, it could be due to a clogged cabin air filter. This clog restricts the blower and keeps it from delivering hot air to the windshield. This also lets you know that your cabin air filter is struggling and needs to be replaced.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

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Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

ARCADIA

Lunar New Year Celebration

Children and their families are invited to a special Lunar New Year Celebration at the Arcadia Public Library on Saturday, **January 18**, at 3 pm. The Library will celebrate the Year of the Rat with fun stories, activities, and a Lion Dance and presentation by Shin Dance Academy, sponsored by Sino US Performing Arts Organization. The program will be held in the Cay Mortenson Auditorium.

Visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library for more information or call the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room at 626.821.5566. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up

Does having a tidy home—one that stays that way—sound too good to be true? It's not! Arcadia Public Library is hosting a workshop led by Tiffany Ng on "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," on Saturday, **January 18**, from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Based on the KonMari Method, you'll learn the six simple rules for creating a space that empowers you to make your ideal lifestyle a reality.

Tiffany Ng completed her KonMari tidying festival in 2017 and became a certified KonMari consultant in 2018. Since then, she has taught over 300 hours of tidying lessons and has spoken at numerous events.

This event is free, but please call 626.821.5569 or stop by the Arcadia Public Library to register. For more information, please call 626.821.5569 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

Surprise Musical Presentation

Arcadia Senior Services is having a surprise musical presentation on Friday, **January 17** at 1:00pm. The program will feature Bluegrass, Folk and Old Time Music. Come join us for a sing along, clap along and refreshments! It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center,

365 Campus Drive. Cost is \$3 and you can purchase your ticket at the Arcadia Community Center. This presentation is for individuals age 50 and over. For additional information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

Importance of Colon Cancer Screening

Learn the importance of colon cancer screening. Dr. Ken D. Nguyen, gastroenterologist will discuss why you should be screened, what makes you at risk and different types of screenings. The free presentation will take place on Tuesday, **January 28** at 1:30pm, Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Arcadia Senior Services provide this health seminar in partnership with Methodist Hospital. If interested in attending this informative health program or for additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services, 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

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 Morongo Casino Trip

The Julia McNeill Senior Center will be heading to Morongo Casino on Wednesday, **January 22** from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. All players will receive \$10 in Free Play. If you get tired of gambling, spend time shopping at the Cabazon Outlets, an outdoor shopping experience featuring 19 specialty retailers in a relaxed open-air environment. As a reminder, the trolleys are always available to the Cabazon Outlets. Meals not included. Tickets are \$10 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$15 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

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 covina.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

DUARTE

Duarte Museum Needs Docents

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unteer 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 Meeting

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **January 28** 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: "Share an Heirloom". For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

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

Pick Your Own Oranges at Heritage Park

Enjoy a "Slice of La Verne's Past" while picking some of the best tasting oranges around. The Heritage Foundation offers you one of the last working orange groves in the area as a place to enjoy with your family. Bags of oranges are \$6, and mesh bags and the picking poles are supplied. The historic Weber house will also be open for tours from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Orange Picking is open Saturdays and continuing approximately until the beginning of March. For more information call (909) 293-9005 or check out their web site at www.laverneheritage.org. Heritage Park is at 5001 Via De Mansion, La Verne.

Get About

Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free. To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

League Of Women Voters to Discuss The 2020 Voting Process

The Nifty after Fifty, All Nations SDA Church has sponsored a special presentation on the new voting process in California in 2020. This presentation is offered by the League of Women Voters at the All Nations Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1948 Peck Road, Monrovia on Saturday, **January 18** at 3:00 p.m. This is not a political presentation. It will cover the new machines, registration, absentee ballots, and the Census. All Nations Church will provide the screen, projector and internet services. The presenters will provide the paper materials.

Evensong in Epiphany

The choir of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia will present the first Evensong of the new year on Sunday, **January 19**, at 4 p.m. at the church, 122 South California Avenue at Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia. The choir, with invited guest singers, will perform music for Evensong in Epiphany led by Director of Music Kent B. Jones. The program will include music by

Arthur Sullivan, John Ireland, and three selections from Mendelssohn's Christus. The Rev. Neil Tadken will be officiant and cantor.

A freewill offering will be taken, and a wine and cheese reception will follow in Guild Hall.

Monrovia Unified Elementary School to Celebrate Chinese New Year

Plymouth Elementary School's PTA will celebrate the Lunar New Year during Chinese New Year Family Night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, **Jan. 31** at Plymouth Elementary School, 1300 Boley St., Monrovia. The event will feature arts and crafts and a cultural dance student performance. The event was created to emphasize the school's Mandarin Dual Immersion curriculum and enhance students' learning of the language.

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

vices at (626) 256-8246.

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

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

WEST COVINA

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

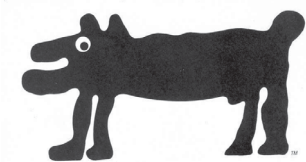
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets each Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Cortez Senior Center, located at 2501 E. Cortez St in the back classroom building. Visitors are always welcome and your first meeting is free. Come now and learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, motivation, and more every week. This group has motivated members from all over the San Gabriel Valley. For details, call Erika Hernandez at 6 2 6 - 3 8 4 - 0 5 0 2 (ehernandez57@aol.com).

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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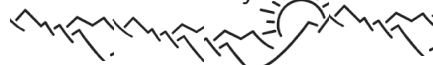
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It is Official, Kmart West Covina is Close



Kmart in West Covina is officially closed for good. Pink signs in the door says "Store Closed".

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - After decades of being in West Covina, the iconic big box store, Kmart has closed its doors and is gone. The surrounding communities had hoped that they would stay open, but with union's demands for higher wages and benefits, it became impossible to compete. It was not just this store, there are 100 other stores that are closing this year.

The West Covina store had been around for decades with their Blue Light Specials and bargains with their sale items.

If you needed it, Kmart had it. Social media has lit up with sadness about the departure of the famed store. Kmart did what it could to stay open for the holidays so people could get some special deals and save money, but that would then be the end of it.

Kmart has expressed sadness for their employees, but with the cost for wages and medical packages for the employees and other costs, it became impossible to keep their head above water. There are

other factors as well. Online purchases make it so customers can stay at home and buy. That does not allow for spontaneous purchases that would happen if they were in the store itself.

What's next for that location... well there seems to be a company that has an interest in the location. It is something along the lines of a specialty floor company, Floor and Décor. It already has a couple of stores in the San Gabriel Valley.

Emanate Health Releases 2019 "Year in Review" Video and Report to Chronicle Landmark Year for the Health System

COVINA - Marking a milestone year that included a name change, Emanate Health, the largest health care system in the San Gabriel Valley, today released a "Year in Review" video and report chronicling its 2019 achievements—which included a strategic rebrand from Citrus Valley Health Partners to become an integrated health care system serving more than one million people in the region.

"We've evolved from the community hospital down the street to become a comprehensive health care system with three hospitals and more than 16 primary and specialty care locations to choose from," said Emanate Health President & CEO Rob Curry. "Today, we are better prepared to cover our diverse populations with advanced medical care through every stage of life—from our Family Birth &

Newborn Center to the most preferred hospice and home care in our service area."

The video and report captures Emanate Health programs, events, accomplishments and accolades in 2019. The health system recruited new physicians from top medical schools, residency programs and fellowships, while adding state-of-the-art technology to deliver significantly easy access to advanced diagnosis and treatment of stroke, as well as to perform minimally invasive procedures.

"Emanate Health also added a new, hospital-based health center to meet the need for easy access to quality care in the San Gabriel Valley. We can now deliver upon our mission to provide the full continuum of care all in one place—from primary care to OB/GYN to pediatrics and more spe-

cialties," Curry said.

Emanate Health medical experts in Cardiology, Neurology and Women's Health were also named Top Doctors by the Los Angeles Business Journal, and hospitals in Covina, West Covina and Glendora consistently rank among the Best in the San Gabriel Valley.

"Our vision for the future is clear in the New Year. We will redouble our commitment to provide exceptional comprehensive health care for everyone that we serve," Curry said. "We want the people who live, work and play in our communities to know that Emanate Health is their source for quality health care—in their own backyard. Because this, is where healthy comes from."

Emanate Health 2019 Year In Review Video can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/381254019>

Trees Not Tombstones: New Options For End-of-Life



A beautiful forest can be a final resting place that brings comfort to family and friends.

The vast majority of Americans have not completed their end-of-life planning. In fact, over half of those age 45-plus have done no end-of-life planning at all, according to a recent survey conducted by Better Place Forests, the country's first sustainable alternative to cemeteries for families that choose cremation.

Better Place Forests hopes the idea of a beautiful, sustainable final resting place will encourage people to create those plans. Instead of tombstones, the company incorporates ashes into the base of beautiful trees in permanently protected forests. The company performs spreading ceremonies in the forest, where families can gather to say goodbye. Currently, there are two forests in California, in Point Arena in Mendocino County and in Santa Cruz, and the company plans to open more across the

country.

There is a growing trend toward greener burial options in the United States. According to the National Funeral Directors Association, nearly 54 percent of Americans are considering a green burial and 72 percent of cemeteries report an increased demand for green burials. Thousands of people have already reserved trees for themselves.

"Making plans and establishing guidelines for the end of your life means that loved ones don't have to guess about your wishes and you can give them the experience you'd like them to have when you pass," explained Sandy Gibson, CEO of Better Place Forests. "At Better Place Forests, we talk to people every day who find peace in knowing they have created a beautiful experience for their loved ones by selecting a family tree."

Beyond providing a more beautiful final resting place, choosing a tree in one of these memorial forests means you are leaving a legacy of conservation. The company performs spreading ceremonies in the forest, where families can gather to say goodbye and continue to visit—a feature current cremation options can't provide. The trusts also actively manage the land to ensure that it's less susceptible to forest fires. They hire forestry experts to keep the trees healthy and the forests free of invasive species. In addition, more trees are planted in areas in need for every tree a customer chooses. Thousands of trees have already been planted in forests devastated by the California wildfires.

Learn More
For further facts, visit www.betterplaceforests.com. (NAPSI)

Great Service Project Ideas for MLK Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, observed annually on the third Monday of January, is much more than a three-day weekend. It's an opportunity to honor Dr. King's legacy by participating in a service project that addresses social problems in your community. Here are a few project ideas to consider:

- Boost job readiness: For many members of the community, simple barriers exist to securing a good job. You can help job-seekers tighten their applications by assisting with resume preparation and conducting practice interviews. For guidance, look to organizations offering these services, such as Dress for Success, which helps women navigate gender-based



biases in the world of work. This is also a good organization to give gently used professional attire a second life.

- Narrow the literacy gap: There are currently 6.6 million U.S. children from birth through age 8 on track for reading failure, according to The Literacy Lab. Help narrow the achievement gap by volunteering your time to an organiza-

tion offering free tutoring to young people.

- Combat loneliness: Loneliness is an epidemic for America's elderly population, and unfortunately many seniors don't receive frequent visits from friends and family, if at all. Combat isolation by visiting a senior center or nursing facility and connecting with its residents. (SPM Wire)

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Baldwin Park Liquor Store Shooting Leaves One Dead, One Injured



The parking lot of this liquor store was the scene of the shooting.

By George Ogden

BALDWIN PARK - On Saturday, Jan. 11, around 6:30 p.m., Baldwin Park police responded to a shooting in the parking lot of liquor store in the 3200 block of Baldwin Park Blvd, which is near the corner of Baldwin Park Blvd and Francisquito. When officers arrived, they found two men down in the parking lot of J n J Liquor Store. Both men were suffering from gunshot wounds. One died at the scene and the other is recovering from two gunshot wounds at

the hospital.

This investigation is being conducted by both the Baldwin Park Police and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's homicide detectives.

Detective are going through various surveillance recordings and have other information that may lead to arrests. The names of the victims were not released. Sheriff's homicide detectives asked anyone with information regarding the shooting to call them at 323-890-5500.

Every Person Has A Name, A 25-hour Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony And Vigil To Commemorate UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day

PASADENA - Monday, January 27 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. To mark this important anniversary, and to commemorate UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys and the City of Pasadena are holding Every Person Has a Name. This 25-hour vigil will be held on the steps of Pasadena City Hall on Saturday, January 25 - Sunday, January 26, 2020.

The program will begin with a commemoration ceremony at 7:00pm and it will feature speeches from elected officials, including Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek, LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, local clergy, as well as a performance by the Jewish Federation's Jewish Youth Orchestra.

Immediately following the ceremony, the program will transition into the reading of the names of people who perished during the Holocaust. Holocaust survivors and children of Holocaust survivors from around the community will begin by reading the names of their family members who were murdered during the Holocaust, and then will be followed by volunteers from throughout the community reading names.

"With every passing day, survivors are dying, and with them go their stories... my concern is that the memories will be dying as well," explains Jason Moss, Jewish Federation's

Executive Director. "An event such as this allows the community to come together and to remember that each person that was killed was someone who lived and whose life was cut short. While our readers and those who listen may not know the people they are reading the

names for; by saying their names aloud... they are remembered."

The event is open to the public. Volunteers are still needed to read names during 30-minute blocks, especially between 1:00am - 4:30am. People can sign up by visiting

the Jewish Federation's website (www.jewishsgpv.org) or by calling 626.445.0810.

For more information about this event, please contact the Jewish Federation at 626.445.0810 or by sending an email to federation@jewishsgpv.org.

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- George Santayana


The Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys invite you to join us for *Every Person Has a Name* - a 25-hour Holocaust Remembrance vigil on the steps of the Pasadena City Hall.

The program will begin with a commemoration ceremony at 7 pm and immediately followed by a 24-hour vigil of reading the names of those who perished during the Holocaust. This event coincides with the UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the anniversary of liberation of the Auschwitz death camp.

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