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Foster Kids Celebrate New Families on National Adoption Day

By Sally Jeun
Southern California Edison

The past year has been a time of uncertainty for Simona Bustos as she waited to adopt her two granddaughters, Carly, 3, and Angel, 5.

Bustos has cared for Carly and Angel since birth, but had limited legal parental rights in the foster care system. She feared they might get separated from their three older siblings, who were already under her legal care due to family circumstances.

She finally set aside her worries Friday afternoon as Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Stephen Marpet declared Carly and Angel, smiling and dressed in matching outfits, were officially adopted in a Monterey Park courtroom overflowing with teddy bears and balloons.

"The adoption is very important to me because Carly and Angel will be able to grow up with their brother and sisters," said Bustos in Spanish through her pro bono lawyer from Southern California Edison. "I love all of my grandchildren dearly, and I do not want to lose my family or



Simona Bustos and her five grandchildren celebrated the adoptions of the two youngest siblings, Carly and Angel, on National Adoption Day.

have them suffer." Carly and Angel were among more than 230 foster children in Los Angeles County adopted into 'forever families' as part of National Adoption Day. About 5,000 adoptions took place across the country.

"At times, these families and children have endured consider-

able hardships and a long legal process to arrive at the final adoption hearing," said Ian Michael Forrest, a senior attorney at SCE who volunteered to represent Bustos in the adoption case. "It is a wonderful feeling to be present in the courtroom at the moment that the legal adoption process is finalized."

SCE's legal department assists with about 30 pro bono adoption cases per year, and Forrest is one of five SCE volunteer attorneys who helped families with their legal proceedings leading up to Adoption Day.

Forrest has taken on several pro bono adoption cases each

year for about 10 years through the opportunities made possible by SCE's partnership with Public Counsel, a nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services to children and families, many of them Spanish-speaking.

"It's been incredibly helpful that SCE has been able to assist our monolingual Spanish-speaking families," said Karen Ullman, adoption director of Public Counsel. "Because of the language barriers, sometimes our non-English-speaking families have had a difficult time accessing services and funding, so the advocacy work that SCE has done for those families has been especially significant."

After the adoption ceremony, Carly and Angel walked outside the courthouse hand in hand with their full entourage — grandma, big sisters and brother, Forrest as well as their social worker.

Angel might not fully understand the significance of her adoption, but she's sure about one thing. "I love my abuela (grandma)," she said.

After 40 Years, Cynthia Hernandez Laid to Rest in Glendora



Cindy's photo at the funeral service.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - It was an unusually windy morning, at 10 a.m. on December 2, 2016 at the Oakdale Cemetery in Glendora, when family and friends of 18 year old Cindy Hernandez gathered to bid a final farewell to an "angel." Cynthia May "Cindy" Hernandez' remains (ashes), were "laid to rest" in a small vault on a wall facing the offices of the Oakdale Memorial Park. Reverend Jeff Frohner, of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente, officiated at the remembrance ceremony. He said "It is a hard day. We shouldn't be here." He asked the attendees to sing "Jesus Loves Me." It was a very touching and emotional ceremony.

Cindy was born on June 7, 1958 to Romaldo and Gloria Hernandez. She was the second of three children. When Cindy was three years old, her mother and children left her husband in Texas and relocated in California. Gloria eventually divorced Romaldo and then married Thomas Desham, who became a loving step father to the three children.

Cindy had just graduated from Charter Oak High School in Glendora the year she disappeared. It was on a Thursday evening, on August 26, 1976, that she was eager on seeing a specific movie, which was finishing its run at the Fox Covina Theater. It was the last show of the day, at

9 p.m. The movie "The Omen" would be taken off the screen the next day. Cindy got into her white 1963 Chevrolet and drove to the theater. She drove to the parking lot and parked.

Gloria and Thomas got worried when Cindy did not return home that night. Thomas and their son Morrie went to the theater the next morning and found



Cindy's Mom Gloria Desham says thank you to Glendora police officers and gives them home baked cookies.

Cindy's car parked in the lot. They went to the police who treated the situation as a teenager who ran away from home! Cindy's frustrated parents could not convince the police that Cindy would not run away. Four days passed and the police released the car to the family and treated it as a missing person case.

Two months went by. A mountain cabin owner and his dog were enjoying the mountains. The dog was barking outside. The owner went out and found the dog with its paws around a human skull. A rib cage was later found under the

porch of the house. What remained was what the animals left behind. The Pearl necklace, school ring and love knot ring Cindy was wearing were never found. This was 1977 (before DNA). The case went cold. The authorities had no idea about the identity of the remains.

Where Gloria and Thomas were concerned, Cindy had vanished into thin air! They did everything they could to find her, they contacted just about every police department in the San Gabriel Valley, they wrote to the newspapers, distributed photos to the many police departments. They never gave up hope that their beautiful daughter would return.

Years went by, two decades, three decades and the family had no idea of what happened to their child. In 2012, the police departments now had access to DNA findings. DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is used to determine and compare genetic information from relatives.

was happy to hear that Cindy was found, she also found out that Cindy was dead.

During the Glendora Police Department's investigation, the trail led to San Bernardino County, where the bones were found. Charges were filed against Larry James Allred. The now 62-year-old Allred pleaded guilty to killing Cindy and was sentenced to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole in seven years!!!

Larry Allred had a previous record of raping a young girl. He served 90 days in a Youth Farm in that case. After the murder, he was arrested for kidnapping and fraud, in an unrelated case, for which he served 2 years of a 4 year term.

According to information gleaned from the trial, Allred pulled alongside Cindy's vehicle, got out, approached her with a knife and grabbed her. She fought hard and in the ensuing struggle he strangled her to death. Allred then put her lifeless body in his vehicle and drove to his mother's mountain home in Twin Peaks, California. He then buried her in a shallow grave in the compound.

The son of a "good family," Larry Allred was referred to as "the bad seed."

According to Gloria Desham, he showed no remorse during the court case, as a matter of fact, his behavior at the hearing could be referred to as being "pompous."

Retired Sergeant Marty Amaro, Detective Matt Fenner and Chief Tim Staab were among the officers of the Glendora Police Department who were present at the funeral service. Also at the service were Glendora Council Member Karen Davis and Deputy District Attorney Denise Yoakum, who did an exceptional job in prosecuting the case, and obtaining a guilty verdict.

At the cemetery, Gloria Desham thanked the police officers and the prosecutor in the case. She also gave them fresh baked cookies. Gloria said "You brought my baby back!"

Glendora Community Coordinating Council's November Recipient of the Youth Recognition Award



Glendora Community Coordinating Council awards Melissa Heredia the Youth Recognition Award at November's meeting with Cindy Romero, Senior Librarian at the Glendora Public Library and Gene Morrill, President of Glendora Community Coordinating Council.

GLENDORA - Melissa is an honor student from Glendora High School. She participates in the Key Club, plays piano, bass and the violin and is an active member of Glendora High School's String Quartet and a bass player in the orchestra. Melissa has volunteered over 200 hours at the Glendora Public Library since 2014 being a Math Buddies tutor, assisting young children and their families with their participation in the Summer Reading Challenge, supervising children's crafts and games and

shelving books in the children's room. In addition to these volunteer efforts Melissa also volunteers at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital and is active in her Girl Scout Troop. It is with great honor that Melissa was recognized with our November Youth Recognition Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to recognize each month. If you have a nominee, please visit our website at www.glendoraordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information.

Antonovich's Pets Of The Week: "Lucy" And "Milo"

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — At the Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented "Lucy," a 2-month-old Chihuahua mix, and "Milo," a 2-month-old domestic mix kitten ready to be adopted. For more information about adopting a pet, please call (562) 728-4610.



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Antonovich Pushes MTA To Retain Sheriff's Contract For Union Station

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - A motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, an MTA Director, asks the MTA to retain the Sheriff's Department contract to provide law enforcement services for Union Station as part of the new Transit Law Enforcement Services Contract.

"The primary goal of Metro's law enforcement contract is to ensure the safety of its passengers," Antonovich said in his attached motion. "The Sheriff's Department has developed a specialized team, the Threat Interdiction Unit, which is specifically trained to carry out its counter terrorism

mission at critical sites, such as Union Station."

The motion also directs the CEO to work with Sheriff's Department to determine the reasonable cost adjustments necessary for the department to perform these functions during the life of the contract.

Assemblyman Chris Holden Hosts Holiday Open House

PASADENA - In the spirit of the holidays, Assemblyman Chris Holden is hosting a Holiday Open House, on Wednesday, December 14th at 5:30 - 7:30 PM, benefiting Shoes That Fit, a charity that provides shoes and socks to local children in need. The public is invited to make a difference in a child's life by donating a new pair of athletic shoes or socks in size 10 youth through size 12 adult.

This event is open to the public, where attendees can learn about services offered through Assemblyman Holden's district office and discuss with the Assemblyman current legislation that addresses the basic needs of California's Youth.

Assemblyman Holden will also introduce the 2017 class of his Young Legislators Program, a program that provides

selected students from the 41st Assembly District an opportunity to learn about the legislative process, and the relationship between local and state government.

Special Entertainment by Upland Pocket Band, a Jazz Septet from Upland High School.

41st Assembly District Office is at 600 N. Rosemead Blvd, Suite 117, Pasadena.

Assemblyman Holden Introduces Student Transit Pass Bill

SACRAMENTO - Assemblyman Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) introduced AB 17 to enact the Transit Pass Program to assist with student public ridership. Public transit fares have risen considerably in many areas across the state. This bill addresses the lack of sufficient pedestrian, bicycling, and public transit opportunities in low-income and working class communities.

Recent reports suggest public transit ridership is decreasing across California, causing several public transit agencies to come dangerously close to missing the "fare box" revenue targets mandated by the federal government. Without reversing this trend, California will have a difficult time decreasing its petroleum use and achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

"California's leadership to address climate change requires a multifaceted approach that works for all of us. AB 17 is a

pragmatic solution to offer transit passes for students to fuel their education and making sure that less fuel is used to get them there. This bill would save money for students, reduce our carbon footprint, and energize urban transportation infrastructure."

Planning continues to be a huge need for active transportation—especially in low-resourced communities. Planning funds enable the development of meaningful and transformative infrastructure proposals that make the most of our limited state dollars for active transportation, all while addressing community residents' identified mobility and safety needs. The Transit Pass Program will provide low-cost, effective transportation options to budget conscious students, while providing local transportation agencies with statistically proven source of new riders, which should help offset the ridership losses in recent years.

Brian Saeki Named as New Covina City Manager

COVINA - The Covina City Council has selected Brian Saeki to be the new City Manager for the City of Covina. The selection process for the new City Manager began with a nationwide search through a professional recruiter resulting in over fifty interested applicants. The applicant pool was narrowed to seven candidates to be interviewed ultimately leading to Saeki being the Council's top choice.

Mr. Saeki has over nineteen years of public service experience and is currently the City Manager for the City of San Fernando - a full service city with just over 175 full and part time employees. His other experiences include working for the cities of Downey, Rosemead and Arcadia in various positions including

Community Development Director, Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Manager.

Mr. Saeki is very familiar with Covina and the San Gabriel Valley having both lived and worked here for over twenty years. He continues to call the San Gabriel Valley his home where he is raising his two young children. Professionally he is a member of the International City Managers Association and the California City Managers Foundation and has served on numerous regional taskforces. Academically he holds a B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona and a M.S. in Public Administration from California State University Northridge.

The City Council is expected to approve his employment contract at the next council meeting on December 6, 2016, and he will assume the position just after the new year.

Mayor Kevin Stapleton said "I and the council are excited to have Mr. Saeki join us as our Covina City Manager. We are confident he will bring his leadership and team building spirit to accomplish great things here. He comes with a unique experience of leading a full service city and having worked for contract cities. His depth of experience in economic development promises to invigorate our efforts to overcome the economic downturn of the recent past and lead Covina to new heights."

Charter Oak Unified School District First Annual Christmas Parade and Fireworks Show on December 9

COVINA - Charter Oak Unified School District is the leading district in the San Gabriel Valley with outstanding employees that offer exemplary programs and services. The district is excited to feature their amazing accomplishments and offerings at the Charter Oak Holiday Parade on December 9 at 6:00pm.

Get in the holiday spirit and set your chairs up along Mangrove Avenue, Cienega Avenue, Bonnie Cove Avenue and Covina Boulevard to view the parade. (Parade starts and ends at Charter Oak

Park.) After the parade, browse the Holiday Festival, visit vendors and partake of the food trucks at Charter Oak High School! Bring blankets to set up on the Charter Oak High School Stadium field to watch the fireworks display. (Blankets only; no chairs. No food or drinks allowed on the field.)

Los Angeles County Supervisor-Elect Kathryn Barger said she is honored to participate in the inaugural Charter Oak Holiday Parade, "Charter Oak is an exemplary school district with many wonderful programs that I

am excited to see featured in the parade. Excellence in education is evidenced by the support and participation of the staff, students and community throughout Charter Oak Unified." Dr. Hendricks, District Superintendent, is happy to see the excitement, and even some competition, among the school sites. "We have over 60 participants in our parade and some of the plans for the entries are being kept top secret. It will be great fun to see the results of everyone coming together to support our school district."

Portantino Sworn in as State Senator for District 25

Portantino's first day of legislative session promotes three key legislative priorities

SACRAMENTO - Sen. Anthony J. Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge) joined other newly elected Senators in the 40-member upper house of the State Legislature. With his daughter Sofia by his side, Portantino was sworn in as the State Senator for the 25th District.

"I'm honored to join the California State Senate and appreciate the many friends who helped me get here. I'm excited to be in a position to work on issues that are important to my district," commented Portantino, who previously represented the area as Assembly Member for the 44th District.

Portantino used the first day of the legislative session to promote three key legislative priorities.

Portantino introduced SB 25, which seeks to create a plan to fully integrate a guaranteed K-14 education. In the Assembly, Portantino was a champion for greater cooperation between community colleges and high schools. SB 25 takes these efforts further, creating a complete K-14 education model in place

of separate K-12 and post-secondary education models.

"At a time when our economy demands that our students are better prepared, it is imperative that our education model changes with the times," added Portantino.

Always focused on "good government" reform and transparency, Portantino re-introduced SB 24, which updates the Political Reform Act to create better and more accurate financial disclosure requirements for elected representatives.

"Looking at Washington, it is clear that it can be hard to get elected leaders to recognize the importance of transparency. I hope that with all the recent focus on conflict of interest, now is the time for California to lead by example and embrace greater disclosure," commented Portantino.

Portantino also introduced SB 23 to extend necessary funding for California's Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program. Portantino created the Cord Blood program while in the Assembly but its funding is set to

sunset next year. SB 23 extends the funding to continue the important public health program for another decade. Because of Portantino earlier efforts, the University of California Davis Hospital has been storing cord blood stem cells and using them to cure leukemia and other blood-related diseases.

"Saving stem cells and curing cancer go hand in hand, and I'm very excited to have found a bipartisan effort to aid that cause. It was very important to me that I begin my time in the State Senate, on issues that save lives and have significant impacts," concluded Portantino.

Sen. Portantino represents about 930,000 people in the 25th Senate District, which includes Burbank, Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, Atwater Village, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, Duarte, San Dimas, Glendora, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland.

Sierra Vista High Transforms Library into Tech-Rich Student Collaboration Center

Project is part of a \$175,000 infusion of new technology

BALDWIN PARK - Sierra Vista High School will hold a grand opening at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 for a renovated library that features five tech-infused stations where students can work together on group projects.

The renovation is at the core of a \$175,000 transformation that re-envisioned how the space can foster collaboration.

"We have increased our career pathways in the areas of technology and now we need our library to reflect this growth and be a resource to our students," Sierra Vista Principal

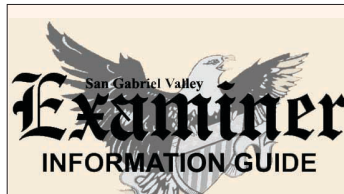
Christine Simmons said. "The modernized library will open new opportunities for students to collaborate with the digital devices and other resources they need."

Two stations are set up in private rooms; three more are in the library's main room. Each includes a flat-screen TV that can be connected to student laptops via Bluetooth, wheeled chairs and upgraded Wi-Fi. The private rooms feature stereo sound systems.

As part of the tech expansion, students can check out 25 new HP laptops for in-library

use and work in a computer lab that hosts 20 HP desktops. Sierra Vista High School plans to buy iPads and Mac desktops next year. The project will serve as a model for campus transformations across Baldwin Park Unified.

"These tools are critical to our students' efforts to prepare for college and the increasingly complex challenges of today's job market," Superintendent Froilan Mendoza said. "Our goal is to create areas where technology, collaboration and learning meld seamlessly."



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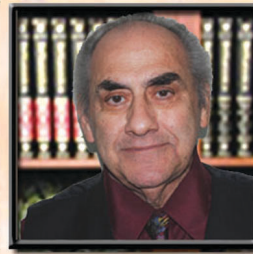
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Time to Bury the Hatchet and Move Forward

I started watching the 8 a.m. Sunday news shows where journalists interview politicians or political players. The journalists were throwing out names of President-Elect Trump's cabinet and other appointments that have been made and still need to be made.

I was switching channels - back and forth - trying not only to escape the commercials, but catch all the commentary I could. Maybe switching channels I missed something, but I wasn't hearing a lot of complaints about the appointments that have been made so far.

I think I picked up something about the phone call from Taiwan not being appropriate because it would upset China. But then it was pointed out President Obama called and had conversations with Cuban President Fidel Castro and that was, in this columnists opinion, a more egregious act than receiving a phone call and taking it out of pure courtesy and appropriate protocol from a democratically elected woman President from Taiwan. All in all, a very quiet Sunday morning after the raucous election we all went through and almost got used to watching.

Republicans have successfully captured the Presidency, the House of Representatives and the Senate but it will be no smooth ride on implementation of any of Trump's proposals.

California will be front and center and ready to battle. Sanctuary cities is the first issue surfacing as a concern to locals - big and small - because of the threat to withhold federal funds from those 32 cities nationwide who protect undocumented immigrants. A sanctuary city is defined as a city that has adopted a policy of protecting illegals by not prosecuting them for violating federal immigration laws.

And, a side note here. It is not local law enforcement's responsibility to enforce immigration law, it is the feds who are supposed to do that. But it is also not appropriate for local governments to shield illegal immigrants or remain uncooperative with the feds when they attempt



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

enforcement.

Everything I've read indicates President-Elect Trump's targets on the immigration issue are those undocumented immigrants here who have committed crimes and are roaming the streets or incarcerated in local jails or our prison system. I have heard testimony from those who have lost children and other relatives at the hands of illegal immigrants who refuse to obey the law. Repetitive drunk driving offenses eventually killing while under the influence; repetitive acts of violence; and, infractions with deportation only to come back and reoffend are the targets first up. Why would anyone want to protect a criminal, especially those who have committed violent crimes? Or worse, repeat offenders? Do we really need them to be in this country?

The second issue that has become extremely important is Obamacare and speaking generically, all health care in general. In my organization we've seen the insurance costs rise dramatically with additional promises of somewhere between 13% to 20% additional increases in the next two years. The Trump promise: To provide health insurance that is more affordable for everyone without taking away some of the most desired and needed aspects of health care insurance. Pre-existing conditions, coverage for children still at home because of a bad economy and no job yet - these are important to the average citizen. I haven't heard that will disappear.

Shouldn't President-elect Trump be given the chance to find and create a better and less ex-

pensive way to create a health care program that perhaps we would all eventually be happy with ... or least as happy as one can be with insurance? Why wouldn't we want to have more affordable health care?

A victory for Trump this week included saving Carrier Corporation but with potshots being fired over providing tax incentives to allow them to stay. We now have 1,100 people going into the holiday season with a paycheck and that warm fuzzy feeling of having a job and being able to pay the bills. Trump said he was going to create / save jobs and he has done that. What's the problem here?

Los Angeles area has seen some improvement in job growth but manufacturing still is pretty much a flat line. Our corporations have left California and some have left the country taking jobs with them leaving workers here unemployed. It is time to remedy that situation. If President-elect Donald Trump can do that by offering tax incentives, we should be supportive. At least let him provide the incentives to stay until the environmental and tax rate issues can be adjusted to allow companies to be able to afford to stay in this country rather than fleeing to areas with less restrictive laws.

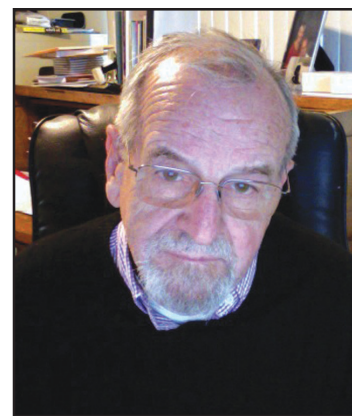
The election is over and Donald Trump won that election much to the surprise of many and the same many Washington D.C. establishment people are now in the process of burying the hatchet and moving forward. We should all take two steps back, take a deep breath and give the new President a chance to prove himself by making good on those campaign promises that will make America Great Again.

Reaching Toward Greatness

At some time in the past, was the United States a great nation whose former greatness now needs to be recovered; or is ours a nation whose greatness lies somewhere in the future; or are we a nation that is great today? I suppose the answer to that question lies in how one defines greatness-what it means to be a great nation.

There have been nations or empires scattered throughout history who were powerful enough to control everything around them-to the farthest reaches of the known world. Their military might could not be challenged. Their cache of weapons was capable of destroying everything and everyone it touched, and still they longed for more. "Build up our military" was a political sales pitch. Their economic hegemony determined not only the rise and fall of the world's markets, but also who should survive and who should not. Their doctrinal convictions dominated religion. Their borders were secure, and they kept out the unwanted. These mighty world powers were able to rid themselves of those they found unacceptable.

Their national might was largely in the hands of strong men. One thinks of the powerful rulers we have recently deposed or tried to: Saddam, Kaddafi, Mubarak, Bashar al-Assad. The conquering strong man may himself have been a misogynist, a sexual predator, someone who ridiculed the disabled, a liar and a cheat. He may have amassed a great fortune on the backs of those beneath him, and called himself smart for using obscure tax laws that provided him a way to pay nothing. When in power he might have made certain that those who had also amassed fortunes were treated to even great-



Charles H. Bayer

er wealth. He might have considered himself to be the leader of the world, and with that egotistical image belittled what he believed to be weaker nations. But if he frightened enough of his own people into feeling unsafe in a dangerous world, it did not matter what he had done or what he believed. He and his ambition would prevail.

One thinks back to such a strong man who said, the night after he became his nation's chancellor, "the Christian faith will safeguard the soul of the German people." But for him and his party, religion was used as a weapon against those in his nation who did who did not bow to the to the twisted cross version of the Christian faith. To make good on these claims, he eliminated those he believed to be a threat-including 6 million Jews. He amassed what he believed to be the most powerful military force on the planet, and used that might to control Europe. It was only when the rest of the world-or most of it-said "stop!" that he, his party and his nation were brought down.

A nation that believes in this definition of greatness will build walls to keep undesirable neighbors out, and then cross over those walls to establish settlements and even cities on land that is not theirs. And it would make

certain that these whose land it occupied did not have the same military might the occupying nation possessed, and were limited to throwing stones and firing rockets which did little more damage than firecrackers.

Am I talking about Germany, or Israel or the United States? Perhaps I am talking about any nation wherein the shoe fits.

A nation holding that definition of greatness will ignore what the scientific world knows to be true, even if the crisis threatens everyone's survival. If, for instance, climate change interferes with national hegemony or does not promote domestic economic growth, it is to be discounted, and the world's scientists ridiculed.

The leaders of such a nation will spin a web of racial slurs, covering the language with softer euphemisms-such as "urban poverty" or "reverse discrimination," and will appoint to high positions long-time racists who may have modified their rhetoric, but not their convictions. A government which begins to live out of this perspective will market its philosophy internally to whomever it believes feels left behind, or marginalized, or overtaken by anyone who looks or talks differently, or has recently arrived from elsewhere.

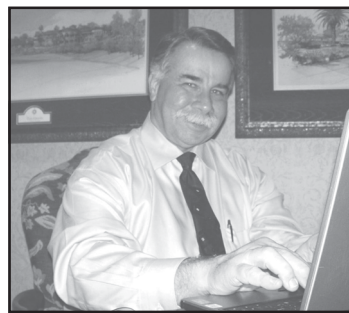
For those of us deeply distressed about the present implications of the above definition, it will become clearer whether our newly elected President, who will come into office without winning the nationwide popular vote, will take this path or seek a very different definition of what makes a great nation. In a few weeks I will suggest what a very dissimilar definition of greatness might look like.

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Crime is Up, We Should Be Able to Kill When...

Today, crime is up. Even though the statistics show that the crime rate hasn't increased that much is because of the politicians and legislators who have decriminalized many crimes. They consider some misdemeanors not a crime, when in the past they were. Assembly Bill 109 was passed because of overcrowding in our prisons allows prisoners to be released early after serving hardly no time at all for their crimes. These people are among us. Granted, some of these are petty criminals, however there is a high-volume of dangerous felons that are being released under this program. Do you know where they are? They are in your neighborhood.

Let's go back in history. Back in the 1800s, the method of transportation was a horse. You could saddle it up, or attach it to a buggy to get to places you need to go. They took people to work, to the doctor, to the stores and towns. If someone was to steal that transportation and become a horse thief, you could basically shoot them on sight with no repercussion as long as there was validity to the fact that they stole a horse. Today our method of transportation is our cars. The horse and the car has a lot in common. They are critical for transportation to get from point A to point B. One you put gas in it, and the other passes gas. Seriously,



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

if you think about it, there's no difference in what they are used for. You can shoot a horse thief and become a hero. If you shoot a car thief, chances are you could go to jail for protecting your property. My question is, why can't we kill these people that steal from us whether it be a car, our wallets, or property? They say the punishment doesn't match the crime. If you try to physically stop these people from committing a crime against you or your property, you can bet your butt, that these criminals will try to kill you.

They say, that killing a car thief doesn't match the penalty for the crime. I would like to know who made up that rule. If somebody is breaking into your house with your family there and you blow them away, he should be given a medal.

You always heard that if somebody's breaking into your house and you end up shooting them outside, you need to drag

them inside the house to make it legal. Don't even think about doing that. That is not the truth at all. The fact of the matter is, if you are "in fear of your life" under any circumstances and you have to defend yourself by killing the aggressor, or to protect somebody else from harm, you are good to go. If there is that opportunity to get them to surrender before they are neutralized, then make that effort. Remember, if you are in fear of your life, or the life of somebody else, most likely this will be a justified homicide.

You often hear, "call the police because they are only minutes away." However, you often hear this, "the police are only minutes away when only seconds matter."

One thing is, don't be stupid and run around like a cowboy shooting up the bad guys. If your house is being broken into and you call the police, and you go outside with a gun to protect you and your family from the criminals breaking in, when the police arrived, it is not a good idea to run out to them to let them know you're the homeowner with a gun in your hand. Good chance those police officers may be the last living thing you see. If the police arrive, immediately get into your house and if it is safe to disarm yourself, do it. You do not want to answer the door with a firearm in your hand. It is not healthy.

Chances are, that these criminals that are committing these crimes such as graffiti, breaking into houses, stealing cars, robbing and beating people and so on, are often armed and there is a good chance they will kill you to try to get away from being caught. Do what you can to protect yourself and your family. If you can't safely neutralize the situation, give up the property and/or back off. If you have a concealed weapons permit and you are out and about, and there is a crime going down against somebody else or yourself, be careful. Chances are that there are other people in-

involved in committing the crime that you don't know about.

An example is, many years ago, an off-duty law enforcement officer by the name of Pompeii was in a supermarket when a take over robbery occurred. After witnessing a beating of an employee, the officer felt the need to make a heroic effort to stop this action and save this individual from further harm or possibly death. He pulled his weapon and identified himself as an officer and basically got the drop on the thieves that he could see, but sadly, he did not know about the another party behind him who had a gun and killed him. You need to be careful about your surroundings. Don't compromise your own life or the lives of others by trying to be a hero. If you carry a concealed weapon, and you see officers in trouble and you attempt to assist them, you better be damn sure that they know you are the good guy. If not, they may mistake you for an armed criminal and drop you in a flash.

I can't help but feel that we should go back to the old days and protect ourselves and our family and those that are in need. I look at it this way, if you are committing a crime, no matter how petty or how serious, there's a good chance that you may be armed and could put my life in danger. If I try to prevent you from committing that crime, or try to take you down for committing said crime, without question I would give you the opportunity to stop what you're doing and be allowed to be taken into custody. If you challenge me and threaten me, take a look at me and I want you to think, "Is this the last living thing I want to see before I die?" I am over weight and ugly, so think about it.

If you want to commit crimes against the people, and you should happen to die in the process no matter what you are doing, I'm okay with that.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Annual 'Wish Lists' For Holiday Gifts For The Kids Available At Haynes Family Of Programs

LA VERNE - Santa's helpers interested in helping give the kids at the Haynes Family of Programs in La Verne something to wish for this Christmas are invited to pick up a wish list for holiday gifts - and then come back for the annual gift wrap party and holiday lighting festivities.

Children's "wish lists," designed to make sure every child has a gift to open on Christmas morning, are now available at Haynes Family of Programs for holiday gift ideas.

The wish lists, which are available by e-mail or on handwritten Santa cards, provide an opportunity each year for members of the community to help bring holiday cheer to the 72 boys and teens in residence (ages 7 to 18), 190 boys, girls and teens with autism, developmental and learning disabilities attending school on the La Verne campus (ages 5 to 22), and nine young men who have "aged out" of foster care.

Community members also can fulfill a child's holiday wish by donating a gift card (to Target, Walmart, Kohl's, movie tickets, etc.), donating unwrapped gifts that will be matched to a child's wish list, or making a tax-deductible donation to help support the Haynes Family of Programs holiday gift campaign and activities for the children. Gifts typically average \$25 to \$35 in value and should be delivered to the Haynes campus by Friday, Dec. 9.

In addition, volunteers are invited to join the annual holiday gift wrapping party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, to help wrap gifts and enjoy holiday treats. Volunteers or groups of volunteers are asked to bring wrapping paper, tape and gift tags.

Thrivent Financial will provide children's personalized safety identification information, also at no cost.

For more information, contact (909) 593-2581, ext. 583.

Christmas Trees At La Verne Heritage Park

LA VERNE - Bring the family to Heritage Park in La Verne to experience Christmas on a farm. Choose from the freshest and finest in Noble, Grand, and Douglas firs from Oregon. Weekend "sleigh" rides through the orange orchard are \$2. Come early to purchase or reserve your tree! Hours are Monday - Thursday noon - 8:30 p.m., Fridays noon - 9:00 p.m. and weekends

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A straw maze for the children and a country store in the barn are added for your enjoyment. On December 10th, the La Verne Heritage Foundation will open the historic Weber House for tours during the Winter Wonderland event.

Heritage Park is at 5001 Via De Mansion. For more information, call (909) 293-9005 or visit www.laverneheritage.org.

Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, news and event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExaminer@aol.com. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.



Things Are Seldom Completely As They Seem

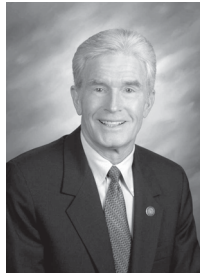
Things are not always what they seem, and recent events clearly exemplify that fact. Consider that Hillary Clinton was a favorite in nearly every poll leading up to the election, but Trump won.

In campaigns, things are often intentionally made to seem what they are not. Consider that "Crowds on Demand" is an American publicity firm where you can hire a lot of strangers to attend your event. The owner of the company has even admitted that people running for Congress, the Senate, and even the Presidency have used his services to appear to have more supporters. "Our business is about cultivating perception. Its basic marketing," founder Adam Swart said in *The Atlantic*. Early on, the article says, the Trump campaign hired actors for his appearances. This may or may not have impacted the recent political 'black swan' event that occurred, but it was a tactic many employed.

Having someone else make things 'seem what they are not' is one thing, but doing it to yourself is another thing. Consider that Facebook is under fire because of not only the "fake news" phenomenon, but also what many call the algorithmic bubble effect. If you are not familiar with this, Facebook has "smart algos" that identify what you like to see and feed you similar information while suppressing opposing information. This potentially has far-reaching effects, allowing a tremendous segment of the population to see life through rose-colored glasses of their own making. This is especially true of the recent presidential election. We obviously need to reassess and come to terms with our new information age - one where facts seem to have less value and 'eyeball time' has more value. "Spin" seems far amplified compared to prior eras. Perhaps there will be a shift back to facts and traditionally unbiased media, if there is still such a thing.

Three weeks ago, it seemed that Financials, Industrials, and

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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Healthcare were cursed to spend their days dwelling near the bottom of the worst-performing sectors lists. Well, once again things were not what they seemed. Looking at the past few weeks' performance of Financials alone, it would seem that we are in a totally different era altogether. The rotations in the market have been violent and eye-catching. Last week's market looked very different from the market of three weeks ago.

The Standard & Poor's Financials Sector Index has rocketed more than 12% since the beginning of November. For a sector that seemed unloved for so long, this change is certainly refreshing to many. Banks have been leading the charge as Trump's victory may have positive implications for banks in regards to Dodd/Frank regulations. The Federal Reserve's stated reasons for procrastination regarding interest rates now seem less convincing. The data is more positive and the election is out of the way.

Naturally, this has had a more negative effect on sectors sensitive to rates. Real Estate, Telecommunications, and Utilities have been punished substantially for the past three months, as has Consumer Staples. What was previously the strongest sector, Information Technology, has taken a clear back seat to first Financials, and now Industrials.

Creeping up on us is the shockingly inspiring nine-month performance of Financials, much of which can be attributed to action in the most recent weeks. Financials, Industrials, Energy, and Technology (despite facing

recent pressure) seem to be where the focus of inflows is now.

Still, things may not be what they seem. Politicians like to create perceptions. We create, even if unknowingly, our own perception. Almost everywhere you look, what lies beneath the surface is not necessarily what we expected.

Whether you supported Trump or not, he is our President-elect. The public has spoken and this election was voted on and decided the same way our prior elections have been. Our freedoms entitle us to support our new President - and also to voice our opinions for things we don't agree on. That's what makes America the place it is. Given that a Trump victory was supposed to tank the markets - and didn't - that perception is also not what it seemed. The markets clearly like a Trump victory, or at the very least they like the end of the uncertainty surrounding the election.

As we struggle to make sense of a dynamically undulating market, we must view everything with healthy skepticism. Short covering in weaker sectors, for instance, may not just end there. These weaker sectors may now possibly become the engines of a new bull market. Only time will tell, but there is much many can be excited about in terms of sector rotations now. It will be interesting to see what unfolds, to say the least.

We have a habit of constructing reality around perceptions. This becomes tricky when our perceptions are created for us by others, or even worse, through our own bias by ourselves. Michelangelo said: "If people knew how hard I worked to get my mastery, it wouldn't seem so wonderful at all."

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Is there a way for me to legally increase my taxable deductions for 2016?

If you are a homeowner, make your January mortgage payment in December so that you get that extra amount of interest deduction. If you are close to reaching the limit for the medical expenses deduction, and were putting off a medical procedure until 2017, reschedule for 2016. Or, purchase a long-term care insurance policy, as this also counts under the medical deduction. Making a contribution to an individual IRA might help, too. It would be best talk with a CPA.

Which is best: an annuity, or life insurance with a cash account?

It depends on your specific situation and needs, and what you want that investment to do for you. Each product has its own advantages. Life insurance offers you a higher payout for your beneficiaries if you were to pass sooner than later, and some of the money you pay is used to cover the premium. Life insurance with a cash account offers you the death benefit, plus the tax-advantaged potential pot of money to access while you are alive. Annuities can be a way to save for retirement, with company-backed guarantees that you cannot lose your money. There are long-term annuities, and there are immediate annuities with scheduled monthly or annual payouts. If you don't qualify for life insurance, it's a simple choice to go with an annuity.

Other than the obvious, what are the advantages and disadvantages of annuities with a bonus compared to those with-



Julia Yoder

out a bonus?

Annuities with a bonus often offer to pay lower interest rates, whereas annuities without a bonus sometimes offer a higher interest rate. It's all a matter of figuring out what's best for each individual. Although I can inform you through this column, it's in a very general way. Each person has their own current situation along with different goals on what they want their money to do for them. An individual analysis of these details is necessary to determine what is most suitable for you.

Is it possible to take some money from my retirement account at work and move it into an IRA?

This type of move is called an "in-service distribution." Check with H.R., or see if your retirement plan document indicates whether or not your employer-sponsored retirement plan permits you to roll over some of these funds into an Individual Retirement Arrangement while you are still working for that employer. If allowable, and if done correctly, it should not cause a taxable event, and there

should be no early (pre-age 59 1/2) withdrawal IRS penalty of 10%. Some may be wondering why you want your own IRA. Reasons for moving some of your retirement money are: freedom to participate in a wider range of allocation choices, better guarantees (like a guarantee that you cannot lose your principal), better protection in case the company goes bankrupt, and more control over distribution to beneficiaries.

My grandfather recently died. He'd named me as the beneficiary on his annuity. Is this like life insurance? How do I make the claim?

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. How you file the claim and receive that payout depends on that specific annuity policy's rules, whether or not it's within a trust, or if your grandfather set up any other payout guidelines. For right now, do nothing until you thoroughly review the annuity policy. A life insurance agent, or a call to the annuity company can help. Trying to make the claim incorrectly can result in a considerable loss of funds.

Got a question? Ask Julia by email:

Email questions and comments to: julia.yoder@yahoo.com

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Housing Rights Center To Host Free Workshop On Rent Increases, Evictions, Discrimination, Foreclosure And More!

MONTEREY PARK - The Housing Rights Center (HRC), and the City of Monterey Park, will be hosting a FREE 'Fair Housing Workshop' for Monterey Park landlords, tenants and community members on Friday, **December 13th**, 2016 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Bruggemeyer Library Friends Room located at 318 S. Ramona Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754. HRC will present information and resources regarding housing discrimination and landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.

Topics will include: discrimination against families with children, disability rights, sexual harassment, evictions, repairs, security deposits, rent increases, substandard conditions, and much more!

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the "Fair Housing Act," provides protection from discrimination in all housing related transactions based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status and disability. Furthermore, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act provides additional protections against housing discrimination based on marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, and source of income. The California Unruh Civil Rights Act also provides protection from housing discrimination

based on age and protects the right to freedom from violence and intimidation in housing.

For more information, or to RSVP for this FREE workshop, please call Oscar at (800) 477-5977 extension 1103. TTY users please call (213) 201-0867. This location is handicap accessible.

HRC is California's largest nonprofit, civil-rights agency dedicated to promoting and securing fair housing. HRC investigates over 1,600 housing dis-

crimination complaints annually and assists over 17,000 individuals with their housing-related concerns. Individuals who believe they are victims of housing discrimination or who have questions about the fair housing laws or their landlord-tenant rights are encouraged to contact HRC for additional information at 1-800-477-5977 (voice) or 213-201-0867 (TTY). Additional information is also available at www.housingrightscenter.org.

FPH Auxiliary Holds Holiday Open House

GLENDORA - To usher in the holiday season and to thank the community for its continued support, The Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary would like to invite you to attend their annual Holiday Open House and Sale to be held on Monday, **December 14th** between 2 and 6 pm. The gift shop will be offering beautiful, unique items perfect for those important people on your list. We will also be selling See's Candy

as well as chances to win a beautifully decorated table top tree. Delicious goodies along with warm beverages will be served. Remember, the proceeds of this sale will go towards capital improvements of the hospital and our scholarship fund.

If you would like more information on this event or are interested in joining our wonderful group of volunteers, please call (626)857-3103.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Hope For Your Vehicle's Transmission

Transmission repairs have become an interesting phenomenon in the automotive repair industry. I thought I would share some information with you that could result in saving you money!

- Most cars will start to experience transmission issues around age six
- When a check engine light illuminates, 20% of the time it is because of the transmission.
- 50% of those issues can be fixed easily
- 80% of repair shops, because they don't have enough knowledge about transmissions will tell you it needs to be replaced. That is because for them it is just easier to replace the entire thing since they don't know enough about transmissions to fix it or don't want to be bothered with it.

Many consumers are keeping their vehicles longer these days due to the economy. We make sure we help in this area. Consumers might opt to buy a different car rather than pay to repair their current one if the cost is high. Replacing a transmission is a lot to pay for a repair and if the vehicle will need more of the same, say in six months, I am completely up front with them. I want them to make the right de-

cision for them and for their budget.

If you feel you are having transmission problems, before you pay out an exorbitant amount of money to have it replaced, ask what the problem is exactly. A really good shop, like Certified Automotive Specialists, can save you a lot of money! The average repair shop just guesses instead of investigating.

Sometimes, of course, it really does need to be replaced but again, a shop that really knows

what they are doing will give you options rather than "just replace it" as a solution.

If you suspect your vehicle is experiencing transmission problems, give us a call! We'll tell you upfront what the problem is! We want to be the solution to your vehicle problems!

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Duarte Historical Museum Winter Solstice Craft Fair December 10

DUARTE - Fine art, local crafts, authors signing, food and entertainment will be featured at the Winter Solstice Craft Fair on **December 10**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Encanto Park, 751 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society & Museum.

Authors include Bradbury resident Marisela Adams and her riveting novels and a peek into her upcoming novel: *KissZZZZzzz*; C.R. King and his *Fraternity of Gun Fighters* and other books on the Wild West; Paul Rippens'

Historic Mt. Lowe: a Hiking Guide to the Mt. Lowe Railway and The Saint Francis Dam; Elizabeth Pomeroy will discuss her many books on history of the San Gabriel Valley; Alan Heller's books on *Life on Route 66*; *Duarte Chronicles and Curiosities of the California Desert*. *Images of America: Duarte* will be presented by co-author Neil Earle.

Gourmet tamales by Napoleon Ortega and Paninis will be on sale. Many crafters will offer

unique gifts for the holidays such as candles, hand-crafted kitchen items, ponchos, tees, paintings, jewelry and more. There will be entertainment throughout the day. Monrovia Jim Constantian will play music from the 40s on his vintage record machine and the sounds of former Duartean Glenn Miller will fill the air.

Admission to the fair is free. For more information call Claudia Heller, President of the Duarte Historical Society & Museum, at 626 253-5573.

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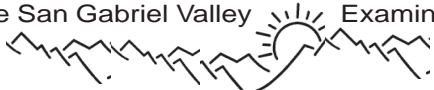
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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

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.

ARCADIA

Snowflake Bunco

Arcadia Senior Services is hosting a Snowflake Bunco afternoon with refreshments on Friday, **December 9** at 12:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Gift cards will be awarded to the individuals with the following accolades: most wins, most losses, most Buncos and most baby Buncos. In addition to these rewards, there will be a chance to win raffle prizes. Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased at the Arcadia Community Center for an all-inclusive price of \$10. For questions and more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our **December 15** Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at

7:30 p.m. Our Program/Demonstration on Adgias Virus Test Strips, will be presented by members Jim Gomes and David Campen. We hope to see you there!

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.

COVINA

Toy Loan Program At Covina Public Library

In partnership with Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, the Covina Public Library offers a new Toy Loan Program, a toy lending service allowing children to borrow toys. Honor Awards are also given to children who bring toys back on time. The Toy Loan Program is sponsored by the LA County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services. For more information, or to sign up please visit the Children's Department. Covina Public Library is located at 234 N. Second Ave, Covina.

For more information, please call (626)384-5303.

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.

DUARTE

Youth Boxing Program

Youth Boxing is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable coaches are here

to teach the fundamentals of boxing, while developing footwork, speed and upper body strength. The training program will also help children gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

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 \$2. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

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.

GLENDORA

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-9:30 pm at

Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

Glendora Public Library launches e-magazines!

GLENDORA - Visit the Glendora Public Library website, www.glendoralibrary.org, to download the latest copies (and back issues, too) of your favorite magazines. Titles available include: Consumer Reports, Cooking Light, Men's Health, People, Sports Illustrated, Lonely Planet Traveller and more! For more information, please contact the Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit us at www.glendoralibrary.org.

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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 **Senior Movies & Munchies**

The Department of Commu-

nity Services invites you to attend the FREE Movies and Munchies program open to all active adults and seniors 50 years and older. Enjoy an afternoon movie and then browse the Library's collection of movies available for rent. For additional information and future movie titles, please contact (626) 256-8246. Movies & Munchies is at the Library Community Room, 321 South Myrtle Avenue on the **Last Friday of the month** at 12:00 p.m.

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.

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 Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center is 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.

EYE-DAS Holiday Dinner and Party

GLENDORA - Eye-Das hosts its annual Holiday Party at all 3 clubs. Glendora dinner provided by Village Eatery and cost is \$10 per person. Entertainment by Profectus singing group. West Covina is a pot luck lunch and Arcadia has lunch included.

EYE-DAS ["Eye Diseases are serious"] provides social and educational services to the visually impaired throughout

the San Gabriel Valley. Clubs meet in Glendora on **December 12** in the La Fetra Center at 6:30p.m.; in Arcadia on **December 13** at the Assistance League Building on Alta at noon. Both the visually impaired and their friends and family members are always welcome. For more information, contact EYE-DAS at (626) 335-3937 or (909) 392-0488.

Cookies, Cakes And Comedy

An evening with Comedian Jeff Applebaum at Temple Beth Israel

POMONA - Spend a fun-filled evening, Saturday, December 10, 2016, 7:30 PM, with comedian Jeff Applebaum, a New York City native, as he examines his life experiences through comedy. Some of Jeff's appearances as a comedian include the Late Late Show, Comics Unleashed, Comedy TV, and America's Got Talent. He has performed with comic greats such as Robert Klein, the late Robin Williams, and Dana Carvey. Jeff has also appeared in the musical tribute "The Rat Pack is Back" and in The Pursuit of Happiness.

Jeff graduated from MIT and prior to being a comedian worked as an engineer. Jeff presently re-

sides in California with his wife and children.

Tickets for the show and scrumptious desserts are available in advance for \$36 per person. You may make a reservation by sending a check to the Temple (made out to Temple Beth Israel, 3033 North Towne Avenue, Pomona, CA 91767). Or, you may pay on-line at cccattbi.eventbrite.com. Users of Eventbrite will be assessed a per person ticket fee. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$40 per person (check or cash only that night). For further information, please contact Temple Beth Israel at 909-626-1277.

Church of the Good Shepherd Holiday and Christmas Events

ARCADIA - Classical Christmas Concert: The Vivaldi Gloria with a full choir and orchestra. All are welcome and there is free admission on Sunday, **December 11** at 4 p.m. in the chapel.

Alternative Christmas Market on December 11, and 18 in Jordan Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Featuring the following organizations, Union Station of Pasadena, Habitat for Humanity, Trees for Life, Heifer Project International and FINCA. You can give gifts from these organizations in honor of a family member, friend, teacher or others on your gift list. Honor cards and an explanation of each gift will be offered at the market.

The market will also feature handmade gifts from artisans around the globe. Heavenly Treasures is a non-profit organization that finds artisans among refugees, the physically disabled, human trafficking victims, orphans, single moth-

ers and widows. 100% of the gifts sold are returned to the art communities. Come and give a Christmas gift that gives twice—once to your recipient and again to the organizations that make a difference right here at home and around the world!

Our Christmas Eve services are as follows:

A family service with a Christmas Pageant: 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lessons, Carols, and Candles at 9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Communion Service in the Chapel concluding in the Courtyard with candles at 11:00 p.m.

Come celebrate Christmas morning with us in pajamas for lessons and carols and a delicious continental breakfast! December 25, 2016 at 10 a.m. in Jordan Hall.

Church of the Good Shepherd is at 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

Mt. SAC Theater Presents 9th Annual Student Show

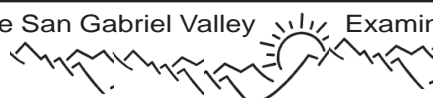
WALNUT - The Mt. San Antonio College Theater Program will stage its 9th annual production of student shows, "When Pigs Fly," on Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 8-10, at 8 p.m., with a special Sunday matinee, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., in Mt. SAC's Studio Theater.

Written and directed by Mt. SAC students, "When Pigs Fly" is six original short plays

in one night—from an office of super heroes to a pig farm where the farm animals are the source of romantic jealousy.

Tickets are \$14 for general admission, \$10 for seniors, students, and children under 12.

For tickets and more information, call the Performing Art Box Office at (909) 274-2050. Tickets may also be purchased online at <https://tickets.mtsac.edu>.



When Getting Arrested Becomes An Opportunity To Heal

Getting arrested isn't something most people think of as a positive experience. For Leslie Caldwell, however, getting pulled over while under the influence of alcohol changed the course of her life.

This wasn't Caldwell's first time driving under the influence (DUI), and it wasn't her first time being caught. She had four prior offenses; the most recent where she was jailed for 35 days. As a single mother of three young children, Caldwell knew that this arrest, as a reoffense, was much more serious and could result in a much longer time in jail—and probably the loss of her children.

After her last arrest and incarceration, Caldwell swore she would never drink and drive again, but while incarcerated, she didn't learn about her problem with alcohol and related depression, and she didn't explore treatment. She didn't know where to get help. Three months later, Caldwell was under the influence and behind the wheel again. Drinking had become her way of coping and managing with life and parenting stress and she believed alcohol was helping her.

Caldwell's story, unfortunately, is not unusual. Even when the warning signs are there, many people have a difficult time reaching out for help, although they realize they have a problem. Not only are people with mental health and substance use concerns more likely to find their way into the criminal justice system, they end up staying incarcerated longer than individuals who were arrested for similar offenses who don't have these issues. They're also at a higher risk of being homeless, unemployed and without family support—and this, in turn, places them at higher risk for being rearrested later in life.

Specialty Courts Can Offer

Helpful Alternatives To Incarceration

Specialty courts deal with specific cases, such as those involving mental health, drugs, veteran's issues, and domestic violence. These courts work to identify people struggling with such problems and find strategies to help them recover, live healthier, and make better choices. Adults and youths can avoid jail or have their sentences greatly reduced by agreeing to participate in community "diversion programs" designed to help them heal. There are more than 3,000 program sites across the country, many of which are supported with funding and technical assistance by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While it is most helpful to identify a person with mental health or substance use issues before incarceration, there are different points at which a person might be referred to a community program: when engaging with law enforcement, at initial detention or a first court appearance, in jails and courts, when released from jail and re-entering the community, and during probation or parole. Any one of these points in the process can be an opportunity to identify someone needing help so that underlying concerns can be addressed and jail time can be minimized. SAMHSA provides screening tools, technical assistance, and other guidance to help mental health professionals, judges, law enforcement officers and others in the criminal justice system to effectively use diversion programs for nonviolent offenders—and to help the public to understand how these programs are good for individuals, families, and communities.

These court-based programs can also give people with prior arrests who are in recovery the opportunity to help others in similar situations. Some are hired to help identify and work with those who have just entered the system. These peers can more easily recognize the circumstances involving mental health and substance use disorders that can ultimately lead to an arrest. Their personal lived experiences make them valuable members of the treatment team as mentors, volunteers, or paid specialists.

Jail Diversion Starts The Healing Process

In the last and most serious arrest, Caldwell was incarcerated for 18 days, during which her attorney told her about a DUI and substance abuse treatment program as a possible option for release. She applied and was accepted into a program referred to by the Behavioral Health Treatment Court in McMinnville, Tenn., a program supported by a SAMHSA grant. She received a lesser charge and was released to a substance abuse treatment rehabilitation clinic, where she spent 36 days working on her sobriety. After that, Caldwell had to commit to an 18-month DUI program. It provided outpatient treatment three times each week and talk therapy with a supportive counselor. She also talked with the counselor intermittently if she was struggling with an issue or with her sobriety.

Three years later, Caldwell is still in recovery and visits the DUI treatment program to stay connected to that support. She also regularly does cognitive behavioral therapy worksheets to help her look at things differently—from the negative and heavy, to the positive and hopeful. She's earned her GED high school equivalency and is in college, and she works with a law firm. She's aspiring to higher achievement—both for her career and as a mother.

"I was really depressed and thought nobody could relate to me—so I became a functional alcoholic," said Caldwell. "Then I met other people who were going through the same kind of struggle. That helped me to start out and it helps me now. It's so much easier doing this than living with actions that I regretted."

Caldwell completed the court-ordered diversion program successfully and she continues a church-based recovery program now. The DUI program continues to be a support as well and she speaks with new groups of students to share her story and offer understanding and hope. When she has a bad day, she talks with her therapist and she has an exercise routine to help manage the stress.

"I am a good mother now. The kids know that there are consequences for their actions and I don't just let them do whatever they want, as they could before," said Caldwell. "They aren't on the path I was on—they have structure and are doing well in school. We're all in a much better place."

For further information about specialty courts and jail diversion programs or to learn more about mental illness and substance use disorders, visit www.samhsa.gov/criminal-juvenile-justice. (NAPSI)

One-On-One Computer Tutoring Available at Glendora Public Library

GLENDORA - Do any of these situations sound familiar?

- You inquire about a job, only to be told that you must apply online. You visit the company's website, only to discover that you must have an email account to submit your application. But you've never used email before.

- Your daughter, who lives in another state, posts pictures of your grandchildren on Facebook. You'd like to view them, but you have no idea how to do so.

- You need to submit a legal document. You are told to fill it out online and then submit it electronically as an attachment. But you don't know how.

- You are secretary at your church, and you want to create a flyer for the upcoming fall potluck. You'd like to make it eye-catching, but you don't know how to include pictures.

These are just a few examples of everyday activities that can be achieved much more easily if one has a minimum of computer knowledge.

If you would like to improve your basic computer skills, the Glendora Library can help! We have a dedicated corps of young volunteers available for thirty-minute tutoring sessions.

You can get personalized instruction in various subjects,

such as

- Creating and using an email account
- Creating, opening, saving and sending documents
- Microsoft Word and PowerPoint
- Getting started on Facebook

To learn more, or to schedule an appointment, contact the Library today!

For more information regarding this and other programs and Library services, please contact us at (626) 852-4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org. The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 South Glendora Ave, Glendora.

JFED Players Community Theatre Ensemble Announces Auditions For "Curtains" By Rupert Holmes

MONROVIA - Auditions for CURTAINS The JFed Players Community Theatre Ensemble's next production, will be held in mid-December with performances scheduled for mid-March. CURTAINS was the final collaboration between Kander and Ebb, creators of CABARET and CHICAGO.

Set in 1959, CURTAINS is a musical satire of backstage murder mystery plots. The story begins when the untalented star of

the musical within the musical, Robbin' Hood of the Old West, is murdered during her curtain call. The plot unfolds as Lieutenant Frank Cioffe, a police detective and musical theatre fan, arrives to solve the case and ends up saving the show and, perhaps, even finding love.

Come and audition for this fun musical. We need singers, dancers, actors - principally young adult and up. Auditions will be

held at 7 pm on Sunday-Tuesday, December 18-20, and Thursday, December 22, 2016, at the Jewish Federation, 114A Lime Ave., Monrovia. Performances will be in March at a venue in the San Gabriel Valley.

More information can be found at www.jewishsgpv.org or by contacting the Jewish Federation of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys at (626) 445-0810.

Library Events at a Glance

GLENDORA - Glendora Public Library has something for everyone! All of these events are proudly presented by the Glendora Public Library and GPL Friends Foundation.

Super 8-Day Sale - now starting on Fridays! - December 2 - 10 / Main Floor

Come to the library and browse the sale tables on the main floor for bargains on Coffee Table, Art and Animal books.

Gingerbread House Decorating Party - December 3, 9 am / Bidwell Forum

Join us and build Gingerbread Houses, play games, read stories and more!

Novel Idea - December 7, 5:30 pm / Friends Room

An informal book discussion group for adults who like to delve deeper into their favorite reads. December's title is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Contact the Library to reserve your copy.

Winter Reading Challenge - December 12 - January 21, 2017

For more information, please contact the Library at 626.852.4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org.

Holiday Craft Week - December 12 - 17 / Children's Room

Celebrate the holiday season with crafts in the Children's Room.

Screenwriters Group - No meeting this month - will be meeting again in January

Homework Buddies - on winter break December 19 - 31

December 24 - December 26: Library closed in observance of Christmas

December 31 - January 2,

2017: Library closed in observance of New Year's

Regularly scheduled programs and events:

Homework Buddies, 3 pm - 5 pm / Friends Room

Every Monday through Thursday

Students can get assistance with their homework; assistance provided by high school students

Youth Advisory Meetings / Friends Room

Teen Advisory Board: Library Advisory group for students in grade 5-7; meets every 2nd Wednesday of every month, 4 pm - 5 pm in the Friends Room

Young Adult Council: Library Advisory group for students in grade 8-12; meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 pm - 7 pm in the Friends Room

Weekly Children's

Storytimes / Friends Room

Mondays at 10:30 am: Infant & Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 am: 2-3 year old Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am: 3-5 year old Storytime

Friends Book Loft / Plaza Level

Visit the Bookstore for great bargains on gently used books, magazines, DVDs and CDs.

Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Unless otherwise noted, events are free to the public and will take place at the Glendora Public Library, 140 South Glendora Avenue, Glendora 91741. For more information, call the Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit our website at www.glendoralibrary.org.

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NOTICE INVITING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Glendora, County of Los Angeles, California (hereinafter "City") will receive sealed Proposals in the Office of the City Clerk at 116 E. Foothill Boulevard, Glendora, California, 91741 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday the 26th day of January, 2017, for: Operations and Maintenance of Glendora Dial-A-Ride and Public Transit Shuttle Services.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME!

A MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January, 12, 2017. The mandatory job walk will be held at the following location: Transportation Division located in the Transportation Center, 410 E. Dalton Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741. Consultants who intend to submit proposals must attend the meeting and must complete the sign-in sheet in order to be eligible to propose this project.

Each Proposal must conform and be responsive to all requirements set forth in the RFP. Proposals must be addressed to the attention of the City Clerk, sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope as follows: "Operations and Maintenance of Glendora Dial-A-Ride and Public Transit Shuttle Services". Proposals will be evaluated and a consultant will be selected based on a Qualification-Based Selection process. RFP will be accepted only from bidders who are registered with the City as a Plan Holder. Copies of packet are now on file and open for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk at the above address and on the City's website at www.ci.glendora.ca.us under Bid/RFP Opportunities. For further information, contact Transportation Programs Analyst, Justine Garcia at (626) 852-4814.

"Official" copies of the RFP may be purchased at the Office of the City Clerk, 116 E. Foothill Boulevard, Glendora, California during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted, upon the payment of \$10.00 per set and, if purchased by mail, an additional \$10.00 per set.

The City of Glendora reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities in any proposal and select the one that best meets the City's needs.

Kathleen R. Sessman, MMC City Clerk

City of Glendora Posted: 12/8/16

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GLENDORA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

500 North Loraine Avenue Glendora, CA 91741

(626) 963-1611

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glendora Unified School District of Los Angeles County, California will receive Requests for Proposal for the award of contract(s) for:

E-Rate Year 20 (2017-2018)

WIDE AREA NETWORK, DIGITAL TRANSMISSION SERVICES FOR GLENDORA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIFIC DETAILS ARE PROVIDED AT https://www.glendora.k12.ca.us under resources links, also on USAC's EPC portal @ https://portal.usac.org

BID DUE DATE: Monday, January 23, 2017 by 2:00 PM PST

Last day for questions: Thursday, January 12, 2017 by 2:00 PM PST

Bid opening will be on January 23, 2017 at 2:00 PM PST in the Board Room Located at 500 North Loraine Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741.

All proposals must be made on the proposal form furnished by the District. Proposals must be received at the Purchasing Department.

500 North Loraine Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741, and will be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

MUST BE IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE BEFORE THE TIME STATED. POST OFFICE STAMP WILL NOT SUFFICE.

The District and Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposal, and to be the sole judge of the value and merit of the merchandise offered. For information e-mail ncuevas@glendora.k12.ca.us.

Nancy Cuevas Purchasing Services Supervisor Glendora Unified School District

Publish in the San Gabriel Valley Examiner on Thursday, December 1 and Thursday, December 8, 2016.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the El Monte City School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project, Bid No. A1602, Demo of Preschool Building ("Project") or "Contract":

A1602 - Demo of Preschool Building

The Project consists of: Demolition of existing preschool two-story building along with footing, including removing and capping of all utilities, site clearing including asphalt and landscape for the entire site.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: Class "C21"

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code. The Bidder's registration must remain active throughout the term of the Contract.

Contract Documents will be available for review at APM, Inc. - Construction Management / 314 W. Arrow Hwy. / San Dimas, CA 91773 / 909-305-2332 by December 9, 2016.

Contract Documents are also available for purchase for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) at APM, Inc. - Construction Management / 314 W. Arrow Hwy. / San Dimas, CA 91773. Check to be made out to the El Monte City School District. This fee is non-refundable.

Sealed Bids will be received until 12:30 p.m., January 11, 2017, at the El Monte City School District / 3540 N. Lexington Avenue / El Monte, CA 91731, at which time the bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

Not Applicable All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the El Monte City School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

A voluntary pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on December 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the El Monte City School District / Frances Cole Board Room located at 3540 N. Lexington Avenue / El Monte, CA 91731. All participants are required to sign in upon entering the pre-bid conference. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately 45 minutes.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Work.

Not Applicable The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

Not Applicable The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish electronic certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly or within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

Not Applicable The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ABSOLUTE HEALTH CHIROPRACTIC, 1180 S BEVERLY DRIVE # 410, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VINCENT A. PUNTURERE, 1180 S BEVERLY DRIVE # 410, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: VINCENT A. PUNTURERE, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/19/85. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 11/10/2016. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 12/08/2016, 12/15/2016, 12/22/2016, 12/29/2016. THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER. AAA255644.

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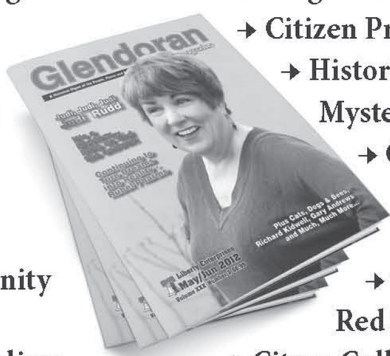
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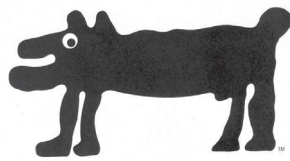
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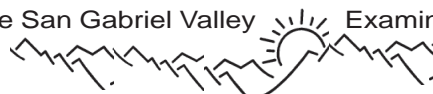
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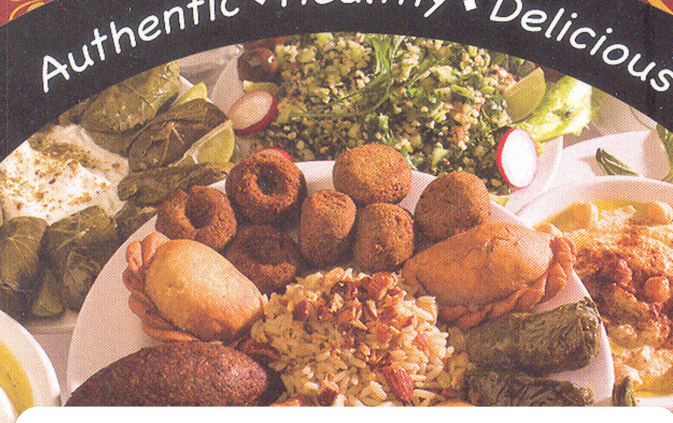


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Azusa VFW Post 8070 Hosts Disabled Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner



Disabled Veteran from Loma Linda VA Hospital is assisted by (from left to right and from rear): Pastor Gilbert Becerril, US Army, Vietnam War Veteran; Azusa Councilman Robert Gonzales; VA Health Care Van Driver; and Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha.

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - On Saturday, November 19, members of the Azusa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8070, volunteers from several military veterans' organizations and members of the community welcomed and entertained over 150 injured veterans from three area hospitals, the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System in San Bernardino, the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center in West Los Angeles, and the VA Medical Center of Long Beach.

The injured veterans were transported on chartered buses and medical facilities handicapped vans paid by various groups within the VFW, including the Military order of the Cootie, Pup Tent 38. The event was the 45th annual Thanksgiving dinner and entertainment celebration in gratitude for their sacrifices. Three years ago as a tribute to one of the founding members of this dinner, World War II Combat Veteran, the annual event was officially named "The Jim Rose Disabled Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner."

Jim Rose, who had just turned 95 year old on March 30, 2016 and suddenly died three days later, was a U. S. Army veteran who fought in the Pacific Ocean theatre during World War II, a Purple Heart recipient, and a former Commander of Post 8070 for numerous years. He

was one of the original members who started the thanksgiving dinner for hospitalized disabled veterans in 1971 after a visit to the Long Beach VA Hospital for thanksgiving. This year Mr. Rose's daughter volunteered in helping with the preparations for the dinner in honor and memory of her father.

"The annual tradition to feed injured veterans started in 1971 when Joe and Shirley Twombaly, Jim Rose, and Korean War Veteran John Moreno were returning from the Long Beach VA Hospital after having helped feed hundreds of injured veterans there. It was then that they decided to invite the disabled veterans to eat back at the Azusa Post so that they had the opportunity be outside the hospital environment. The VA hospitals embraced the idea and the injured veterans loved it," said Jesse Martinez, Vietnam War Veteran and current Commander for VFW Post 8070.

Buses and vans started arriving around 10:30 am for the dinner which started at about Noon because of a delay by the bus from Loma Linda. Every injured veteran was welcomed and greeted by post's veterans, Mayor Joe Rocha, the young Marines, and volunteers who catered their dinner plates, drinks, and desserts. Each meal consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cran-



Special veteran guests from the Azusa community are invited every year to join the over 150 disabled veterans to the annual thanksgiving dinner. (From right to left) Jesse Barajas, Korean War Veteran and his wife; Johnny Granados, World War II Veteran; and Jim Ayon, Korean War Veteran and his wife.

berry jelly, rolls, and for dessert apple or pumpkin pie. The meal for close to 200 people was cooked under the direction and coordination of professional Chef who volunteered his time.

During the ceremony Mayor Joe Rocha and Councilman Robert Gonzales helped serve dinner and clear the dishes for the guest veterans. Also during the ceremony, Commander Martinez and a Cootie Member presented a \$1000 donation to each of the three hospitals for use as they pleased in treating injured veterans.

"This is more than just a Thanksgiving Dinner for our injured veterans. Instead vets come here for a sense of togetherness and hope. What our guest veterans really enjoy is the fact that they feel acknowledged and thanked for what they have done and for their sacrifices," said Martinez.

As injured veterans departed, each was given a gift bag filled with snacks; toiletries, a blanket, and a small American flag so that they could remember the day they had spent in Azusa enjoying a full Thanksgiving meal and entertainment.

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LONG BEACH - India Williams a 20-year-old contestant representing Santa Monica was crowned Miss California USA 2017. Jaanu Patel a 16-year-old contestant from Huntington Beach was crowned Miss California Teen USA 2017. The pageant was held at the Long Beach Convention Center on

Sunday, December 4, 2016. The winners will move on to compete at the Miss USA and Miss USA Teen competitions, respectively.

Williams, a junior on the Dean's List at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, is working on her Bachelor's Degree in Business En-

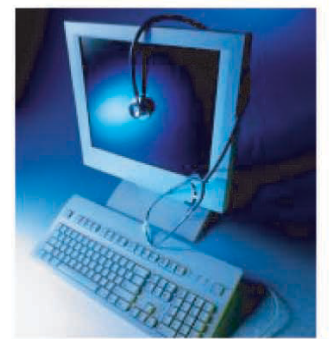
trepreneurship and wants to pursue a law degree in entertainment contracts. She is currently learning to speak Mandarin Chinese and volunteers with The Incubator School, a non-profit dedicated to providing clean, safe drinking water to communities in Kenya. She is a part-time model and was Cycle 22 cast member on America's Next Top Model television series.

Patel is a high school junior at Huntington Beach High School with career ambitions to become a Pediatrician. She likes to dance, Bollywood and classical; play volleyball; train cross fit and volunteer. Patel has won first place in three Bollywood dance competitions. She has received seven Model United Nations awards, including three first place finishes, and traveled to Montreal, Canada for the 2016 International Model United Nations Conference. She volunteers as an intern with Kaiser Permanente's maternity ward. She is a first-time competitor for Miss California Teen USA®.

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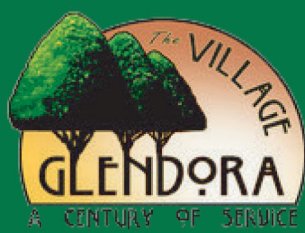
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