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Azusa Non-Profit Organizations To Honor Veterans

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - Veterans Day is an official holiday in the United States, observed annually on November 11, which honors all military veterans; that is, persons who served in any of the five U.S.A military branches. It coincides with other holidays celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I whose major hostilities were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day, a holiday which was eventually renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day should not to be confused with Memorial Day, a holiday in May; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service. It is also not to be confused with Armed Forces Day, typically celebrated the third Saturday in May, which specifically honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

The Azusa Rotary Foundation and the Azusa Rotary Club, in conjunction with many other valued partners in Azusa, are again planning an inspirational and patriotic display of hundreds of U.S. flags on the Azusa City Hall front lawn. The display will run from November 5 through November 12, and will be up during



Hundreds of flags will be displayed in front of Azusa City Hall as part of the Field of Glory ceremony between November 5-12, 2017 by the Rotary Foundation and the Azusa Rotary Club.

the annual Azusa Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Flags will be sold for \$35 each, and if desired may be claimed Saturday afternoon after the Ceremony or on Sunday morning, November 12 when the Field of Glory is taken completely down. Poles and ground stakes are sold for an additional \$15.

Flags, poles, and ground stakes will be sold to honor veterans, servicepersons, first responders, personal heroes, or any loved one. The Azusa Rotary will personalize a tag that will be attached to each flag listing the Donor, the Honoree, and if desired, some information about the Honoree. A photograph or additional information may be attached to the flag if you like. There will be a site map showing visitors where

to find individual flags in the Field, and the Field of Glory will be illuminated at night in accordance with U.S. Flag display protocol. Profits from this event will be used to help fund and benefit Service Person Family Support, Veterans' Support and Recognition, and local Youth Leadership Programs.

The Azusa Veterans Day Ceremony is organized annually and hosted by the Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee and co-sponsored by the City of Azusa. This year is the 16th Anniversary



One of the highlights of the Azusa Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony by the Azusa Veterans Memorial Day Committee is the placement of the wreath in front of the deceased Veterans Monument by a veteran. Last year Army Veteran, John Macias with the assistance of two Gladstone JROTC officers laid the wreath.

of the celebration of this ceremony. The Ceremony is always celebrated each year on November 11, at 11:00 a.m.

The committee is composed of veterans, members of the community, and city officials whose primary purpose is to honor veterans. The Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee (AVMC) is responsible for the construction of the Memorial Monument and Veterans Walk of Freedom in front of Azusa City Hall.

The committee has been in the

forefront of surrounding cities in its dedication to honoring its local Azusa service men and women on Memorial Day, 4th of July, Korean Armistice Day, and Veterans Day. Members of the committee also used to participate in the placement of Military Banners along Downtown's Azusa Avenue between 5th and 9th Streets before the City took responsibility of the banners and in sending care packages to local service men and women serving overseas and to honor returning veterans.

Josh Elmore and Friends to Perform For Glendora Woman's Club

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The musical group "Josh Elmore and Friends" will present a program for the Glendora Woman's Club at the club's luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, **November 7**. The group is known for its eclectic style of blending pop, folk, jazz and the blues, said program vice president Helen Storland.

The club day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The catered luncheon at noon and the musical program will follow.

For the program by "Josh Elmore and Friends," the musicians will provide accompaniment on the Guitar, the Mandolin, and the Cajon that is a state of the art drum. The group's program will feature a combination of original music blended with other styles, and also a selection of well-known songs. The performance will mark a returned engagement for Elmore and member Kevin Rose.

At each club meeting, members are encouraged to participate in the Member's Participation Art Display that features a different theme each month. The theme for this meeting will be "Things to be Thankful For," and members are encouraged to share an item from home for the display, said committee chair Joy Martau.

The club's November 7 meet-



Two members of the musical group "Josh Elmore and Friends" set to perform for the Glendora Woman's Club on November 7 are, pictures from left, Josh Elmore with Mandolin and Kevin Rose with Guitar. (Photo by Rose Myers)

ing will be the special time club members are asked to donate nonperishable food items for the Glendora Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket Program, a program that has a long record of

service. It is one of the club's annual service projects that helps Glendora residents in need during the holidays, said Judy Gillham, Holiday Basket committee member. Also, cash donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations of food items will be collected on a table in the club's entry way that displays the Holiday Basket sign.

For information about membership, special events, or projects, call Patty at 909-929-0684, for information about renting the ballroom or tearoom for an event, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

Glendora Police Department Announces Promotion of Matt Egan to Captain

GLENDORA - The Glendora Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Matt Egan to Captain which took effect Monday, October 23, 2017

Chief Rosales promoted Matt Egan to Captain alongside his family, friends, co-workers (both past and current) as well as members of the City Council. Captain Egan started his career working for the City of Glendora in 1988 then moved over to law enforcement as a Cadet for the Glendora Police Department in 1990. In 1992, Captain Egan was hired as a PSR where he worked as a dispatcher and jailer. Captain Egan was hired as a police officer in 1996 and worked several assignments including motors and the detective bureau. In 2004, Captain Egan was promoted to the rank of Corporal and in 2009 again promoting to patrol Sergeant. Captain Egan was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014 where he served as a patrol lieutenant and was in charge of professional staff. Captain Egan is well known for his caring and hardworking attitude and for his service back to the community. As a special surprise set up by his wife and 4 kids, Captain Egan's father flew in from the East Coast



The father of Captain Egan pins on his son's new badge

to be there to pin on his new badge. Congratulations Captain Egan!!

"The Glendora Police Department is an organization that is Genuine, Professional, and Dedicated. Each day that I have served as Chief of Police for the City of Glendora I find myself being

thankful for the hard-working and well-developed personnel we have in our department. The promotion of Captain Egan reinforces our core values, and is an opportunity to celebrate with and thank those who helped make this event possible." - Lisa G. Rosales, Chief of Police

Thunderfest a Big Hit in Covina

By George Ogden

COVINA - Thunderfest was back again in Covina with over 200 Hot Rods, Classic, and Custom Cars. Over a dozens booths with local wine and beer, plus vendors serving up snacks and street-style food from the best restaurants of Downtown Covina were present. A full day of music entertainment from Classic Rock and Blues to modern hits were on two outdoor stages.

The well attended event is held yearly on Citrus Ave., between San Bernardino Road and Badillo Street. The event brings out cars from all over as well as people from out of state. It was a great event for the entire family.



Covina's Thunderfest had all kinds of custom cars and hotrods, like Lloyd Johnson's 56 Chevy (pictured), along with food, booths and much more.

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"CONVOY" Passes Through Route 66

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - A large convoy of 80 privately owned historic military vehicles drove through Glendora on October 13 on Route 66. The convoy was expected to pass through at 2.30 p.m. but it was after 3.30 p.m. that the lead truck of the convoy approached the intersection of Route 66 and Grand Avenue. Route 66 in Glendora was lined with spectators, residents of Glendora and War Veterans, who cheered and waved the convoy along. There were World War 2 Jeeps, Military Red Cross Vehicles, Lorries and Trucks of all kinds.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association organized their 91st Anniversary Convoy



Glendora resident and former Deputy Sheriff Henry Aldana waves at the convoy while Gino Arias of Fox 11 News films it.

with these Historic Military Vehicles (HMVs) that retraces the original 1926 Route 66 and was launched from Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, 16 September, 2017 to arrive in Santa Monica, California some 29 days later, on Saturday, 14 October, 2017. (www.MVPA.org)

West Covina Councilman Wu Attends Chinese TV and Film Festival



Tony Wu speaks at EDI Media group event.

By George Ogden
SAN GABRIEL - West Covina City Councilman, Tony Wu Attended the EDI Media Group Chinese American Film and TV Festival event to give a speech and present a certificate.

The event was held at the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel.

It was very well attended by actors and actresses as well as many from the political arena from all levels.

8th Grade Village Builders Club Rocks!



DUARTE - This year's 8th Grade Village Builders Club is full of activities. They shared an amazing update at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. 45 of them joined for a recent meeting with their Faculty Advisor, Angela Stephens, and shared:

- They had just completed a Beach Clean-up
- They participated in a

clean-up at the Veterans Cemetery in Los Angeles.

- They raised \$200 for hurricane relief and donated to Save the Children

They are planning a "flash mob" event to help raise money to fight childhood leukemia and have 100 kids signed up. Their tag line is "You would give 10 dollars to see a child smile, join

Duarte Kiwanis and Builders club and give 10 dollars to see a child live a life time of smiles. Their goal of \$1000 seems already a reality!

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com



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San Gabriel Police Department Receives Grant For Special Traffic Enforcement And Crash Prevention

SAN GABRIEL – The San Gabriel Police Department has been awarded a \$110,000.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcement and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. The San Gabriel Police Department will use the funding as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and to improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

After falling to a ten year low in 2010, the number of persons killed on roadways has climbed nearly 17 percent across the state, with 3,429 fatalities in 2015. Particularly alarming is the rise in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities that now comprise nearly 25 percent of all traffic deaths, along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies and the emergence of drug-impaired driving. This grant funding will provide opportunities to

combat these and other devastating problems such as speeding and crashes at intersections.

"Unsafe behaviors account for 94 percent of traffic crashes," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "This grant emphasizes the two most effective ways to change behaviors – education and enforcement. The San Gabriel Police Department, with assistance from the Office of Traffic Safety, will use these tools to help keep San Gabriel streets safe."

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- Motorcycle safety enforce-

ment

- Distracted driving enforcement

- Warrant service operations
- Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement

While alcohol remains the underlying factor for DUI crashes, the San Gabriel Police Department supports the new effort from OTS that aims to drive awareness that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription medications and marijuana or any combination with alcohol can impair a driver and result in a DUI arrest.

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award

ARCADIA - The Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award is a Los Angeles County program showcasing and recognizing various ways CDBG federal funding is used in Los Angeles County communities. The Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department Senior Lunch Program has been recognized for the 2017 Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award.

On Wednesday, October 18, Congresswoman Judy Chu recognized The City of Arcadia Senior Meals Program with a Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award. The City of Arcadia's Recreation and Community Services Department serves all adults 50 years and

older throughout Arcadia and the neighboring cities. As one of highest producing congregate hot meal sites within the San Gabriel Valley, Arcadia's Senior Meal Program serves an average of 90 people daily, Monday through Friday, for an out of pocket charge of \$2 per meal for those 55 year+. In addition to the nutritional health benefits, the senior meal program offers social empowerment. This social engagement often opens the door to even more social and community involvement such as exercise and art classes, excursions, seminars, and clubs. For more information please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

DMV Investigators Combat Unlicensed Vehicle Dismantlers

Strike Team Targets Unlicensed Dismantling in Los Angeles County

SACRAMENTO – Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) targeted approximately 36 locations in the Wilmington area (Los Angeles County) in an effort to combat unlicensed vehicle dismantlers. During the enforcement operation on October 26, 2017, DMV investigators cited 24 individuals for unlicensed vehicle dismantling. In addition, four individuals were cited for other related offenses. In addition, two investigators with the California Air Resources Board inspected these locations for violation of state environmental regulations.

"It is against the law for anyone to act as a vehicle dismantler without having an established place of business, meeting specific requirements, and having a current valid license or temporary permit issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles," said DMV Chief of Investigations Frank Alvarez.

The Vehicle Dismantler Industry Strike Team consists of DMV investigators whose sole mission is to identify and shut down unlicensed vehicle dismantlers.

The strike team inspected business locations suspected to be involved in unlicensed vehicle dismantling activity in Los Angeles County. The investigators found vehicles that were in the process of being dismantled by unlicensed individuals. Investigators also found these unlicensed dismantlers were illegally selling used auto parts. It is illegal to sell used vehicle parts without proper acquisition from a licensed dismantler.

During this operation, the strike team focused on verifying that businesses complied

with state laws and regulations, as well as environmental guidelines. In addition, investigators conducted Vehicle Identification Number inspections, and examined engine and license plate numbers in order to recover stolen vehicles or components and parts.

"We want unlicensed vehicle dismantlers to know that the DMV has an active law enforcement team that continuously attacks problem areas throughout the state," said Alvarez.

Unlicensed vehicle dismantlers operate in the underground economy and do not comply with the licensing requirements. Unlicensed vehicle dismantlers also ignore environmental regulatory requirements, insurance obligations, workplace safety requirements, and avoid paying taxes. For example, vehicle fluids can seep and contaminate ground water and defective parts can be sold to unsuspecting people, creating a potential public safety hazard.

The strike team obtained information from state and local agencies that indicated unlicensed dismantlers were operating in the targeted area. The strike team collaborated with the California Air Resources Board in accordance with state law.

To report unlicensed vehicle dismantling activity to the DMV Investigations Division, complete the online complaint form or visit www.dmv.ca.gov, to report possible abuse.

Background:

In September 2016, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed Assembly Bill 1858, which requires the DMV to collaborate with representatives

Officials To Honor Diversity, Unity In Annual Parade

Residents, business leaders encouraged to join in community event

BALDWIN PARK - Residents, business owners, community members, along with their respective with family and friends are invited to line Baldwin Park Boulevard early next Saturday for the city's annual parade. The "Celebrate Baldwin Park Parade" kicks off Saturday, November 4, at 9:45 a.m. and continues with a weekend carnival at Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd.

This year's event is themed "Building Community Through Diversity." City officials said they plan to join in solidarity, inclusion, and in celebration of Baldwin Park's rich diversity as part of the upcoming festivities, according to organizers.

"We are coming together and celebrating the diversity in our community," said Mayor Manuel Lozano. "It's an opportunity for residents to interact, learn and embrace our multiple cultures and belief systems to ensure that, as a community, we are respectful and embrace our differences."

According to Lozano, officials decided on this year's theme based on the recent adversities - primarily those based on race relations - that have been at the helm of worldwide topics and conversations. City leaders want to ensure that Baldwin Park residents feel "safe, welcomed and included in the strength that makes up this community."

"We are stronger, because we are different," the mayor added.

Among the features at this year's parade will be a series of school groups, marching bands and other guests from throughout the region who will take to the streets to entertain the

crowds. The parade will conclude at Morgan Park with a special awards ceremony. Organizers are calling on residents and community members to line up along Baldwin Park Boulevard between Olive Street and Ramona Boulevard to cheer on their favorite group, float or band in the parade.

"The parade allows for residents to continue the longtime traditions of cheering on parade participants," noted City Manager Shannon Yauchzee. "For some, this celebration makes up multiple generations who get to take part in the anniversary parade of the city year after year."

The upcoming Baldwin Park parade will also feature journalist Yarel Ramos, the star of Univision's Edición Digital California, as the event's grand marshal.

According to officials, Ramos is an advocate for Latino issues, as well as a philanthropist. She leads the first newscast designed and produced for simulcast on digital platforms and live broadcast television, and she has also served as the host of 'Universe Now' and 'Universe Rex' on NBC Universe. A native of Los Angeles, Ramos has also maintained several roles in NBC Family's many brands, including E! Latino, Telemundo and MSNBC.

Officials hope her role in the Baldwin Park Parade will inspire others to take an active role in their community.

To date, an estimated 68 en-

tries - which include dignitaries, marching bands, community groups, businesses and floats - will make up this year's Baldwin Park Parade. Some groups will hail from within the city, while many others may travel here from outside Los Angeles County. Nonetheless, organizers hope the upcoming festivities will provide an opportunity for residents to celebrate community and support fellow residents and local groups.

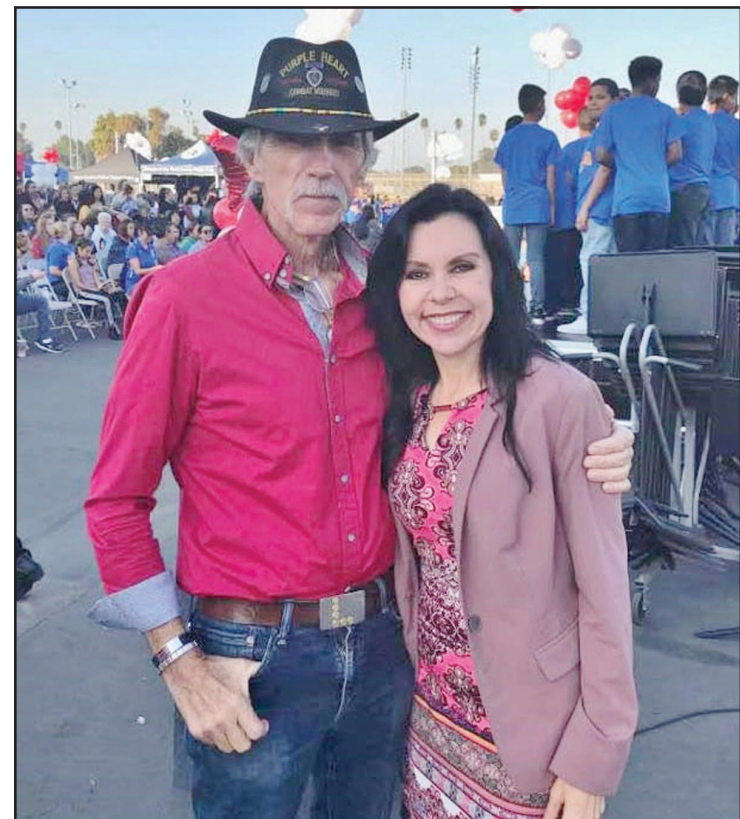
"The dynamics of the parade are always very celebratory with a weekend that lights up the city in cheer, comradery, and different groups of people celebrating in unison," Lozano said.

Along with the community parade, Baldwin Park's celebration will be complemented with a carnival that begins Thursday, November 2, and concludes Sunday, November 5. The carnival will feature various carnival-style rides, games and food booths for the entire family. Carnival hours are from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission to the carnival is free, though ticket costs for rides and vendors vary. There will also be a carnival opening night special of only \$1 per ride, available and valid only on Thursday.

For more information, call (626) 813-5245 or visit www.baldwinpark.org.

City of West Covina Red Ribbon Rally



Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio stands with West Covina Councilman Lloyd Johnson at the Red Ribbon Rally in West Covina.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The Red Ribbon Rally is part of the national anti-drug effort, Red Ribbon Week. The drug-free awareness week was established in memory of the late DEA agent, Enrique Camarena who was murdered in 1985 after his work in Mexico which led to the discovery of a multimillion dollar drug

operation. This program is directed to everyone to get out the message to say "no to drugs".

There were a number of booths with plenty of information. There were police and fire displays as well as demonstrations by a SWAT officer and Fire Department. There was great entertainment throughout the day.

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Releases New Anti-Nepotism Policy

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) released its new anti-nepotism policy, requiring all current and prospective agency employees to disclose any personal relationships they may have with other CDTFA employees. The policy also prohibits an individual from supervising anyone with whom they have a personal relationship. Employees who violate the policy can be disciplined with punishment up to termination depending on the severity of the offense.

"We need to ensure that all of our personnel decisions are based solely on merit," said CDTFA Director Nicolas Maduros. "Not only is that the law, it's also essential to making CDTFA the best tax agency in the country and the best place to work in state government."

The policy defines nepotism as "any relationship so personal that other CDTFA employees may reasonably perceive that one of the employees may be motivated to treat the other one more favorably than other employees. That includes, but

is not limited to, any familial relationship established by blood, adoption, marriage, or registered domestic partnership."

The policy also states that nepotism may include two employees "within the same chain of command (although not direct) or within the same division or office," and employees may not attempt to exert any influence over personnel matters involving hiring, promotion, discipline, performance reviews, and any other personnel action.



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Trump: Savvy Businessman Says NO! Hitting .400

President Donald Trump and his administration are rejecting financial support for Gov. Brown's Delta Twin Tunnel project, known as the Water Fix. Significant blows to the project came when major water purveyors declined to support the project. Metropolitan Water District pledged \$4 billion to the project currently estimated to cost \$17.5 billion, but several reports anticipate cost over-runs pushing the cost of the 10-year project to \$50 billion. Water users can expect a rate increase, based on final cost, to pay for the project if it moves forward.



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

June 8, 1992 ballot as a veto referendum with 62.7% of the voters voting against the project. Veto Referendum is a signature drive to place a law on the ballot for voters to ratify or reject.

Brown's Twin Tunnel Water Fix, at the moment, with variations popping up daily, include:

- 2 tunnels, each would be 150 feet below ground.
- 40 feet in diameter and 4 stories high. For perspective, average street width is 35 to 40 feet wide. Average new building heights in this area are 3 stories high.
- 30 miles long.
- 3 new intakes, each able to churn out 9,000 cubic feet of water per second.
- Total annual yield of 4.9 million acre feet. One acre foot of water covers a football field one foot deep and is 326,000 gallons of water. An average household uses between one-half and one acre foot of water per year for indoor and outdoor use.
- An additional \$8 billion would be devoted to habitat restoration in the Delta making the cost \$25.5 billion not \$17.5 billion.
- April 4, 2015 LA Times reported a \$25 billion conservation plan for the Delta.
- Revenue bonds, funding the tunnels, would be issued by the water agencies and paid for by the farmers and urban water users and tunnels would be owned and operated by the state Department of Water Resources.
- L.A. Times: State Water Project would pick up 55% of the tunnels' cost and agricultural districts would pay 45%.
- OC Register: Water districts invested a quarter billion dollars for engineers and scientists to find the right project, subjecting it to one million hours of state and federal planning and environ-

Twin Tunnels Water Fix project has reigned old water wars dating back to the 1913 aqueduct with political fights between farmers and ranchers from Owens Valley and Los Angeles. Revisiting this water supply in the 1970s forced L.A. to restrict the amount of diverted water draining the Owens Valley water supply.

California Water System or aqueduct built by Gov. Pat Brown (Jerry's father) is the major source of water for Central and Southern California using a system of canals, tunnels and pipelines collecting water from the Sierra Nevadas and the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers. The 400-mile aqueduct begins at the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and eventually splits off into 3 branches, Coastal ending up in Lake Cachuma; West Branch, conveying water to Castaic Lake; and, East Branch connected to Silverwood Lake. The average channel is 110 feet wide, 32 feet deep with a capacity of 13,100 cubic feet of water per second. A thunderous outcry from the north against the project claiming salt water intrusion destroying the Delta and a cost of \$13 billion then (\$104 billion in 2015 dollars) forced the bond issue to a referendum.

Gov. Jerry Brown's 1982 referendum on the peripheral canal brought out north versus south, farmer versus environmentalist and Southern California's water need for a growing population. The proposal created a canal taking water from the Sacramento River and by-passing the Delta to preserve the largest wetland ecosystem on the Pacific Coast. Charges by the north of 'water grab' by the south that would destroy the Delta ended up on the

mental review.

• Currently this does not require legislative or voter approval.

To compare, the Chunnel (tunnel between England and France)

- 31.5 miles long with 23.5 miles under water
- 246 feet deep into water
- 3 tunnels - 1 for emergencies and 2 for high speed rail at 100 mph carrying passengers, cars motorbikes and heavy freight.

• 6 years to build (1988 to 1993) and cost \$21 billion.

Prop. 53, No Blank Checks, on November 8, 2016 ballot, a constitutional amendment, required revenue bonds, like the proposal for Water Fix and all public infrastructure proposals above \$2 billion, to be approved by the voters if the projects required an increase in taxes or fees for repayment.

Dino Cortopassi, retired farmer, put up \$4 million to fund Prop. 53 - No Blank Checks. Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Cong. Tom McClintock, and California Republican Party supported Prop 53. Passage of No Blank Checks, would have forced Brown to take the Water Fix to a vote of the people. Prop 53, No Blank Checks, was narrowly defeated 50.58% to 49.42% - just 1.16% short - with Brown and the California Democrat Party opposing. Brown for Governor 2014 contributed \$4.108 million and the Democrat Party put up \$1.9 million. Currently, there are only two projects that would require a vote of the people under Prop 53 - Twin Tunnels Water Fix and The Bullet Train, both Brown projects with the Bullet Train in serious cost over-runs and delays.

Shade's Perspective: Gov. Brown's Twin Tunnel Water Fix proposal has, first and foremost, the same problem as his Bullet Train. The dollar signs are too fluid, neither project is reasonable based on financial projections, and Brown is denying a vote of the people on Water Fix just like the gas tax. And, how about SB 623, a tax on water next year.

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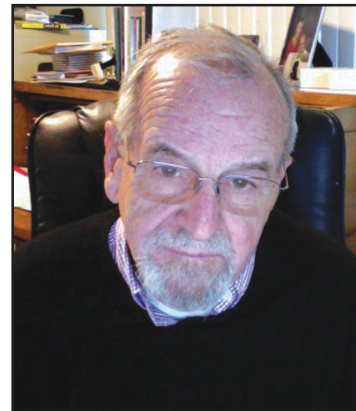
It was quite a productive afternoon. I finished a column, and filed it hours before the deadline. I watched the NY Yankees get what was coming to them. We welcomed a good old friend from St. Joseph. I remembered a doctor's appointment, and even got there on time. These were the only four things I knew I had to do. In recent weeks I have been forgetting to do even what was on my desk calendar. Wendy never forgets anything because every morning she writes out her schedule for the day. She has often suggested I do the same thing. I would follow her advice, except I often forget.

But back to the four things I got done. If I were playing baseball and went four for four I would be batting 1000 for the day. If I had gone to bat ten times and struck out the other six, I would still be hitting .400 which is an almost unheard of season's average in the major leagues. Ted Williams did it in 1941 hitting .406, and no one has done it since.

But change the activity from hitting a baseball to walking on a wire from one skyscraper to another. No matter how many times you attempt that feat, the first time you don't succeed will be the last time you even make an attempt. 400 may be a super batting average, but .900 in walking a high wire is a guarantee you will never get another chance.

Most of the things we try will be either like hitting a baseball or walking a high wire, and knowing the category is an essential prerequisite. Misidentifying the category is a ready-made disaster.

The notion that every activity demands perfection is a built-in guarantee of failure. My guess is



Charles H. Bayer

that every successful invention was preceded by a long list of failures. Nothing worth doing probably made it on the first try. I recently had a conversation with a colleague who wanted to emerge as a superior watercolor artist. I had this same conversation with him ten years ago! His fear of failure kept him from making a single attempt for at least a decade. He might never have become a superior artist--but neither he nor I will ever know. But then nothing is worth doing that is not worth doing badly.

I admire every person who runs for political office even if they lose, only to pick themselves up and try again. My name appeared on a municipal ballot four times. On three of those times I was the successful candidate. But I learned more the time I was defeated than in my three winning campaigns combined. Let me introduce you to what may be life's greatest teacher. Her name is failure.

When I was eight years old I picked out my life's work. I was going to be the world's greatest musician as conductor of an outstanding Philharmonic Orchestra. I got the idea when our third grade teacher played a record of the Beethoven 5th and handed me

a stick with the invitation to conduct while the record played. There it was—settled for life. The only problem was I didn't know one note from another or one instrument from another. I had to start somewhere and so I began with a Tonette. From then on it was just a matter of deciding on the right instrument. Next came the violin—too complicated. The piano was too ordinary. Then came the trumpet, to which my mother violently objected. The drums never made it past the front door. The guitar was only tolerated. The trombone got no one's approval.

Victory arrived in the smallest possible case. THE FLUTE! And I had found just the right teacher. He was the husband of my church's organist. He struggled with me for two agonizing years. I was determined to win and was practicing about 9:30 one evening when all was interrupted by a loud knocking on the front door. I responded and was confronted by two embarrassed police officers.

"Sorry to bother you," spoke up the first, "but there has been a complaint about ... the saxophone ..." After two years my delicate flute sounded like a Saxophone. So I chuckled, put the flute in its box, and put the box on a closet shelf where it remained for years, until it graciously disappeared. Thus ended the dream ... almost. You see, what I had left was a ravenous love of good music, beginning with Beethoven. So Wendy and I for the past 16 years have occupied the same seats eight Sunday afternoons a year, facing the Philharmonic's conductor, who looks strangely familiar.

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They Can Make Getting Out of Restrooms Difficult

Are you one of those people that will use a public restroom and when you leave, you use a paper towel to operate the door handle? In other words, you don't want to "touch" the handle on the door to get out. Well, I am one of those people. After I use the rest room, I wash my hands, then get a paper towel and dry them off. I use the same towel to open the door so I can leave the restroom.

I have seen some pretty nasty people use the restroom and not rinse or wash their hands. They simply walk to the door and use the handle to open the door and leave.

Some of these people look like they haven't had a bath in weeks and smell like it. We have everything from the homeless, transients and other undesirables using these restrooms in public places like restaurants, stores, libraries and so on.

Many of these people have and carry diseases like hepatitis, aids and much more. They use these restrooms and we use these facilities too. Often we touch what they touch.

If there are no paper towels for me to use so I can exit, I have to wait for someone else to open the door, either leaving or coming in. If there is no activity like this, I look to see if I can use the edge of the door and pull it open. I grab high on the side of the door if I can open it that way. I sometimes use my pocket knife to pry on the door to get enough of it out where I can use my fingers to open the door.

I hate it when they are out of paper towels. I go into one of the stalls to get toilet paper or one of the sanitary toilet seat covers and use that to open the door.

What burns me is when I wash my hands and I look for a paper towel dispenser, there is none but in its place is one of those blowers to blow dry your hand. Now that is fine, but it leaves you with an unhealthy future when you go



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

to leave, you use the door handle that could have urine or fecal matter on it.

They recently spent tens of thousands of dollars to renovate the restrooms at the West Covina library. As far as I was concerned, there was nothing wrong with the old restrooms, they were in great shape. Well, this is one example of your tax dollars hard at work. In my opinion, it was a waste of your tax dollars.

Guess what they put on the

walls to dry your hands? A fricking blower. This place has a large volume of filthy undesirables using these restrooms. This to me is a major health risk to use one of these bathrooms. You can't get out if you are like me.

Couple of remedies you can use. If you know the restroom is an "at risk" restroom, you can bring your own paper towels. You can block the door with something to hold it open so you can exit when you are done. Get the number of the establishment where you are using the restroom and call them and tell them you can't get out and can they come and open the door for you. Let them know "why" you did this. When you use one of these "at risk" restrooms, you are putting yourself at risk.

"That's Just the Way it Is!"

Letters to the Editor

Opinions Are The Writer's

"Establishing Shall Issue Concealed Carry for Glendora Residents"

Synopsis of Statement Made at the Oct. 24, 2017 Glendora City Council Meeting

As a long time Glendora resident of over 45 years, I have strongly advocated for our natural and enumerated right to self-defense and have worked and called for needed action to be taken by the Glendora City Council to establish the ability for Glendora residents to legally defend their lives, the lives of their families, their livelihoods and their personal dignity, outside of their homes, in the face of significant increases in local violent crime, the threat of terrorism and in regards to decades of de-facto, no issue concealed carry permit policy on the part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department.

All Glendora and LA County residents have long endured the loss of this fundamental civil right and now are facing unprecedented increases in local violent crime due in large part to recent passage of misguided & twisted state legislation which only serves to reward criminals at the expense of the law abiding. An increase in local crime sufficient to garner the attention of the Glendora City Council, resulting in recent action taken to formally join this regional "Taking Back our Community" initiative; an initiative announced, and presented to Glendora residents earlier this month. While this

initiative is welcome, it does nothing to solve the immediate need of the moment: that of our own personal defense and the defense of our families and our businesses.

Currently there is no practical recourse for any Glendora resident to obtain a concealed carry permit. One must apply directly to the LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD). And it is a known fact that LASD refuses to issue permits to regular citizens under any circumstances. It's been that way for years. LA County is but one of only 9 counties in California that effectively deny permits to regular citizens. Their use of the 'May Issue' standard is arbitrary and capricious such that no one's 'good cause' is ever deemed 'good enough'. Contrast this with 35 other counties in CA that do issue to citizens in a true 'Shall Issue' manner, including neighboring counties of San Bernardino, Ventura, Riverside and Kern.

Per 2015 data, there were a mere 494 carry permits issued by LA County Sheriff. And 484 of those went to either sitting Judges, DA's, large campaign contributors or celebrities. 494 total permits issued ... considering a total adult LA County population of nearly 8 million people... That translates to only 0.0062% of the county adult population; a rate nearly a thousand times less than the current national average

of 6.5%.

I submit that the ability for Glendora residents to lawfully carry a firearm, concealed upon their person, outside of their homes, is not only a fundamental civil right currently being denied us, but is vital to the success of any initiative such as this "Take Back Our Community". For to 'take back' requires the ability to fight back; immediately, right then and there, in the moment it happens. And in spite of the tremendous admiration I have our Glendora PD officers it's a fact of reality that 'when seconds count, the police will be there in a few minutes'.

The current situation has gone on for far too long and demands a remedy. A remedy that is easily available to the Glendora City Council and one that will benefit every single Glendora resident.

I myself, & representing over 650 local supporters on our 'Glendora Concealed Carry' FB page family, call for the implementation of a true 'shall issue' concealed weapons permitting process for all law-abiding Glendora residents via the existing issuing authority vested in the Glendora Police Chief under current CA law.

I urge every Glendora resident to voice similar support to the City Council and the Glendora Police Chief.

Matt Russell
Glendora, CA

The Crash Of 1987

On October 19, 1987 (a Monday 30 years ago) the stock market fell 22.6% in one day - almost twice the decline of the previous worst day on Wall Street, which was also a Monday, October 28, 1929 - the now-forgotten Black Monday between Black Thursday (October 24) and Black Tuesday (October 29). What caused this 1987 crash?

Investopedia says, "The cause of the stock market crash of 1987 was primarily program trading." Barron's says the culprit was "portfolio insurance, a quantitative tool designed to use futures contracts to protect against market losses." This, they said, created "a poisonous feedback loop as automated selling begat more of the same."

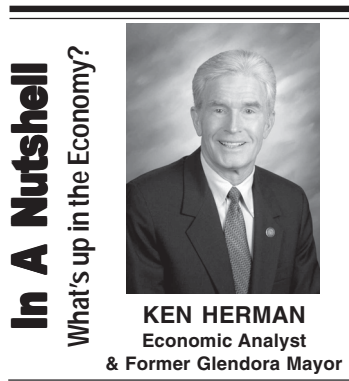
The 1987 crash was set up by prosperity (rapid GDP growth and a huge 50% market surge in the previous year), exacerbated by politics (a series of bone-headed mistakes, mostly by Congress, a Secretary of State, and a rookie Fed Chairman), and then panic, when fear stalked the market floor, creating a selling frenzy.

Blaming computers focuses only on the final panic on 10/19/1987, paying no attention to what caused the significant declines in two of three previous trading days (October 14/16) which made Monday much worse.

In short, the market crashed in mid-October 1987 because it had risen too far too fast, driven by real or expected rising prosperity caused by two major tax cuts, the 1981-82 Kemp-Roth tax cuts and a major 1986 tax rate cut.

On October 22, 1986, a year before the crash, President Reagan signed the Tax Reform Act of 1986 into law. The top individual rate was cut dramatically from 50% to 28%, giving us the closest thing to flat taxes we've seen in the last century. The Dow Jones index was 1805 on October 21, 1986, but it rose 50.8% in 10 months, to 2722 on August 25, 1987, based in part on the euphoria of the wealthy over those drastic tax rate cuts.

Going back further, the Dow had already risen 250% in five years after the first Reagan tax cuts. The GDP was soaring each



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year in the mid-80s, starting with a huge 7.8% real gain in 1983. After a deep recession in 1981-82, real GDP rose 25 years in a row (1983-2007) with the mid-80s increase (1983-88) averaging +4.8%.

When the market crashed in 1987 there was no fundamental reason for the crash. There was no recession in sight (earnings were strong, and inflation was under control) but the rapid rise in stock prices had created fears of an exploding bubble. Specifically, there were widespread fears of a coming recession, slower earnings, and rising inflation, while there was virtually no evidence supporting any one of those three major fears.

Right before the market peak, on August 11, 1986, economist Alan Greenspan was sworn in as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Within a month, on September 4, Mr. Greenspan made what turned out to be a mistake, firing a pre-emptive strike against relatively tame inflation by raising the Discount Rate 50 basis points. The Dow fell 62 points on that news, while the Prime Rate rose from 8.25% to 9.25% by early October.

Then, another political obstacle emerged on Wednesday, October 14, 1987, when a tax bill was introduced in the House Ways and Means Committee that would severely limit tax deductions for interest paid on debt used to finance mergers or hostile takeovers (which had been running rampant throughout 1987).

Bonds had already fallen 13% in the previous six months, but the bond market got hit particularly hard that week. On 10/16/1987, Treasury bond rates rose to over 10% and contributed to Friday's severely down day.

On Saturday, U.S. Secretary

of the Treasury James Baker III told the Germans to "either inflate your mark, or we'll devalue our dollar." Then, Baker went on some of the Sunday morning talk shows to say the U.S. "would not accept" the recent German interest rate increase. An unnamed Treasury official added that we would "drive the dollar down" if necessary. This led European markets to fall early on Monday (10/19/87).

In summary, less than ideal actions by two political appointees contributed to the 1987 crash. First, the rookie chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, made it his first order of business to announce his presence by raising the Discount Rate. Then, Secretary of the Treasury James Baker publicly talked tough to the Germans about the dollar, causing global markets to crash. Between Baker's currency wars, Greenspan's tight money, a new tax bill that would punish some businesses, and more threats of protectionist legislation, the problem became too much (not too little) federal government intervention in a fairly smoothly-running economy.

In the morning after the crash, Greenspan tried to undo all the damage he had helped to cause. He cut the Discount Rate to where it was before he took office. As a result, Tuesday, October 20, 1987 set a record for the largest single-day gain (102.27 Dow points) and a 55-year record for daily percentage gain (+6%). Both records were then decimated on Wednesday, October 21, with a 10.1% gain of 186.84 Dow points.

After the short lived crash, Congress reversed itself on their corporate tax grab. They reduced the corporate income tax rate from 40% to 34%, giving business a firmer footing for their financial planning, resulting in stronger earnings growth and net GDP growth the following year. For all of 1987, the Dow actually rose 2.2% and we reached a new all-time high within two years - as if the crash had never happened. In 1987, Wall Street feared a drying up of corporate profits, but corporate profits soared in 1988 after the corporate tax rate was sliced from 40% to 34%.

Could this happen again? Applying all these lessons from 1987, we probably can (1) create a new boom by lowering personal tax rates (while repealing most deductions). We should also (2) avoid a crash by not punishing businesses for their success, and we likely would (3) revive GDP growth by reducing corporate taxes and regulations, giving businesses more reasons to expand and hire.

Could 1987's crash happen again? It's not likely now, but a stock "melt-up" following a major tax reform bill this year or next could push the market up too fast. If the Dow rose to 27,000 or higher in a year, that would be too-far, too-fast! However, in my opinion we're highly unlikely to see a major crash without seeing manic gains at record highs amidst a new wave of panic-buying and greed. We're nowhere near those irrationally exuberant levels now.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I'm a Realtor. How do I start a retirement plan?

You probably have a couple of options, but it depends on what is most suitable for you with your individual circumstances and qualifications. There are retirement plans that understand the fact that independent contractors have variable income. These plans allow intermittent investing and/or payments. If you also need life insurance, there are policies which have living benefits which can be used for any reason, including retirement income.

What do you suggest as the most practical and cost-effective way for us to financially divide up our family-run business?

You might want to talk to a qualified legal or tax advisor about a Family Limited Partnership. This is an agreement between family members who are actively involved in a trade or business. The family's objectives could be set up in the partnership to divide rights to income, appreciation, and control. You could set up transferring the limited partnership interests in increments over time, resulting in a gradual, systematic transfer of ownership. These transfers to your children can be excluded from your estate, resulting in estate tax savings later. Using the method of incrementally transferring interests in your family business could be set up to take maximum advantage of around \$14,000 annual gift tax exclusion. I highly recommend that you also look into cross-insuring (via life insurance policies) each family member.

I own a restaurant and have



Julia Yoder

a wonderful chef who I don't want to lose. Is there a cost-effective financial benefit I could offer him?

You could set up an Executive Bonus plan by using a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy. The premiums could be a tax deduction for your company, and the policy could not only offer a death benefit, but also offer benefits during the lifetime of the insured.

Our 529 plan has lost a lot of money. What do we do now?

Minimize further losses by moving that money to a more conservative allocation or a different investment product altogether.

My checking, savings, CDs, an IRA, and an annuity at my bank are FDIC insured, right?

No. Too often folks trust their bank, and banker - period. Your money could be safe, but you cannot be sure without fully understanding where your money is truly invested, the strength of those sub-companies, and whether or not your money is protected - either due to FDIC insurance or other guarantees. If your checking account, savings account, and CDs are within the established

limits, they are FDIC insured. Chances are high that your IRA and annuity are not FDIC insured. Often obscure, a standard bank disclaimer statement typically reads: Investment products offered through ABC Bank Investment Services, annuities offered through ABC Bank and its subsidiaries, and insurance products offered through ABC Bank Insurance Services are not FDIC insured, are not bank guaranteed, may lose value, are not deposits, are not insured by any federal government agency, are not a condition to any banking service or activity. Your IRA is usually invested in the stock market, which means it could lose value. Regarding your annuity, I would advise you to find out what insurance company it's with, and do some due-diligence on that company's strength. While you're at it, review your beneficiaries. And, remember, if you have a safety deposit box, the contents are neither FDIC insured, nor bank insured, and can be difficult for heirs to access.

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The Magic Box

We often receive calls from customers looking for an estimate. They wonder if there will be a charge to find out why their check engine light illuminated. Their car is running fine yet they are concerned about the possibility that something might be wrong. They are equally concerned that it is nothing and don't really want to pay to find out from a professional. They invite neighbors, friends and relatives to guesstimate what the problem might be, instead. Back in the day this was usually effective. Almost everyone tinkered with their cars, changed their own oil and other light maintenance. Cars were built along simpler lines then and did not have so many parts. Friends, neighbors, and tow truck drivers helped try figure out what the problem was, and many times they were right.

Today's vehicles have many technological advances and their computers have become incredibly complicated. To put this into perspective, Facebook runs on 62 million lines of code. Modern vehicles, especially the ones with infotainment systems, use 100 million lines of code. Today's diagnostics are not really performed by a mechanic. Our technicians are highly trained and receive hours of training each year just to stay current with the complexity of vehicles. They are really a diagnostic engineer. With the growing cost of vehicles and the expense of individual parts, it is critical to have testing and diagnostics done by a master automobile technician or a diagnostic engineer.

Consumers ask us, "Can you

just plug in that box that tells you what's wrong with the car?" The TV commercials that show this "magic box" are just selling you parts, unfortunately. You may or may not need the part, but once it is installed you have paid for and own it. If that "magic box" was available, I would buy several! We would be able to still have grease monkeys, not diagnostic engineers with years of experience and training, not to mention \$200,000 or more worth of tools and equipment. Then everyone would hire cheaper labor to replace the parts the "magic box" identified as bad. I wish auto repair was that easy.

Sadly, there is no magic box. There are, however, multiple scan tools based on the manufacturer of the vehicle. A scan tool, typically a custom laptop or tablet, gathers information and data to point the technician in the right direction to test the circuits and components that may have failed. This is NOT the parts store tool that they use just to sell parts you may or may not need to fix the problem. A good scan tool typically costs \$3,000 to \$20,000 depending on car model. The parts store tool only scans one computer; most cars have 10 to 30 individual computers. The diagnostic scan tools we use at Certified Automotive Specialists are complex and require extensive training to understand the data they are giving you, much the same way that a radiologist interprets X-rays and MRI scans.

Over the years, many inexperienced shops or mechanics plug in the scan tool, and retrieve the

code (a code is what points you in the direction of the items to test). For example, one code is P0300. This means a random misfire has occurred in the engine. With this code alone, many shops will sell you spark plugs, clear the code, and hope it is fixed without any testing fee. Sometimes you get lucky and it fixes the code, other times the light returns in a few days and they sell you more parts.

Our diagnostic engineers at Certified Automotive Specialists have the latest in diagnostic tools. At last count 18 scan tools and dozens of different types of testing equipment are used in our facility. Once testing is complete, an accurate repair can be performed. This process saves you time and money because the concern is fixed the first time; there's no need to return for more parts. As cars become more computerized, the systems are more difficult to test. Beware of anyone that will just replace parts and not test to identify the concern. The experts at Certified Automotive Specialists have one goal...to fix your vehicle right the first time. We pride ourselves on being service and repair specialists, not merely parts replacers. Contact us today to experience the difference.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

ARCADIA

Music of World War II

A patriotic program, "Music of World War II" is planned for Tuesday, **November 7** at 1:15pm. Larry Maurer, education and film historian in American music, will provide a variety of video segments and authentic music. He will trace the contributions of America's songwriters to the war efforts, especially Irving Berlin. Some favorite tunes of that time were; Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, It's Been a Long, Long Time and God Bless America. The program will take place at Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, cost \$3. Please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinocle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

The group is open to men and women 50 or older. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information call 626-281-6771.

BALDWIN PARK

McNeill Fitness Program

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

Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA

American Legion Rummage Sale

The American Legion Post 755 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, **November 4** from 8am till 4pm and Sunday, **November 5** from 8am till 2pm at 20516 E. Arrow Hwy in Covina. For more info, call 626 967-7786

Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

Volunteer Services of Citrus Valley Health Partners is looking for volunteers to share the gift of music with the patients, families and staff. If you sing or play an instrument and have a passion for bringing peace, comfort and joy to others please call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email at tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the application process.

DUARTE

Duarte Museum Sets Docent Training Session

Historian Steve Baker will conduct a docent training session at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, **November 4**. If you are a docent or are thinking about volunteering, the session will take you on an in depth walk through the museum with information on all of the exhibits. Docents serve once every other month and may choose Wednesday or Saturday duty. New docents will always serve with a seasoned docent. For more information, call Sheri Uhlig at (626) 298-6784.

Winter Solstice Craft Fair & Flea Market

Handcrafts, vintage items, antiques, local author book signings, entertainment, food and holiday fun will fill the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Andres Duarte Statue Plaza and adjacent Grace Fellowship Church, 1551 Huntington Drive in Duarte on **December 9**.

A vendor registration application is available on www.insidesocal.com/66. Call Karen Levein at (626) 201-1449 or k.levain@gmail.com for further information. The Fair is sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society & Museum. Fair admission is free.

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 \$3. 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.

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.

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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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch &

Exercise Class

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

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

SAN DIMAS

E-Waste Fundraiser

PTSA E-Waste Fundraiser at San Dimas High School. Tuesday, **November 7** from 1:30-4:30 PM and Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. in student parking lot. Proceeds benefit: teacher and department grants, student scholarships, busing for student college fair, and the positive behavior intervention program. Early pick up or drop offs can be arranged. Address: 800 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas. Phone: 909-971-8230. Website: SanDimasHigh.com, PTSA

San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

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

WEST COVINA

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: ehernandez57@aol.com

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 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.

Retired Teachers Week to be Celebrated

The California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) has good reason to celebrate Retired Teachers Week, November 5-11. This organization has been going strong since its beginnings in 1929 when it was founded (CRTA then) through the efforts of Laura Settle, a retired Pasadena educator, with five or six people. Now the state organization numbers more than 41,000 members!

Although retired, these retirees make an impact on their local communities through their incredible contributions. Volunteering is a major contribution CalRTA retirees make. The October issue of CalRTA's "Contact" publication states that in 2016 members contributed over two million hours of volunteer services, which translates to more than \$55 million. The dollar value is computed using values from the Independent Sector website.

Of equal importance is that CalRTA members, like other public employees, give back to their

communities and to the state economically through pension spending. This spending results in more than 375,000 jobs and \$10.9 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenues.

Finally, Retired Teachers make direct contributions to their communities through classroom teacher grants and scholarships to future teachers. This year, the CalRTA #71 (SGV) presented classroom grants to classroom teachers in Arcadia, Temple City,

Rosemead, and other area schools to enable them to purchase additional materials and equipment.

Membership in CalRTA is open to all retired educators, as well as to any others interested in joining this active group. Local CalRTA #71 (SGV) meets at the Senior Center in Arcadia Park (county park). For more information, please call Marietta Watkins at (323) 258-9615 or Patricia Dietrich at (626) 446-8437.

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Florence Hernandez Celebrates 100th Birthday

By Jayam Rutnam

AZUSA - The Azusa Senior Center, sure knows how to throw a party! It was 11 a.m. on Tuesday the 17th of October 2017. The Disc Jockey Rudy Cardenas aka Sonic Boom was testing his microphone, the Mayor of Azusa Joe Rocha was standing by with a colorful bouquet of bright fall flowers, Azusa Councilman Robert Gonzalez was next to the Mayor, the luncheon was ready. What was the occasion? It was the 100th birthday of Florence Hernandez.

Florence's son Frank Rodriguez was there with his wife Marie Fernandez. Some of Florence's friends present at the occasion were Caroline Feliz, Marie Heredia, Merced Aguerre Perez, Keene Porfiria and Christine Hudson.

Florence was born in Texas and now lives in La Puente. She was all smiles, wearing a crown saying "100th Birthday", when she received a bouquet and proclamation from the Mayor of Azusa. Then the music started. It was "Las Mananitas" and just about all the over 100 guest started singing to it while Rudy the DJ got

on his knees and serenaded Florence.

The music was contagious and made everybody get up on the dance floor, including Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha, who proved to be quite a dancer.

Director of City of Azusa Recreation and Family Services Department Joe Santos was there and so was Leonor Gonzales Recreation Supervisor who participated in the activities which included line dancing. Leonor was also responsible for organizing the event.



Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha presents Florence with a bouquet of flowers.



Florence is surrounded by family and friends at her birthday party.

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LA Fashion Week Transforms How We Look at Style

By Jenny Park

WEST HOLLYWOOD - Style Fashion Week's opening reception at the posh nightclub Avenue A was indication that L.A. was on high alert for inspiration, transformation, and empowerment through fashion.

"I think wherever you are in life, you should ask yourself, "Is this the best you can do?" That will get you to the next step," said Sara Shala, who was attending LA Fashion Week to promote her line of jewelry from NYC. "Whenever I see, a beautiful chandelier, or a detailing on architecture, and other designs whenever I travel, I am inspired," said Shala.

Hundreds of people in attendance from models, designers, buyers, consultants, producers, artists, fashion enthusiasts, photographers and social media representatives gathered for nights of entertainment and fun.

While there are fashion weeks in New York, London, Paris, Milan, and Miami, the fashion week of L.A. is known by the industry to be a stepping-stone for developing designers. Fashion weeks are scheduled usually 7-8 months ahead of season as the



Mario De La Torre's finale at Style Fashion Week on Oct 13, 2017.

October fashion week featured summer trends for 2018. When spring rolls around in March, fashion for the fall would be featured.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The important thing about fashion is to know that you don't need approval from anyone. You can see fashion runs from street-wear to couture to costume. Fashion is what makes you feel good getting dressed up," said Ken Alcazar, a coordinator for Style Fashion Week.

It is this type of self-expression that is exemplified by designers such as Anotella Commateo who designs fashion that is emblematic of her unique stage in life. For example her line called "Shreds" signals her transformation and loss of the former sense of self.

"The way that LA Fashion week is presented is very different from New York, where I got my start. What you see on the runway, however, isn't always practical. I had models who were of different heights ranging from 4'11 to 6 feet. At the end of the day, fashion needs to serve a purpose. It has to be practical, comfortable, and casual" said

Commateo.

The designers that were represented that week include: Adriana Sahar, Merlin Castell, Andre Emery, Nikki Lund, Salas Activewear, KK Swim, Michelle Ann, Ydamys Simo, Moods of Norway, Sonjia Williams, Chicago Playground, IC Design, Grace Moon, and Romeo & Juliet Couture.

One go-to summer trend is to wear monochromatic colors such as white, pastel pink, and grey. Floral prints with large organically shaped flowers such as pink and purple are contrasted off white or green backgrounds. Another is to wear chic jewelry that accentuates a feminine look and focuses the look, whether they are earrings, necklaces, or rings.

"The cool thing about LA fashion week is that we get a fresh perspective from the up-and-coming designers. It's more about the fashion community coming together, embracing new concepts, and gaining exposure. L.A. has its own unique taste with a much more casual and easy-going vibe. It is really about showing the concept rather than an exact replica of what you will see worn by people," said Adam

Fisher, a marketing consultant and fashion enthusiast.

Another unique trend is to infuse spirituality into clothing. Adriane Leigh designs jackets with poetry, positive affirmation, and other sacred text. "I am an artist and painter who likes to add art-wear to custom pieces. I like to think that I put a piece of my soul into everything I design," Leigh said.

Designer Aros Crystos, mentioned that certain clothing has a positive vibration and can give people healing power. "I like to tune into who the consumer is and design according to his or her unique energy field," said Crystos.

L.A. because it is such a melting pot, at times has let fashion slip away. One attendee wore a cap with the statement, "Make Fashion Great Again." One final advice is helpful by model Djesus Trujillo, "Men: when you are going on a date, you need to tuck in your shirt, put a black jacket on, and wear some nice shoes." For more information, please contact Jenny Park (310)427-0974 or see the website www.stylefashionweek.com.

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