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Azusa Hosts The 13th Annual Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA- On Thursday, July 27, members of Azusa's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8070 (VFW), American Legion Post 180 (AL), Veterans Memorial Committee (AVMC), and the City of Azusa (City) hosted the 13th Annual Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony in front of Azusa's City Hall to honor all Korean War Veterans. The ceremony was coordinated by Jorge V. Rosales, for the eighth year, in memory of its founder, John P. Moreno, Korean War Veteran who died July 10, 2010, and who had started this tradition in 2005 to honor all Korean War Veterans because for years they were known as "The Forgotten Soldiers."

The Korean war began on June 25, 1950, when communist North Korea invaded South Korea. Almost immediately, the United States secured a resolution from the United Nations calling for the military defense of South Korea against the North Korean aggression. The war eventually bogged down to a battle of attrition.

The armistice, signed on July 27, 1953, ended 3 years of bitter warfare on the Korean Peninsula, stopped the spread of Communism in Korea, and established a



Members of the VFW Post 8070 Memorial Team under the Command of Captain John Lopez, Korean War Veteran perform the traditional 21-gun salute to Azusa's 8 fallen during the Korean War in the early 1950's. This ceremonial act is performed immediately after the laying of a wreath in front of Azusa's Veteran Memorial Monument.

committee of representatives from neutral countries to decide the fate of thousands of prisoners of war on both sides. A new border between the North and South was drawn and the zone between the two nations was demilitarized. Millions of lives were lost in the war. More than 1.7 million Americans faced forbidding terrain and harsh combat in Korea. In the space of 37 months, the United States lost nearly 37,000 soldiers and more than 90,000 others returned

home wounded. Even today, 64 years after the guns went silent; over 8,000 Americans are still missing in action.

In attendance at the ceremony were over 200 persons, including approximately 30 Korean War Veterans from Azusa and surrounding cities. They were honored with the presence of Hector Elizalde for Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; Jorge Marquez for Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D.; Ari Ruiz for Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio; Antonio Chapa for L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis; Consul Jaehoon Min, Korean Consulate in Los Angeles; and Joseph R. Rocha, Azusa Mayor.

Yolanda R. Pena, AUSD Board and AVMC member, who was the Master of Ceremonies, commenced the ceremony at 10:00 A. M. followed with welcoming remarks by Jesse Martinez, Vietnam War Veteran and VFW Commander, who requested the Presentation of Colors by the VFW Color Guard; the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Sanchez, AVMC member; the singing of the National Anthem by Jacob Villalobos and Grace Dierking of Saint Frances of

Rome Music Ministry and the invocation by Pastor Gilbert Becerril, Pathfinder Ministry.

The keynote speaker was Chaplain Colonel, Rick Givens, U. S. Air Force and Azusa Pacific University's Associate Chaplain who spoke about the true meaning of the Armistice executed 64 years ago and the fact that it was not physically the end of the war but discussions on how to end it and deal with the vast amount of

prisoners on both sides. It was followed by Villalobos and Dierking who sang "Thank You, Soldiers" to the veterans in attendance, followed by the reading of the eight names of Azusans killed in the Korean War by Richard Lugo, AVMC member, the 21-gun salute by the VFW Memorial Team, and the playing of Taps live by two AMVET buglers and the Laying of the Wreath in front of the Veterans Monument by Jim Griffith, AVMC member.

A highlight of the ceremony was when the master of ceremonies asked that all Korean War Veterans please stand if they could or simply raise their hands. At that moment children selected by an AVMC member began handing out to each Korean War Veteran a long-stem Yellow Rose which signifies joy, happiness and friendship.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of "God Bless America" by all in attendance led by Villalobos and Dierking, after raffles of a Korean veteran cap and a large coffee cup were conducted and closing remarks by Commander Martinez and the Benediction by Pastor Becerril.



The ceremony's keynote speaker, Chaplain Colonel Rick Givens, U. S. Air Force and APU Associate Chaplain, delivers a message about the true meaning of the 64th anniversary of Korean War Armistice to an audience of over 200 attendees, including approximately 30 Korean War Veterans.

Children Enjoy Water Slides, Face Painting And Train Rides

AZUSA - The Azusa City Library held its annual community mini-carnival to celebrate the reading achievements of the city's youth involved in the Summer Reading Program. Well over 800 people participated in the activities which included face painting, train rides, and water slides, a look at the Azusa Police Department's squad car for an exciting show and tell, and a mini story time by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio. A number of community organizations set up tables to share information about services available to community members, and the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) served more than 600 free lunches to children, as part of its Summer Lunch program. Stella Ndahura, the Director of AUSD's Nutrition Services commented: "When school is out, most children in our community still need a healthy, nutritious, and tasty meal. The Azusa Unified School District is proud to partner with the City of Azusa to provide this much needed service to children in our community. The meals served at the City Library, Memorial Park, and at the annual Library Carnival summer BBQ are among the ways we reach out to the community to pro-



Mini Story Time by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio

mote the School District's Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the USDA and administered by California Department of Education (CDE)."

The turnout was very impressive on a warm summer day. Youth Services Librarian, Ginger Antunez, remarked: "We are delighted that so many Azusa families come to the li-

brary on a daily basis and enjoy all the activities we have to offer. The carnival is a perfect way to reward our summer readers who have spent the last six weeks reading and writing book reports. The community coming together and enjoying the library is a great way to end the summer."

Research tells us that children who do not continue to read over the summer lose as much as three to four months of school progress. It's a phenomenon referred to as the "summer slide" -- when children forget academic material after taking a long summer break from school. It's been noted that children who read during the summer months begin the new school year refreshed and ready to learn.

For more information about activities to support summer learning, contact Ginger Antunez at (626) 812-5146.

Jury Says Guilty to a DUI Pursuit Suspect

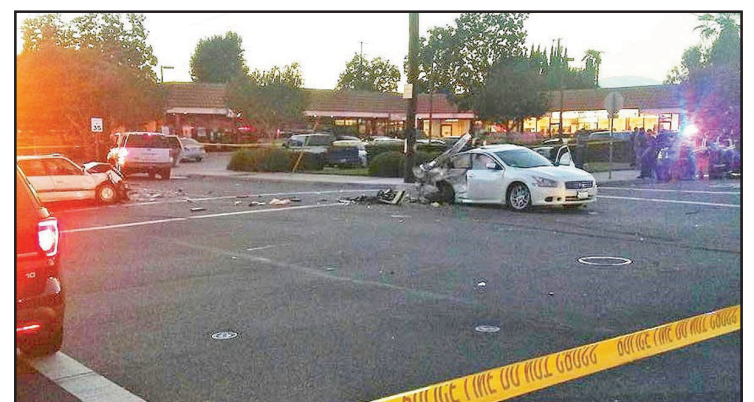
By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - July 18, 2016, around 7:50 p.m., a white Acura was stopped by West Covina Police Officers for driving erratically. The Acura suddenly sped away at a high rate of speed and a pursuit was initiated. When the Acura approached the intersection of Francisquito and Walnut, it failed to stop at the stop sign and slammed into two vehicles that were already in the intersection. A white Nissan Maxima was traveling northbound on Walnut, and a White Ford Expedition was southbound when the Acura slammed into them.

The Nissan Maxima had a female driver and her two daughter ages 7 years and 8 months. The impact of the crash had the back of her car nearly ripped off the vehicle. All were injured. All were transported to County USC Medical Center.

The Expedition contained 6 people. All 6 received injuries and were also transported to local hospitals. The Acura was driven by Robert Lopez, 26 of La Puente who was arrested and transported to a local hospital for his injuries.

Prosecutors filed criminal charges 2 days later against Lopez, who triggered the three-vehicle crash which injured the 10 people, including the baby and



Crash scene where the suspect's Acura (far left) crashed into a white Nissan Maxima and a White Ford Expedition. The Nissan had the back end nearly torn off. Photo by Hector Carrillo.

more in 2015. Lopez was charged with three counts of fleeing a pursuing officer's motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury, one count of driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense, one count of driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense, and one count of driving when privilege suspended or revoked after a prior offenses.

Lopez was convicted of reckless driving and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content or

Last week, a jury convicted the Valinda man of the drunk driving crash. The Pomona Court jury was out for less than three hours before finding Robert Anthony Lopez, 27, guilty of charges, including fleeing from police and causing injuries while driving under the influence within 10 years of a previous DUI offense. He pleaded "no contest" earlier to other charges of driving on a suspended or revoked license following a previous offense.

He faces up to 24 years in jail when he appears again for his sentencing.

Veterans Wanted!!!

SANDIMAS - Are you a Veteran? If so, San Dimas HEROES (Helping Establish A Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) wants you! If you are currently residing in San Dimas or have lived in San Dimas for at least one year, have an Honorable Discharge and your DD214, then you're eligible to have your name engraved on our permanent granite wall at Freedom Park. Names will be added to the wall on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.

A special ceremony will be held to honor those whose names were added on that day. The cost to have your name engraved is \$50.00. The cost for WWII veterans will be waived.

Freedom Park is located on the corner of San Dimas Ave and Commercial St. in San Dimas.

Applications are available at San Dimas City Hall, at www.SanDimasHEROES.org or by phone at 909-677-9557.

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Summer Concert in the Park Series!

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia's summer concert series is in full swing, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun in the sun! The summer concerts are held on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30-8pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department. Bring the kids out to participate in the FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, The Rolling Burger Barn Truck is at all of the Summer Concert! For more information, please call 626.574.5113.



very special occasion. Free fingerprinting for the kids, crime prevention materials and other information will be available. Stop by and show your support to Arcadia's finest. Help Arcadia celebrate its 114th birthday by enjoying some birthday cake (while supplies last).

The Swing Cats Big Band with the Swing Kittens is Southern California's freshest and most dynamic swing band around. The

Swing Cats will take you back to the 30's, 40's, and 50's with their high-quality, authentic sound. Come dance with a jump tune, foxtrot, jitterbug, ballad, mambo, or waltz - this band has a towering repertoire of music to suit your dancing needs! The band is led by trumpeter, Dan Methe, who has been an active member of the SCSBOA and CAJ for many years.



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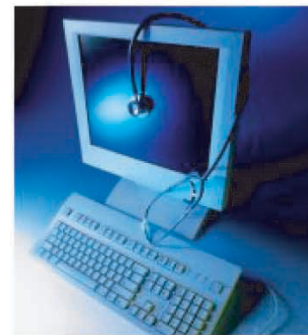
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LA County Library Hosts Solar Eclipse Events In August

Select Libraries Are Offering a Series of Programs Celebrating the Celestial Event

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - LA County Library will join more than 1,000 libraries across the country to celebrate the celestial event of the century, the August 21, 2017 Solar Eclipse. The shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States in a narrow band from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic in a spectacle that hasn't occurred in decades. It is aptly named the Great American Eclipse.

LA County Library will host a series of events through August 21, all leading up to the eclipse.

Events include astronomy classes, featuring the history of the solar eclipse; space-themed story times, art activities and movie nights; special guest appearances from NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and the Kid-space Museum's Discovery Dome; and multiple viewing events on August 21, many complete with eclipse-safe glasses (while supplies last).

"This will be a great opportunity for the local community to celebrate science, with fun,

hands-on and multimedia activities, culminating in the eclipse event on August 21," said LA County Library Director, Skye Patrick. "We hope people of all ages and backgrounds will find the solar eclipse to be an experience they will remember the rest of their lives."

The eclipse programs at LA County Library are free and open to the public during library hours. For information on specific event times and locations, visit colapublib.org/eclipse/.

Arrest Made in West Covina Bank Robbery

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Police arrested two men from San Gabriel on Thursday, July 27th for a bank robbery committed the day before. They are suspects in a West Covina bank robbery and may be responsible for another bank robbery in Baldwin Park last week.

Ruben Edward Mora, 48, and James Vincent Luevano, who are

said to be cousins, were both arrested and booked on suspicion of bank robbery.

The robbery in West Covina was around 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Cathay Bank, 2672 E. Garvey Ave. South. A man entered and threatened to shoot the bank teller if his demands were not met. After robbing the bank of cash, he was last seen getting into a car which had a driver waiting for him.

The surveillance camera images were reviewed and it showed both the suspect and the getaway car.

With the information and evidence, officers and detectives went to a home in the 5000 block of North Rosemead Boulevard in San Gabriel, and saw the suspect get-away car in the driveway.

Detectives did surveillance on the car. Soon a man exited the home and got into the car and drove away. Police pulled over the car and the driver, Luevano, the getaway driver.

Police went back to the home after finding out the second suspect, Mora, who did the robbery, was still inside.

A deployment of officers went to the home and ordered the suspect out. He complied after seeing officers in force outside the home. Cash from the robbery was recovered in the home.

Mora also matches the description of a robbery suspect who, last week, robbed the Home Street Bank, 3119 Baldwin Park Blvd. in Baldwin Park. Bail for Mora is set at \$100,000. Luevano bail is set at \$30,000.

Arcadia's Leadership Academy Currently Forming Fall 2017 Class

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia will offer a free, interactive civic education program for Arcadia residents 18 years and older who are interested in becoming better acquainted with City operations starting in September of this year. The purpose of the program is to provide an interesting perspective into the workings of Arcadia, to develop civic leadership, and to build a stronger community through well-informed and engaged residents.

The Academy takes place in the evening over a period of nine weeks between September 12 and November 7. Participants will be exposed to each part of the City's operations by hearing presentations from the City Manager, Administrative Services, Devel-

opment Services, the Fire Department, the Library and Museum Services, the Police Department, Public Works Services, and Recreation and Community Services. Each class features ample opportunity for discussion and questions, and some sessions also feature a tour of the facility being discussed.

If you are interested in applying to be part of the fall program, please visit the City website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/academy for the current application. Applications are due by August 30 and the class size is limited to the first 25 qualified registrants.

For additional information, please contact Laena Shakarian at lshakarian@ArcadiaCA.gov or 574-5434.

Mayor Boyer: Glendora Faces Two Big Challenges

GLENDORA - Glendora's Mayor, Gary Boyer, will lead Glendora through two events that will have a huge impact on this bedroom community. He will share both of those with you on August 12 at the Republican Koffee Klatchers monthly breakfast.

First, as many of you know, Glendora has been hit with a letter charging this city with discrimination and a violation of the California Voting Rights Act. Attorney Kevin Shenkman has demanded on behalf of his client, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, Glendora go to election by district or be sued.

Glendora's second challenge will be dealing with the \$1.4 bil-

lion Gold Line extension through Glendora on its way to Montclair. Boyer will share the impact on businesses, street realignments and closures during construction, impact on school scheduling and the fly-overs.

Join the Republican Koffee Klatchers on Saturday, **August 12th** at Denny's Restaurant, 546 W. Baseline Rd., Glendora (210 freeway at Grand Ave.). 8:30 a.m. registration with Mayor Boyer speaking at 9:00 a.m.

Please RSVP to 626-963-3895 or lmshade1043@gmail.com. Cost: \$12 for breakfast; Coffee only \$5.

Free Planned Giving, Estate Planning And Special Needs Trust Seminar

LA VERNE - A free seminar on the topic "Who will care for your family if you're not here" will be sponsored by the Haynes Family of Programs next month on the La Verne campus.

Included will be information on planned giving, estate planning and special needs trusts.

Estate planning attorney Michael Gaston of Long Beach will present the 90-minute seminar which has no cost, no strings attached and will include no sales presentation.

It is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Haynes Family of Programs Conference Center, 233 Base-

New Program Enlists Cities In Homelessness Fight

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - A new front in Los Angeles County's battle against homelessness was launched today with an innovative program aimed at encouraging cities across the region to join forces more strongly in confronting this escalating humanitarian crisis.

The county and the Home for Good Funders Collaborative—a joint initiative of United Way of Greater Los Angeles—are calling on cities to submit plans that would serve as a blueprint to combat homelessness both locally and regionally. If approved by the collaborative, the cities would be given planning grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$70,000, depending on the number of homeless individuals within their jurisdictions.

The grants will be underwritten by a \$2-million allocation from the Board of Supervisors as part of the county's wide-ranging Homeless Initiative, which, in

March, led to passage of Measure H. The voter-approved sales tax is expected to generate \$355 million a year to fund crucial services and programs to prevent and combat homelessness.

These multifaceted efforts come at a time of intensely critical need. The recent 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count revealed a 23% increase in homelessness over the previous year—a total of 58,000 homeless people across the county.

"Homelessness honors no municipal boundaries and neither should we in our fight against it," said Board Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas. "This crisis demands been focus by all 88 cities in the county working collaboratively."

The county's homeless action plan is built on the premise that only a regional approach to the problem can reverse the rising numbers. Individual cities, as

well as service providers and other stakeholders, played an essential role in helping the County craft 47 strategies approved by the Board of Supervisors last year to prevent and combat homelessness.

"Ninety-percent of our homeless neighbors live outside of Skid Row, which means that all cities in Los Angeles County are on the front lines in ending homelessness," said Chris Ko, director of Homeless Initiatives at United Way of Greater Los Angeles. "The status quo isn't working, and this is an exciting opportunity for cities to plan for a different future."

All cities within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care are eligible to submit proposals. For more information, please visit www.homeforgoodla.org/grant-seekers. And for more on Los Angeles County's Homeless Initiative, please visit www.homeless.lacounty.gov.

Los Angeles County Child Support Services Observes "Child Support Awareness Month 2017" With Special Community Outreach

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department (CSSD) will be educating the community about its services at over 50 special outreach activities in August as part of the annual nationwide celebration of Child Support Awareness Month (CSAM) 2017. Child Support Awareness Month is held to highlight the importance of child support services and how they can assist families and children.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will help kick off CSAM 2017 on Tuesday, August 1st by presenting a resolution to CSSD Director Dr. Steven J. Golightly and CSSD staff, commending the Department for its work supporting the families and children in L.A. County. Recently, CSSD was recognized for providing outstanding customer service to families and children when it was

given the statewide Outstanding Program Award from the California Child Support Directors Association.

"Our services are critical to the well being of thousands of families and children in our County," said Dr. Golightly. "We look forward to August as a special opportunity to share information and interact in new ways with the general public, the parents we serve, and our community and government partners."

Throughout August, CSSD will be collaborating with many well-known organizations and agencies including the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles County Office of Education, America's Job Center of California, Pomona Unified School District, HealthRight 360, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Mothers in Action, San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the American Payroll Association, California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Pomona Valley Reentry Resource Fair and the Whittier Community Resource Center.

A highlight of the outreach will be the always well-attended, annual child support workshop for community organizations and government agencies, who like CSSD, provide important services to families and children. This workshop will be held on August 31st at the Liberty Community Plaza in Whittier from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

CSSD serves families by establishing parentage, obtaining child support and medical support orders and enforcing child and spousal support obligations. For more information about child support services, call 866-901-3212, view the website at cssd.lacounty.gov, and follow on twitter @CSSDLA or Like CSSD on Facebook @LACSSD.

5K Promises Fun, Friendly Competition For All Ages

BALDWIN PARK - Calling all residents, runners, families and friends! Registrations are now open for Baldwin Park's 23rd annual "Pride of Valley 5K," slated for this Saturday, August 5, at Morgan Park. The official 3.2-mile run/walk begins at 8 a.m. and will be preceded by a half-mile "Tike Trot" race at 7:30 a.m. for participants age 8 and younger.

Registrations are available at the Esther Snyder Community Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., or online at www.runsignup.com, according to organizers. Participants must pay \$25 for the 5K, and \$15 for the Tike Trot. A souvenir shirt may also be ordered for an additional \$5 at the time of registration.

On-site registrations will also be accepted the morning of the 5K, officials said.

"There is an overall level of competitiveness with this event,

but it's also fun," said Vanessa Carbajal, a program coordinator with the city's Department of Recreation and Community Services. "It's family-friendly event that is well-attended and well-organized. That's what draws attention and what keeps bringing people back every year."

Carbajal added that the Baldwin Park 5K attracts hundreds of residents, elected officials, visitors and their families to Morgan Park every August. As many as 1,000 people ranging from age 2 to 80-something are expected to participate in the "Pride of the Valley" event.

Included are many high school cross-country teams and regional running clubs that gather from local communities or that hail from as far as Temecula and Santa Clarita. Another hundred youth from the city's organized sports teams have also signed up for the 3.2-mile race, not to mention members of the city's Senior Center Fitness Club. The city's established 5K course has been consistent for the past two decades, allowing for records to be established by various generations of runners.

"They train all year for this 5K. That's their ultimate goal," said Carbajal.

Race participants often note

that the local course is "fast and flat," allowing for favorable race on neutral ground, according to organizers.

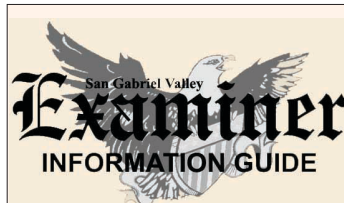
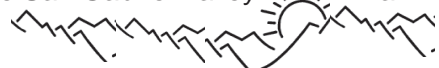
"The annual 5K race serves as a platform to advocate for healthy living, active living communities. The competition ranges from beginner runners to elite runners who also compete on the nationally," said Manny Carrillo, director of Recreation and Community Services. "It's an event for everyone."

All race finishers will receive a medal for their participation, officials noted. Two, \$200 cash prizes will also be given to the first male and first female 5K finishers, respectively. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will additionally be handed out to the top three finishers, accordingly, in each age division.

Participants of the Pride of the Valley 5K will also be eligible for prizes - such as amusement park tickets, gift cards, and running gear - that are raffled off at the conclusion of the August 5 event. Proceeds from registrations will benefit youth programs offered through the Department of Recreation and Community Services.

For more information, visit www.baldwinpark.com or call (626) 960-7171, Ext. 312.

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Wanted: New Republican Assembly Leader From Shade's Perspective

A routy week in politics both in Sacramento and D.C. that seemed to leave the general population taking a back seat to favorite personal agendas. A little flim-flam here and a little finagling there and what did we, the people of California, end up with ... another tax increase and our voice voided in a recall process.

Gov. Jerry Brown and the Democrats again wrested more money out of my pocketbook by extending Cap-and-Trade, otherwise known as the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, to 2031 with their 2/3 supermajority control over California. What is distressing to me is the Republican Assembly Leader, Chad Mayes and his gang of seven who rolled over and voted to support the bill when it would have passed without his or the seven other votes. Where was his mind?

If my memory serves me correctly, and all are certainly welcome to "jog" it if I misspeak, Cap-and-Trade was a concept adopted by the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in Diamond Bar back about 2000. There was enormous pressure placed on this area under the federal Clean Air Act to reduce emissions. SCAQMD's Reclaim project provided a solution by allowing one business to "borrow" or "buy" emissions from another business not using all their emissions quota. This eliminated violations and fines while the retrofit process of all polluters proceeded to a pathway of cleaner air while still preserving the business and jobs. Gov. Brown's version is different.

As former Assemblyman and candidate for Governor, Tim Donnelly said about the vote on Cap-and-Trade, "... supporters of the Cap-and-Trade bill - which the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) predicts could push gasoline prices .63 to .73 per gallon higher - are trying to spin the deal as a net tax cut and "a huge victory" for Californians ... Conservatives can do real math--not the common core type--and trading a \$152/year 'Fire Tax' repeal for a \$600 increase in cost of gasoline leaves you \$450 behind, not ahead." Also on the prediction table is a 10% to 20% increase in electricity costs.

Republican Assembly Leader



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

Chad Mayes traded his vote and supported Gov. Brown's new Cap-and-Trade tax for a picture in the newspaper with Gov. Jerry Brown, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and Sen. Kevin de Leon, and for repeal of a rural fire-prevention fee and extension of a manufacturers' tax credit to utility companies according to the OC Register.

Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) angrily replied to the vote saying, "Californians are struggling to make ends meet and unfortunately, what I have witnessed by the Assembly Republican Leader is a dereliction of duty to preserve and promote the American Dream for every single Californian. Assemblyman Mayes' actions on Cap-and-Trade demonstrate we no longer share the same leadership principles. I was elected by the people of my district to fight for a more affordable and decent California, a place where every Californian knows their child will have a better life than their own. Regrettably, I can no longer, in good conscience, serve as the Assistant Republican Leader."

The Democrats are once again hiding behind non-elected appointments to call the shots, this time on major economic implications for residents of this state as well as corporations and businesses, both large and small. By relinquishing their elected responsibilities to the Brown appointed California Air Resources Board, I believe that is as close to dereliction of duty as a loose cannon Assembly Leader.

Ten California State Republican Senators signed onto a letter written by Senate Minority Leader Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) who reminded Governor Jer-

ry Brown, "Just last year, California adopted legislation expanding climate change emission goals. Senate Bill 32 mandated a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) of at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 with no consideration of the economic side effects ... The California Chamber of Commerce correctly labeled SB 32 as a job killer."

While Brown and the Democrats are promoting this as the road to a clean, healthy environment that will be part of California life for our children and future generations, some of us wonder if those children will be able to find a job, have a enough income to afford home ownership or just be sitting around sniffing in the clean air being promised.

Bates and the ten committed Republicans say, "We believe that the proposed Cap-and-Trade extension combined with the gas tax and car tax hikes will be a crushing blow to California residents and small businesses negatively impacting their quality of life. Given the magnitude of its effect on the price of food, fuel, electricity, manufactured goods and ... statewide businesses sensitive to price increases ... it is astounding a bill of this import would be rushed through the Legislature so quickly without time for meaningful public discussion and debate." Air Resources Board, as Bates points out, will also have the power to set the prices and the number of allowances being sold while there is no "binding guarantees the revenues collected will not be diverted for other purposes."

Orange County Register reported, "With this increased revenue, Brown pledged to fund his \$68 billion "high-speed" train, low-income housing, and other programs that promote "environmental justice," whatever that means."

From Shade's Perspective: Brown is running out of time, termed out and at his age is at the end of the line. I'm told the bullet train and twin tunnels projects are the two issues he wants to leave behind as his legacy to California. Borrowing from Peter to pay Paul and calling it clean air is just one way to get that bullet train back on track.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Patton Beginnings

By Joe Castillo

Raising a General.... At Benjamin Wilson's funeral, George Smith Patton II made quite an impression, especially on Wilson's daughters Nannie and Ruth. Patton had just graduated from Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and was looking like a prize catch in his military uniform. But the Wilson girls weren't thinking about marriage or a courtship at that time as they were still in mourning over the loss of their father. As more friends called on the Wilson's in the ensuing months, it became widely known that Patton was also interested in socializing with them more.

Both Nannie and Ruth wrote in their diaries that marriage was not in their future but also noted their meeting of George Patton II. But a new life was about to encase the Wilson ladies. Mary Wilson, Benjamin's wife, was frail and suffering from nervous conditions, Nannie Wilson had resolved that she would remain as a single woman for the remainder of life and Ruth Wilson was satisfied with living a simple life. Benjamin Wilson's business had reached multi-million dollar values but his son-in-law James de Barth Shorb was now managing the business as well as the finances. An arrangement was made that Shorb would provide financial support to the Wilson women and their estate while he would continue to run the business. Shorb cashed out his interest in

Wilson's business holdings and netted a princely amount of \$2 million which he used to build a stately Victorian mansion to house his nine children, threw the largest and best parties in Southern California and purchased his own luxurious private railroad car to travel throughout the country. It appeared that the Wilson ladies were to live out their time while being taken care of financially by Shorb and the remains of Benjamin's estate.

But George Patton II saw Ruth Wilson as something more and even saw a resemblance to his own mother, Sue Patton Smith. Sue was raised as a young belle in the confederate south and met a young naval officer by the name of George Patton. They married and had a son which they named George II after his father. The elder George died during the Civil War and shortly afterwards Sue married George Smith who was a successful businessman with his eye on political office. When

B.D. Wilson passed away, it was George Patton II who represented his step-father at the funeral and would meet Ruth Wilson at the services. Eventually George Patton II asked Ruth Wilson to a dance and a romance ensued. They dated, eventually married in December 1844 and had two children. Anita was the youngest child and took on the same characteristics and attributes of her mother. The eldest child was a boy who was born with a stocky build. He was named after his father and would become more famous than his either of his grandfathers; Benjamin Wilson or George Patton Sr. The boy's name was George Smith Patton Jr. and he was to become one of America's greatest leaders....

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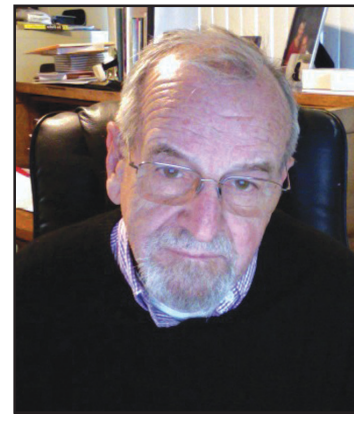
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Revisiting Religion And Politics Part Four Is There A Christian-based Politics?

A few critics warn that I often link liberal religion and liberal politics. "Jesus never took a position on the political issues of his day, and no one should suggest that he would either favor or oppose divisive political issues facing America today" The accusation is that Jesus' red-lettered biblical words do not make him a Bernie Sanders Democrat. Of course Jesus never commented on America's health insurance controversy or the size of our national debt. My critics claim that since Jesus said that his kingdom was not of this world, he had nothing to say about what goes on down here. His role was to save the souls of the earth's lost, not to support progressive candidates or causes.

Obviously Jesus had no knowledge of America's political issues during the first quarter of the 21st century. But he had plenty to say about what was going on in Judea during his ministry. Clearly the gospels, basically the synoptics, deal extensively with the Roman occupation and the effect that occupation had on the lives of Jesus' countrymen and women. Biblical scholars have been clear about that complex of issues for a long time.

Nevertheless, it would not be helpful to go through the synoptics picking out verses, or parts of verses, to bolster some specific political argument. Proof-texting has never been a solid approach to Bible study. One can examine any of a vast variety of issues and find in the Bible snippets that either support or oppose



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what the proof-texter wants to prove or disprove.

A better approach would be to discover if there are themes in Jesus' life and ministry common to every era and social circumstance. I believe that there are, and those who cite them might be either religious or non-religious. These values are common to all religions, and beyond that to all those seeking a more humane world. In fact without the narrow constrains of religious doctrine, I have found in some atheists and humanists the same values I cherish, and that these are also the ethical foundation of everything Jesus held sacred. In this, my last column until after Labor Day, I can only briefly refer to them, promising fuller treatment in the Fall.

While every person is important, serious attention and support must be paid to those on the margins of society who are traditionally left out. These are "the ratted on and spat upon." In Jesus' day that included women, lepers, Samaritans, children, the disabled, foreigners and others out-

side the dominant social and religious networks.

While he described no specific system to redistribute wealth, he consistently supported a "preferable option for the poor," even as he directed warnings to the well-to-do who put their trust in their overflowing possessions, and ignored their less fortunate neighbors. Sharing what life offers results when compassion replaces greed. While compassion and charity might be immediately available options for some, his profound goals centered on social justice and economic equity.

Violence, ultimately ending in war and conquest, distorts the face of God and godly people, and is never to be countenanced even as a last resort.

In every culture—religious and non-religious, there is some approximation of the golden rule (do to others what you would have them do to you) that defines the best human interaction.

The physical world has been given to us as sacred. It's resources are ours to use, not to misuse or use up.

Compassion, commitment, justice, harmony, inclusion and peace are among the key words that constitute a blessed life and a righteous culture.

These are only a few examples of the way that Jesus, and most other ethical teachers talk about what makes for a righteous social order.

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Mt. SAC's Accreditation Reaffirmed for 7 More Years

WALNUT - The Accrediting Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges recently reaffirmed Mt. San Antonio College's accreditation status for the maximum allowable duration of seven years.

"This accreditation reaffirmation is further evidence of the continued exemplary work being done by departments and divisions across campus," said Mt. SAC President William Scroggins.

In March, a visiting accreditation team spent four days at Mt. SAC conducting interviews and meeting with over 60 campus groups and 110 individuals.

"Across campus, we consistently heard lots of excitement

and of the college's commitment to students," said Dr. Sunita Cooke, President of MiraCosta Community College and the Accreditation Team Chair. "There were no areas where the college was not meeting the standards."

The visiting accreditation team praised Mt. SAC's leadership and collegiate atmosphere. Specifically, some of the areas that were applauded include the college's Bridge Program, the PIE process, Pathways, the college's data-informed decision process, Financial Aid's low default rate, and Mt. SAC's non-credit programs.

The next step in the accreditation cycle will be the college's midterm report, which will be

due in spring 2021.

For Mt. SAC, the accreditation process began in 2013 with the selection of an accreditation steering committee. Working with numerous groups and departments, the committee oversaw the production of the college's 550-page accreditation self-study report.

Accreditation is the process by which community colleges are evaluated according the rigorous standards of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Normally, a community college is accredited for a six-year period. But this year, Mt. SAC is one of five colleges that had been allowed to opt for a seven-year accreditation.

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Fed And Corporate Payouts Support Market Action

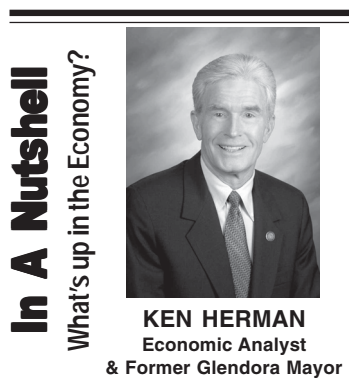
Recently Ed Yardeni (Wall Street economist) reported that the S&P 500 dividend payout ratio in the first quarter remained at about 50%. Dividends actually totaled \$400 billion, while stock buy-backs added another \$508.1 billion to shareholder payouts. The S&P 500's operating earnings were \$958.1 billion in the first quarter, so 94.8% of these operating earnings were returned to shareholders via either dividends or stock buy-backs.

These totals are down from the record-setting first quarter of 2016, but reports that stock buy-back activity is faltering is "fake news," since Corporate America is still obsessed with maintaining high dividend payouts and strong stock buy-back activity. Furthermore, one of the reasons that the stock market seems to rebound quickly after any technology sell-offs is that cash return bargain hunters quickly appear. Corporate America tends to buy back stock in the wake of sell-offs.

In other words, the foundation under the market remains strong thanks to the best operating earnings in over five years and strong dividend payouts and stock buy-back activity.

Many dividend growth stocks have firmed up lately due to the fact that the S&P 500 dividend yield remains very close to the 10-year Treasury yield. We have repeatedly seen that anytime the S&P 500 dividend yield gets near the 10-year Treasury yield, it marks a screaming buy signal. Since the 10-year Treasury yield declined in the second quarter, stocks still appear to be bargains relative to bonds.

Banks may also now be willing to become more shareholder friendly. Last week, Fed Chairman Janet Yellen said in London that U.S. banks are "very much stronger." She also said that another financial crisis is not likely "in our lifetime," since the U.S. banking system has stabilized. Yellen stressed that the Fed learned lessons from the financial crisis: "I think the public can see that the capital positions of the major banks are much stron-



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ger this year. All [major banks] passed the quantitative parts of the stress tests." The next day the Fed "cleared" 34 major banks (which account for 75% of the financial assets in the USA). Those banks can now begin to return capital back to their shareholders, since they all passed the stress test and have sufficient capital. Many major banks may choose to boost their dividends and/or redeem their preferred stock to return capital to their shareholders.

The other big development in the second quarter was that the U.S. dollar posted its biggest quarterly decline against rival currencies in nearly seven years. Hints that tighter monetary conditions might be forthcoming from some central banks around the world helped the U.S. dollar to decline 4.6% against a basket of major currencies in the second quarter. The euro was especially strong in the second quarter, surging 7% against the U.S. dollar, despite ultralow interest rates in the Eurozone.

Interest rates in Britain may have to rise to combat inflation caused largely by a weak British pound, which tends to raise the cost of imported goods. On Tuesday, the Bank of England tightened bank capital requirements, which is often a first step before the bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raises key interest rates.

A weak dollar helps multinational corporations, especially exporters, and helps boost GDP in the process. On Thursday, the Commerce Department revised first-quarter GDP growth up to a 1.4% annual pace, up from previous estimates of 0.7% and 1.2%. The primary reason for the upward GDP revision was that

exports rose at a 7% annual pace (up from 5.8% previously estimated) and consumer spending rose at a 1.1% annual pace (up from 0.6% previously estimated). The optimism for second-quarter GDP growth remains high and most economists expect that GDP growth will at least double to a 2.8% annual pace.

The Latest From The FOMC This past Wednesday (July 26), the FOMC left rates unchanged - as expected - and did not kick off balance sheet reduction - also as expected. There were modest tweaks to the statement, as there always are, but nothing substantial.

- The most important change is in reference to balance sheet reduction. In the June statement it was to begin "this year." Now, it is to begin "relatively soon."

- There were modest tweaks to the economic discussion. The Fed no longer thinks the pace of consumer spending is accelerating.

- The Fed also acknowledged the recent drop in inflation. The Fed maintained its 2% in 2 years inflation forecast, however, a way of reiterating Yellen's Humphrey-Hawkins description of the recent inflation slowdown as "transitory" without saying transitory outright.

- Kashkari, who dissented in June, voted with the rest of the committee this time, presumably because the Fed did not raise rates.

Bottom line: The Fed did the bare minimum, acknowledging recent economic data and little else. Balance sheet reduction will likely be announced at the September meeting and begin soon after. The next rate hike, therefore, is not likely to be considered until December, at which time the economic staff will decide whether the recent drop in inflating - if it continues - is worth worrying about. They clearly don't see any need to rethink their inflation forecast now.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Why are mortgage rates I find online lower than a loan officer is quoting me?

Be sure to read the fine print. Often the rates posted on the internet, on the posters in your bank, and on billboards are based on the borrower having stellar credit, making a 20-percent down payment, and "buying down" the rate by paying an additional one or more points (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount). The mortgage rate you find on the internet usually does not take into consideration all of your specific financial details such as accurate credit history, income, expenses, available funds, and appraised value of the property. A real-person loan professional will "pre-dig" into any problems that might cause a delay during underwriting. Be honest and open. If there's a problem you are aware of, a well drafted Letter of Explanation gives the underwriter more understanding. A new ruling makes it easier to remove items from your credit report that are not yours.

Housing prices are so high that we're thinking we should sell ours and buy a smaller place. The problem is that prices are so high, we're thinking it's a bad time to buy. Can you shed some light on this quandary?

Housing goes through cycles for sellers and buyers. Basically, it boils down to this: Sell high; buy low. Sell low; buy high. Being a buyer in this current market can be very frustrating. It can make you feel like you're in shark-infested waters during a feeding frenzy. Of course, that's great for sellers, because there



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are many ready buyers vying for your property. In the past, it has worked well for some folks to sell high, rent a smaller place for two to five years or so, and then buy. Right now the inventory of homes for sale is low, so it is a great time to put your home up for sale. Be ready to move! (If you need an ethical, professional, knowledgeable Realtor in your area, let me know. I have a short list of such Realtors you might want to interview for the job.)

How can I figure out how much life insurance I should have?

Estimate how much your heirs will need to maintain their lifestyle without you. As a rule of thumb, you can withdraw about 4-percent annually from the earnings on a sum of money before touching the principal. If you currently earn \$50,000 annually, and purchase 5 times your annual income - a \$250,000 policy - your heirs would be able to safely withdraw \$10,000 per year without touching the principal. Ask yourself, "Is \$10,000 a year going to be enough to replace your \$50,000 annual income?"

We're in our 50's, active and healthy, and are thinking about

cancelling our life insurance policies, for now, and buying some term insurance later?

My strong advice: Do not cancel your life insurance policies. Look at some alternatives. It's a lot easier to get a new, possibly less expensive policy when you are still insured. What if you go to buy insurance 10 years from now, but your health has changed for the worse and you are "rated" (required to pay a higher premium), or worse, are "declined" insurance altogether?

I lost my job and don't want to leave my retirement account with that company! How do I move it without having to pay taxes?

To avoid the risk of having to pay taxes, it's a matter of doing the paperwork properly so that the money is transferred in a timely manner to another qualified account. It's best to use the services of a financial professional to help you with this. Let me know if you have any more questions, or if you want a referral.

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Disabled Parking Placard Abusers Caught during Rose Bowl Event

Enforcement operation at sporting event results in 31 citations

PASADENA—Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issued citations to 31 people during a July 23 enforcement operation targeting the illegal use of Disabled Person Parking Placards (DPPP) at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The DMV teamed up with the Pasadena Police Department during a sporting event for this crackdown.

"The DMV collaborates with local police departments to make sure drivers who are parking in blue disabled spots are doing so legally," said DMV Investigations Chief Frank Alvarez. "It is important to point out that not all disabilities are visible and allegations of misuse of a Disabled Person Parking Placard may be unfounded. The majority of Californians who apply for a DPPP have legitimate reasons for doing so."

"The Pasadena Police Department has teamed up with the Department of Motor Vehicles in an effort to minimize the use of fraudulent handicap placards at special events," said Pasadena Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez. "Our department frequently collaborates with local, state and federal agencies in an effort to maximize safety, security, and the overall well-being of patrons visiting the Rose Bowl,"

DPPP offenders must appear in court to face possible fines that range from \$250 to \$1,000. While the misdemeanor or offense will appear on an offender's driver record, no points will be assessed because it is not a moving violation.

During the months of April to June of this year, DMV investigators issued 747 misdemeanor citations during enforcement efforts held throughout the state.

The DMV proactively carries out these types of enforcement operations throughout the year in an effort to reduce the impact DPPP fraud has on the mobility of those with disabilities. The DMV also uses these enforcement efforts as a way to raise general awareness and educate Californians about the need for compliance and the consequences that come with violating the law.

The level of reported or observed misuse of DPPP varies from area to area. Most violations involve people using disabled parking placards issued to family or friends to avoid paying parking fees, as well as

obtaining convenient and/or unrestricted parking. California Vehicle Code Section 4461(b) (c) prohibits anyone from lending their placard, knowingly permitting the use of their placard or allowing anyone else to use it while they are not present. In addition, a person shall not display a disabled person placard that was not issued to him or her or that has been canceled or revoked.

Anyone who suspects a person may be misusing a Disabled Person Parking Placard is urged to report it using an online complaint form or by contacting their local DMV Investigations office.



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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

An Oil Change and Fuel Economy

Usually, when we talk about fuel economy, an oil change isn't at the top of the list of discussion. The manufacturers are requiring lighter and lighter weight engine oil in all vehicles. 5w30 and 5w20 are being replaced with 0w16. I can hardly believe it, as 0w16 is like pouring water, it's so thin.

The reason for the light weight oil is to give better fuel economy to satisfy the CAFÉ (corporate average fuel economy) standards. This standard is set by our state and requires all car manufacturers to average 54.5 MPG by the year 2025. Don't think for a minute that the changes are going to slow down anytime soon.

Believe it or not an oil change can and will affect your

miles per gallon and here is why. Us old guys always grabbed the 20w50 oil for our cars and today two of the most popular oils is 5w20 and 0w30. The comparison would be 20w50 oil will pour like molasses, while 0w20 will pour like water. Thicker oil creates resistance inside the engine, slowing down moving parts and lowering your miles per gallon. A hybrid or very high mile per gallon car can lower mileage by 1 to 2 miles per gallon. We have observed this from some testing that we have done.

Is installing 5w30 oil in a car requiring 5w20 a concern? Yes and no. Yes, because it will affect fuel mileage, sometimes it is noticeable, sometimes not. And no, because using a

slightly thicker oil will not hurt the internal engine components at all. Warning!! Thicker is not better, so please don't use a very thick oil like a 20w50 in a modern car as that will cause issues.

Other ways car makers are working to meet the CAFÉ standards are:

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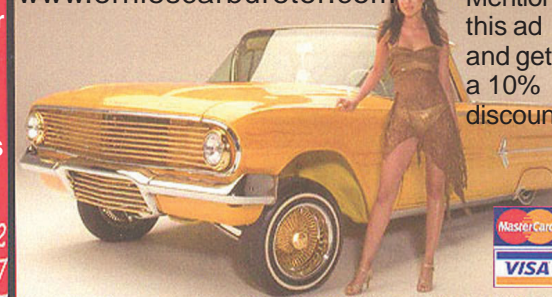
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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy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

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

ARCADIA Community Summer Dance Night!

The Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation, the City of Arcadia, and the Arcadia Unified School District proudly present a Free Community Summer Dance Night on Saturday, August 12 from 7-9:30pm at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, 188 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007. There will be karaoke singing and dancing under the stars. Catering and ice cream will be available for purchase.

Bring the whole family out to participate in this FREE event! For more information, please call 626.574.5113.

Tennis Anyone, Classes and Camps

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This summer, Tennis Anyone is offering Pee Wee, Beginner Junior Tennis, Intermediate/Advance Junior Tennis, Small Group, and Adult classes, as well as weeklong camps. Don't miss out and sign-up today! For more information, please visit our website at www.arcadiaCA.gov or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

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.

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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.

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.

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 6:30-8:30 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.

Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

The La Fetra Center and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank invites SENIORS (Ages 60+) to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Current Food Bank participants can receive a FREE food kit once per month which contains items such as canned meats, canned

fruits and vegetables, dry milk, cereals, and related products.

Participants must meet the following income guidelines to be eligible: one person household income must not exceed \$1,211 per month and a two person household income must not exceed \$1,640 per month. You must provide income verification and a photo ID with birthdate at your first visit. The La Fetra Center distribution takes place on the **Fourth Tuesday of Every Month** from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

MONROVIA Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

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

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

Caring Crafters

If you have an interest in knit-

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

Stretching is essential for our bodies. The Department of Community Services invites seniors to join our weekly senior stretching and exercise class. The class includes stretching techniques geared toward seniors over 50, though the class is great for anyone in need of a good routine. Movement increases range of motion, relaxation, and decreases risk of injury. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring a towel and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

SAN DIMAS Toastmasters Club

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

WEST COVINA Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center,

Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.
- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and In-

dependence Day.

Senior Lunch

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

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

Classic Car Nights

PASADENA - Lake Avenue Church is hosting free Classic Car Nights on Friday August 11 and August 25, from 6-8 p.m. The church's west parking lot will be transformed into a car enthusiast's paradise of classic, vintage, exotic and vehicles, along with music and burgers.

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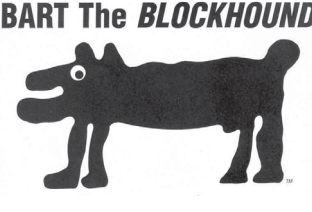
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By Jayam Rutnam

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loss of a loved one," says Elva. "I simplify the decision making for items my clients wish to remove from their homes by sorting like items together; I help them make decisions about their items for donation, selling, or disposal, to reveal a transformed peaceful home." She works side by side with clients to teach them organizing skill. She can also do physical work for them. I help catapult them toward their goals by taking out the clutter surrounding their space which is keeping them stuck. You may find more information about Elva at www.sensationalorganizing.com. Those interested in a free consultation may call her at 909-372-0527.



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS

Attend a community meeting to learn the latest about the Project's timeline, what to expect during construction, the latest station and parking plans, public art and how to stay updated. All meetings will display the same information, so attend the one that is most convenient for you.

There will be no formal presentation; arrive any time between 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM:

Thursday, July 13
San Dimas Senior/Community Center
201 E. Bonita Avenue
San Dimas, CA 91773

Wednesday, July 19
Montclair Senior Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763

Thursday, August 3
Hillcrest Retirement Community
2705 Mountain View Drive
La Verne, CA 91750

Tuesday, July 18
Palomares Park Community Center
499 E. Arrow Highway
Pomona, CA 91767

Monday, July 24
Alexander Hughes Community Center
1700 Danbury Road
Claremont, CA 91711

Monday, August 7
Glendora Library, Bidwell Forum
140 S. Glendora Avenue
Glendora, CA 91741



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