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Azusa Military Veterans Organizations And City Of Azusa To Host 14th Annual Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - The Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee ("AVMC") with the assistance of the Azusa Veterans of Foreign War Post 8070 ("VFW"), the American Legion Post 180 ("AL"), and the City of Azusa ("City") will host the 14th Annual Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in front of Azusa City Hall located at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa CA 91702. The ceremony marks the 65th anniversary since the end of the Korean War which started in June 1950.

The Military Armistice Agreement of July 27, 1953, ended 3 years of bitter warfare on the Korean Peninsula and stopped the spread of Communism in Korea, signaling to the world America's resolve to stand against tyranny and totalitarian regimes. When North Korean troops invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, the United States took immediate action to defend the

freedom of people unjustly attacked. Over three years of warfare, more than 1.7 million Americans faced forbidding terrain and harsh combat in battles such as Pork Chop Hill, with over 36,000 soldiers wounded, nearly 5000 prisoners of war and to date nearly 8000 American Soldiers are still missing.

More than fourteen years ago our John P. Moreno, Korean War Veteran, realized that he and many of his friends and comrades that fought in the Korean War were getting old or dying with hardly any known recognition. History indicates that Korean War Veterans were known as "the forgotten soldiers" after they returned from the war in Korea. With that thought in mind, Moreno decided to start an annual recognition program every July 27 for the remaining local Korean War Veterans here in Azusa and surrounding communities. Besides the recognition, such program gave them an opportunity to

get together and see each other one more time, perhaps for one last time.

Moreno died nearly eight years ago on July 10, 2010. He didn't have the opportunity to participate in the sixth annual ceremony, but prior to his death, he asked that his traditional ceremony be kept alive with the assistance from the VFW, AVMC, AL and the City. The past eight Annual Ceremonies have been a success.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony. Over the years the participation of Korean War Veterans from surrounding Azusa communities has increased. The hosts ask everyone to spread the word about the ceremony to any known veterans.

Fourteenth Annual Korean War Armistice Day Ceremony



Friday, July 27, 2018
at 10:00 am
In front of Azusa City Hall and the Veterans Memorial Monument
213 East Foothill Boulevard
Azusa, CA 91702

Hosted by:
Azusa's Veterans Memorial Committee, Veterans of Foreign War Post 8070, American Legion Post 180 and the City of Azusa



In Memory of All Korean War Veterans Living, Dead, and Killed in Action and the Event Founder John P. Moreno, Korean War Veteran June 9, 1933-July 10, 2010



Krazy Kirk And The Hillbillies Headline Arcadia Americana Festival

Arcadia hosts its first outdoor country festival with Knott's Berry Farm's favorite bluegrass band



Krazy Kirk And The Hillbillies to perform at the Arcadia Americana Festival on Saturday, July 21st.

ARCADIA - The Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation will host its first Arcadia Americana Festival featuring a comedic bluegrass concert by Krazy Kirk and the Hillbillies on Saturday, July 21 at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center Outdoor Courtyard.

Former Disneyland and current Knott's Berry Farm group Krazy Kirk and the Hillbillies

will perform hilarious bluegrass renditions of timeless songs by beloved artists such as The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Bruce Springsteen, and more. Guests can enjoy a car show, raffles, bingo, face painting, and crafts for kids. Food is available for purchase.

For more details and ticket information, please visit www.arcadiapaf.org/americana or

call the box office at (626) 821-1781. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and the festival ends at 9:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$25 general admission, and \$35 VIP. General admission ticket holders may bring their lawn chairs or find open seating. VIP are seated in the front of the stage in round tables.

Two Fires in the Santa Fe Dam Area in One Week



Santa Fe Dam recreational area on fire for the second time in a week. (Photo by Irwindale Police Dept.)

By George Ogden

IRWINDALE - On Wednesday, July 11, a second fire broke out at the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area in just one week. This last one was a two alarm fire that burned over 35 acres.

Within that 35 acres, there was a storage facility were 20 flatbed trailers were stored. They were either destroyed or damaged in the fire. No structures were reported damaged or destroyed. No injuries were reported, however there were some indication of heat exhaustion with some of the

firefighters.

This second fire was near the 605 and the 210 Freeway. Smoke engulfed the freeways and made it difficult to see and breathe. Air drops were made to assist the firefighters on the ground. There are hiking and bike trails all throughout the area. However, many elect not to travel in some areas because of the homeless encampments and transients throughout that area. They feel it is too dangerous.

Both fires are of suspicious

origin. It is suspected that the transient in the homeless encampment may be responsible. The fire department and the Irwindale Police Department had to remove a number of individuals from a homeless encampment due to the fire.

It is believed that the recreational center of the Santa Fe Dam will now be restricted. The fire crews stayed on site the entire night looking for any hotspots and brought this under control Thursday morning.

City of Azusa Begins Its Annual Concerts In The Park



Cold Duck opens for the the Annual Concert in the Park Series

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - The City of Azusa's started its annual Concerts in the Park series at Memorial Park on Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. This first event with the group Cold Duck was well attended due to the popularity of the entertain-

ment group which is very popular in Azusa as well as the extreme hot weather.

The free concerts will take place every Thursday for the next four weeks at Azusa's Memorial Park located at 320 N Orange

Ave., Azusa from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For more information contact Adrian M. Alirez, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation and Family Services for the City of Azusa at (626) 812-5195.

Fourth of July Celebrated by the International Cultural Club



Members of the International Cultural Club pose at their Annual Picnic. President (Founder) is Victoria Lopez. (sitting on the right wearing white top and glasses)

SAN DIMAS - The International Cultural Club of San Dimas celebrated the 4th of July Holiday by having a picnic for its members, families, and friends at Via Verde Park in San Dimas, Ca on July 2nd at 1:00 p.m. The Club is open to anyone who is interested in learning and appreciating the culture, custom, music,

poetry and writing of different countries. It aims to promote peace and harmony by understanding, and respecting people with diverse cultural background. Members are encouraged to share their culture, life stories and experiences as well as socializing and having fun together. The club has hosted several cultural

related activities which includes outings, theme parties and culturally related discussions. The club meets on the first Monday (General Meeting) and third Monday (Board Meeting) at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center (201 E. Bonita Ave, San Dimas) meeting room at 1:00 p.m.

San Dimas Toastmasters Club Installs 2018-19 Officers

4 Tips for Paying for College While Saving for Retirement



"Toast to the Best" Toastmaster Club 5880's 2018-19 officers from left to right: JoAn Haase, treasurer; Elsa Tovar, secretary; Dan Lee, vice president of public relations; Art Douglas, sergeant of arms and vice president of education. Not pictured: Rich Watson, president; Maria Covarrubias, vice president of membership.

SAN DIMAS - A San Dimas Toastmasters club installed its 2018-19 officers at its July 5 regular meeting.

The following people were installed as the "Toast to the Best" Club 5880 officers:

- Rich Watson, president
- Art Douglas, vice president of education
- Maria Covarrubias, vice president of membership
- Dan Lee, vice president of public relations
- Elsa Tovar, secretary
- JoAn Haase, treasurer
- Art Douglas, sergeant of arms.

In addition, Jaime Mendoza was named Best Speaker at the meeting, while Kathy Grisham



From left to right: Dan Lee, best evaluator at the "Toast to the Best" Toastmaster Club 5880 meeting on July 5; Kathy Grisham, best table topics speaker; and Jaime Mendoza, best speaker.

was named Best Table Topics Speaker, and Dan Lee was named the Best Evaluator.

The club is open to all who are interested in improving their

public speaking or leadership skills. The Toastmaster club meets at 7 p.m., every first, third, and fifth Thursdays in the Parish Hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 505 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas.

For more information, visit <https://5880.toastmastersclubs.org/>, email info@toasttothebest.org, or call 951-505-0555.



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Saving for retirement and college simultaneously is a balancing act that many families face. However, experts say these goals don't have to be in competition with each other. To manage both priorities, consider the following tips.

• **Get started now:** "Your greatest asset is time," says Mark Kantrowitz, bestselling author and financial expert, who points out that every dollar you save is approximately a dollar less you'll have to borrow, and every dollar you borrow will cost about two dollars by the time you repay the debt. "By saving money, you literally save money."

Make saving for both college and retirement a given with automatic monthly transfers from your bank account to your different savings plans.

• **Don't mix apples and oranges:** Don't use your retirement plan as a college savings fund. Distributions from retirement plans, even a tax-free return of contributions from a Roth IRA, count as income on financial aid application forms.

Save for college using a 529 college savings plan, which according to savingforcollege.com, offers tax and financial aid advantages not available for other savings methods. Like a Roth IRA, with a 529 you invest after-tax dollars, earnings accumulate on a tax-deferred basis, and qualified distributions to pay for college costs are entirely tax free. But 529 plans can be treated more favorably by financial aid formulas.

• **Follow formulas:** Maximize the employer match on contributions to your retirement plan. That's free money, so take advantage of it. As a general rule, Kantrowitz recommends saving

one-fifth of your income for the last fifth of your life.

As far as college is concerned, he says to use the one-third rule to split future college costs: one third from savings, one third from current income and one third from loans.

• **Look at all funding sources:** If scholarships, grants and federal loans in the student's name fall short, consider private student loans or a private parent loan. For simple, personalized loan options, check out specialists in the industry, such as College Ave Student Loans. Using technology and expertise, they offer competitive rates, a wide range of repayment options and a customer-friendly experience from application through repayment.

Financial industry veteran Joe DePaulo, CEO and co-founder of College Ave Student Loans says that keeping your child involved in college cost discussions is critical to avoid becoming the bank of Mom and Dad, and that parents can be very influential in setting up a student for long-term financial success. "As a general rule of thumb, students shouldn't borrow more than what he or she expects to earn their first year out of school," he says.

For more information, tips and resources visit collegeavestudentloans.com.

A college education is invaluable, and with smart strategies, parents won't have to compromise their financial future to fund it. (StatePoint)

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Monterey Park Police Department Pet License and Vaccination Clinic

MONTEREY PARK - The City of Monterey Park in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control will hold a low-cost vaccination and licensing clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, July 21, 2018, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Garvey Ranch Park, 781 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754, by the observatory.

The licensing of dogs and cats in the City of Monterey Park is mandatory. Licenses are valid for one year from the date of issue. While at the clinic, all dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier.

- Vaccination clinic price list:
- Rabies vaccine: \$10.00 (dogs 3 months and older / cats 4 months and older).
 - DHLPP vaccine: \$14.00 (dogs 8 weeks and older).
 - Bordetella vaccine: \$15.00 (dogs 8 weeks and older).
 - Canine influenza: \$10.00 (dogs 7 weeks and older).

- FVRCP: \$15.00.
 - Microchips: \$15.00 (includes lifetime registration).
- Pet licenses may be purchased at the clinic after the pet is inoculated.
- Annual (one year) pet license:
- Unaltered dog: \$40.00.
 - Altered dog: \$20.00 (with proof).
 - Senior discount: \$7.50 (senior age is 60 years or older).
 - One dog per household

and dog must be altered and have current rabies vaccination. These prices are valid only during the Monterey Park licensing and vaccination clinic. Vaccinations are cash only, no appointment necessary. Pet licenses can be paid with cash, check or money order. No appointment necessary.

For additional information please call the Monterey Park Police Department Animal Services Bureau at 626-307-1217

Watersmart Hero Awards Coming In August

ARCADIA - Efficient water use is a way of life in Arcadia, since water is one of our most precious resources. The WaterSMART Hero Award celebrates those who have taken significant steps to make water conservation a way of life, and by doing so have achieved extraordinary water savings. Judged by the Arcadia Beautiful Commission, this annual program recognizes those who have made lasting changes both inside and outside of their homes to be more sustainable and improve water efficiency.

Our City is located in a region characterized by dry, hot summers and the local aquifers continue to recover from the last historic drought," said Jan Shimmin, Chairperson for Arcadia Beautiful Commission. "It's about the community

working together to reduce the amount of water wasted and respecting this natural and limited resource."

To become one of Arcadia's WaterSMART Heroes, let us know how you are helping to save water by sharing your story. Please submit your photos and a brief questionnaire by visiting the City's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/watersmart. The deadline to submit your questionnaire is Monday, **July 23**. The winners of the WaterSMART Hero Award will be recognized at the August 7, 2018 City Council meeting where they will receive a yard sign and a gift.

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

The Glendora Arrow Highway Corridor Plan Explained

GLENDORA - At the last Glendora City Council meeting the proposed Arrow Highway Corridor planning area is generally bounded by the Glendora city limits on the west and east including all properties fronting Arrow Highway on the north was presented to the Council for approval.

In 2007, the cities of Glendora, Covina, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Irwindale, and the County of Los Angeles participated in a joint planning effort funded by the Southern California Association of Governments (or SCAG) through its Compass Blueprint Demonstration Program. The Arrow Highway Corridor study <http://www.cityofglendora.org/home/showdocument?id=14258> provided land use, economic, design, and implementation strategies aimed at improving the overall corridor while also creating greater connections between land use and transportation. In April, 2014, the Glendora City Council identified the Arrow Highway Specific Plan as part of the City's Strategic Plan to en-

hance economic development with community involvement and allocated funding for a community planning effort targeting this corridor.

The goal of this Specific Plan is to provide policy direction regarding how the Arrow Highway Corridor area can be transformed and revitalized. A primary objective of such a plan is to provide for a transition of uses that is responsive to market forces and supports the overall economic development and livability goals of the City. The Specific Plan is to be prepared with the active involvement of residents and business owners (particularly those within and near the Arrow Highway Corridor), as well as input from the County, the City of Covina, Foothill Transit, LA County Flood Control District, and other key stakeholders.

The end objective is to create a revitalized corridor serving the community and region with a variety of land uses set in an attractive environment that creates a warm and inviting southern gate-

way to the City of Glendora.

One of the most important parts to the Specific Plan was public input. The preparation of the Specific Plan was an iterative process involving drafting and refinement of the document based on public participation and comment.

A Steering Committee of community stakeholders was appointed by the City Council. All Arrow Highway Specific Plan Steering Committee meetings were open to the public and noticed. The public has been encouraged to attend and participate during the public engagement sessions and comment periods.

During the public hearing on July 10 several Glendora citizens voiced concern of not having enough information and or didn't feel that they were noticed in a timely manner. The City Council tabled the approval of the plan for 30 days and instructed staff to schedule a public meeting to address any questions the public may have as well as re-notice all affected residence and business.

Donors And Partners Will Gather To Celebrate Scholarship Recipients

Reality Check Honors Public Housing and Section 8 Participants Pursuing Higher Education

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Community Development Foundation (LACDF) will award over \$24,000 in Housing Authority Resident (HAR) Scholarships to 26 public housing and Section 8 participants attending a four-year university, community college, or vocational program. Awardees will be recognized during the 2018 Reality Check Conference on Thursday, July 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The California Endowment, 1000 Alameda St., Los Angeles.

The one-day conference, exclusively for participants of the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) pursuing higher education, will focus on life-skills workshops, career panels, educational resources, and more.

Christian Daly, Assistant Field Deputy for Los Angeles County's Fifth Supervisorial District will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The opening keynote speaker will be Curglin Robertson, Educational Opportunity Center Assistant Direc-

tor at California State University, Long Beach. The afternoon keynote speaker, Jesus Perez, is an engineer and 21-year veteran of Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems in El Segundo who will share his passion for organizing and hosting fundraising events to help support college bound students.

Throughout the day, attendees will participate in workshops held by the University of California, Los Angeles, Pepperdine University, Alma Family Services, Los Angeles Music and Art School, and FedEx Corporation.

"Time Jockey" - Battle Of Los Angeles Part I

By Joe Castillo
Upcoming Dedication - Part I...

Ninety years ago, the Native Sons of the Golden West dedicated the Historic La Mesa Battlefield site and five years later the State of California installed California Historical Landmark #167 to memorialize the site as one of California's most significant historical landmarks. On August 7, 2018, the La Mesa Battlefield, also known as the Battle of Los Angeles, will be rededicated with a replacement historical plaque of the famous Mexican-American War Battle Site.

The California Office of Historical Preservation, the City of Vernon and the Native Sons of the Golden West have teamed together to purchase and replace the historical landmark plaque which went missing six years ago. The replacement plaque re-installation and dedication will take place in front of City Hall, City of Vernon, at 11:00AM on Tuesday August 7, 2018. The City of Vernon is located approximately 6 miles southeast of Downtown

Los Angeles. The Native Sons of the Golden West will perform the dedication ceremony and local dignitaries have been invited to speak to those in attendance. Period era re-enactors will be on-site to add to the relevancy of the actual period of time. Refreshments will be provided and parking is available onsite.

On January 9, 1847, on the plains of La Mesa, the Battle of Los Angeles was fought between the Mexican-Californio forces under the command of General Jose Maria Flores and the United States Army and Navy under the direction of Commodore Robert Field Stockton. The American forces were in retreat from the Battle of Rio San Gabriel which had occurred the previous day and were marching across the plains of La Mesa toward the Pueblo de Los Angeles when the Mexican-Californio forces caught them in the open and commenced firing. The American forces regrouped and established a defensive position while holding the Mexican-Calif-

ornio forces at bay. Eventually the Mexican-Californio forces withdrew leaving the American troops to continue their way to Los Angeles. There were 592 men under the leadership of Commodore Stockton and a like number under General Flores. The American forces suffered seven casualties with an ox and mule killed in the exchange.

The Battle of La Mesa is recognized as the final battle in California, ending hostilities between American and Mexican-Californio forces. On January 13th, a formal treaty ending the conflict in Alta California was signed at the Campo de Cahuenga, which today is adjacent to Universal Studios. For California, the Mexican-American War was over but preservation of the site was only just beginning....

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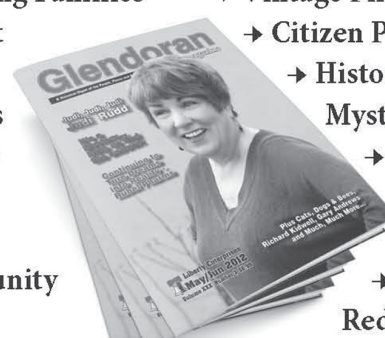
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WATER: Trump Signs Off On \$43.7 Billion

President Trump signed off on the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2018 to fund the federal government and the many departments and programs providing California and western states with resources to help with drought solutions.

Authored by Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-OCA) a press release from Feinstein, says the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approved the 2019 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Act that, in part, funds the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. The \$43.766 billion measure is \$566 million above last year and \$7 billion more than President Trump requested.

The bill provides an increased budget for Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation for water projects specifically targeting California and the 17 western states severe drought conditions, with a \$6.9 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers and 1 trust fund activities including reduction of flood risk and restoration of ecosystems impacted by Corps projects.

Dubbing the Sacramento area as the second most flooded area in the U.S. the Corp announced a \$1.8 billion effort to strengthen levees and increase capacity of Folsom Dam by 3 to 5 feet to increase storage by 40,000 acre feet. (An acre foot is one foot of water the size of a football field) Those projects are estimated to take seven years to complete.

The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for construction and maintenance of dams and water diversion projects, 300 storage reservoirs providing water to 10 million acres of farmland and water to 31 million people in 17 western states and is funded at \$1.478 billion. On the list to fund are projects to support long-term solutions for drought through water storage, water recycling and reuse and desalination. \$86.5 million is set aside for the Rural Water projects to provide clean drinking water for western areas.

Reclamation is in charge of the Central Valley Project, constructed between the 1930's and 50's, and delivers 7 million acre feet of water over 400 miles to the state's agricultural communities and with 18 dams and reservoirs, 11 power plants, three fish hatcheries and 500 miles of ca-



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

nals and aqueducts. They are the largest water wholesaler in the U.S. delivering 10 trillion gallons of water to 31 million people each year.

The Colorado River Basin, suffering from the driest 18-year period in more than 100 years, is targeted for emergency action to ensure the 40 million people who rely on that water receive it. Reclamation will be working with seven basin states, tribes and Mexico to address the current water crisis and challenges.

\$196 million is provided to fund drought programs under the WIIN Act for California and western states drought programs. The WIIN Act -- Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation - was enacted in December of 2016 to address the needs of the nation's harbors, dams, flood protection, and infrastructure. The Act specifically authorized \$100 million for communities facing drinking water emergencies. Included in that funding package is \$134 million for water storage, \$20 million for water recycling, \$12 million for desalination and \$30 million for environment and science projects. Reclamation, under WIIN, has provided opportunities for desalination projects and now allows funding for water recycling projects.

Rep. Ken Calvert (CD-42) Chairman of Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee introduced an appropriations bill approved to provide funding for EPA for fiscal year 2019 at \$7.958 billion, with \$2.6 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund. CWSRF program, a federal-state partnership, provides communities a permanent source of low-cost financing for water quality infrastructure projects. There is \$75 million

for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovations Act (WIFIA) program leveraging federal money to finance \$8 billion in water infrastructure projects.

Calvert's bill included the provision not allowing any judicial review (lawsuits) of the Water-Fix project once the final environmental documents are approved and includes a full repeal of the "Waters of the United States" regulation. WOTUS expanded the authority of the U.S. E.P.A. from the original charge of oversight of navigable waters to every canal, ditch, and drainage channel providing an extreme hardship to farming and ranching communities. Hearings on that are being scheduled.

California ballot approved bonds has generated major water revenue. First was the 2014 \$7.5 billion Prop 1 bond, with \$2.7 billion for infrastructure and storage with projects just now moving into the pending approval phase; \$1.5 billion for watershed protection and restoration; \$725 million for water recycling and desalination; \$520 million for drinking water quality; \$395 million for flood protection. \$425 million was transferred in from other unspent bonds for use in this bond issue. Prop 1 will cost \$360 million a year in interest payments over the next 40 years.

The June 5 primary saw Prop 68, a \$4 billion Parks, Environment, and Water Bond, by Kevin De Leon, approved with a total cost of \$6.53 billion to pay off the bonds and interest. \$1.27 billion is proposed for water projects with \$100 million of that in unissued bond money from 2014's Prop 1, 2006's Prop 84 and Prop 40's 2002.

The November ballot gives Californians another water bond to consider -- an \$8.877 billion bond.

Lot of water money floating around out there and it would be nice to see something productive come out of it with some rapidity. Questions I have about these bond issues ... first, how far in debt have they pushed this state; and, are these bonds being written to serve the entire state or politicians' personal agendas? Bond money is being shifted from bond issue to bond issue. Is that still serving the voters' intent?

"Rattling" NATO With Speech Not Sabers

by Charles Lopresto

"I have to say, I think it's very sad when Germany makes a massive oil and gas deal with Russia where we're supposed to be guarding against Russia, but they're paying billions of dollars to Russia and I think that's very inappropriate... Germany, as far as I'm concerned is captive to Russia."

Donald Trump made that statement at a breakfast with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg the week of 7-9-18. President Trump has made blunt statements in the spirit of an unprecedented level of transparency. He is like the guy at a local town council meeting where controversial issues or zoning disputes are being discussed. The council members have completed their politically correct "civic-speak" bureaucratic statements and Mr. "Don" Trump from Trump Refrigeration says in a question and answer that their words are all B.S. He proceeds with the approval of the audience to tell them what the neighborhood really thinks.

It has been much like that with President "Donald" Trump before a "global" council meeting. Not afraid to say the things that come off in the spirit of the old expression "going 'over' like something someone passes in church." And I don't mean the collection bas-

ket.

In 2016 when President Obama was making his final world tour and terrorism, more than tariffs, was on many people minds, he made some statements that I challenged in a letter I wrote. In 2017, after Trump's election, I reiterated the statements I made, then seeing the relevance still evident. In most cases I don't predict very well. Nostradamus I am not. If anything I am like a broken clock. At least it is correct twice in a day. But for me, the clock may still be ahead. But this time "I got it" and here is what I wrote, circa 2016:

"It appears that President Obama is greatly concerned about world leaders' reactions to candidate Trump. He said on his current apology tour, 'World leaders are telling me that he 'rattles' them.'

Is this really a bad thing?

If being rattled means these world leaders must finally confront the realities of today's Islamic movement, then so be it.

If being rattled means the U.S. is going to assume a return to the role of leadership and challenge these leaders to respond on their part with new commitments and obligations to combat a problem that is as much their problem as it is ours, then so be it.

If being rattled means the leaders will hear the truth instead

of the current President's fantasies about terrorist groups, then so be it.

If being rattled means the truth will include real causes of the problems defined, instead of climate change nonsense, unemployment or accusations of insensitivity, then so be it.

And if being rattled means these leaders must confront demands from their own people regarding clarity, as we, the people, have tried to demand from our leader, then so be it.

If electing a leader who acts like a leader and causes other leaders to be 'rattled' is the result of a Trump election, then so be it."

President Trump has joined the other pragmatic and powerful voice in world affairs, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in putting the world on notice. Not just in terrorism, but in tariffs, trade and tithing. Trump's state department is ready to take on all opposition and break down barriers that have survived on accepted and expected propriety. The leaders were rattled in 2016, and continue to be rattled in 2018, because President Trump may just be getting it right.

And I will say this as well. You can't rattle something that doesn't already have some loose parts.

Two Remarkable Women

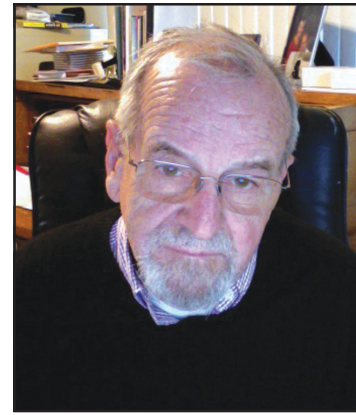
There are moments when I am overwhelmed by the people with whom Wendy and I share this beloved community. If it were nothing beyond the conversations at our lunch tables, the enrichment would be overwhelming. While we never know who will be our luncheon partners, every meal is an adventure.

There is John, one of the world's most insightful theologians. Rosemary is our era's most significant scholar focusing on women's issues, and with her husband, Herc, is a fountain of wisdom and heartaches concerning the plight of the Palestinians. Joe was president of the nation's premier theological seminary and a soul mate. Chris rallied the religious community in support of Cesar Chavez and America's farm workers. If I go on I run the risk of leaving out heroes who ought to be included—our community is full of them. But this column is not about the public giants, but about two very different women whose names and biographies you may never have come across.

EVA

Until she recently moved to our skilled nursing center, we saw Eva each week when Wendy and I had lunch at our assisted living facility. Eva would sit silently before food that may not be touched. She might eventually eat a bite or two, but could no longer share in the table conversation. Eva probably heard and digested every word spoken, and may have even smiled. I often wondered where her thoughts were now in the twilight of a very rich, exciting and painful life.

Eva was born in a family forced by Hitler's savagery to leave their home in Vienna. Her father and his family were Jewish, and her aunt, Marianna, was among the thousands murdered in Auschwitz. Eva's mother and her family were Catholics. Given this rich heritage, Eva was deeply committed to the religious val-



Charles H. Bayer

ues of both traditions. Her lifelong work sought to provide bridges of action and understanding. She was a valued member of scholarly and ecclesial commissions seeking a Jewish-Christian rapprochement. The Shoah (a Hebrew word for the Greek 'Holocaust') was never far from the center of her emotional world as well as her scholarly pursuits. Throughout her career she sought to interpret to the Christian world the meaning and the impact of the Shoah. Eva's PhD and academic credentials were in Christian theology, and her scholarly world centered on her profound understanding of the Psalms.

And now at lunch when I would watch this aging face, as beautiful now as it was when she was a young student at Radcliffe College, I wonder what of her extraordinary life is passing through her memory. I can only imagine the depth of the passion, the wisdom and the pain borne by this remarkable woman

AUDREY

From time to time on my way to our weekly lunch in our assisted living lodge, I stop and visit Audrey, now confined to a single room. As limiting as her world may now seem, it is all there flowing from stacks of mail, and her latest journal in which she records what is happening in her life as well as in clippings concerning events in the wider world. These scrapbooks reflect a life that is as wide

as all of history. If you ask, she might give you one—that's why she creates them.

She greets me as if I were the only visitor she has ever had, or at least the only male visitor. Perhaps I am. Soon there comes her take on what is happening in the nation, which includes a colorful description of how she feels about the President. I quietly listen to what she has to say about a variety of issues, and how it all relates to the galactic history of the universe, which she has charted!

Eventually she will inquire about my family and we will ask me to review again where I stand in the birth order that encompasses several generations. I never know what will come up next, but I know it will be exciting. Fantasy, humor, a love of mystery and a profound commitment to spirituality are all woven into the colorful tapestry that is her life.

Any effort on my part to hear about her physical complaints is quickly dismissed as unimportant. But neither does she want to hear about my latest aches and pains. There is just too much that is more important. I never know where these conversations are headed, but I hold on and enjoy the trip.

As it is time for lunch in the dining room—Audrey's will eventually come on a tray—I take my leave, but not before I am prompted to locate the candy bars in a box by the door. No matter the length or content of the conversation, I always leave invigorated, and in a couple of minutes when I see Wendy, I will tell her how good I feel just having spent time with Audrey, the beautiful whirlwind from whom for whatever reason, I have just been gifted with an energy that has nothing to do with the candy bar.

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Would You Do It Again?

You should kick back sometime and think about some of the dumb things that you've done with your friends or just by yourself. Then ask yourself, would you ever do something like this again?

On the other side of the coin, think about some of the other things that you've done that have been successful and the pain that you had to do to get that done. Ask yourself, would I ever do this again?

I can think back of a number of things that were just plain stupid that I had done in the past. Some of these were on a dare. For example, jumping off the roof of a two-story house into a pile of dirt below. It was soft dirt, but it knocked the wind out of me and I did a complete face plant in the dirt. Well, that isn't going to happen again.

Back in high school, a friend and I thought we were rocket scientists. So we built this rocket out of a 12 inch pipe. We welded fins on the bottom part, and welded the nut into the bottom of it to work as a nozzle for the rocket. At that time, we had access to black gunpowder. That was going to be our rocket fuel. We were pretty proud of our project and decided to light it off in my friend's backyard. After filling it with black gunpowder, we had manufactured a cork to fit into the bottom and wrapped wire around two nails that we had pushed through the cork. I put wire from one nail to the other that had a number of match heads wrapped up in wire. The theory was, plug the other end of this long wire into the wall socket it will light the match heads which will set off the rocket fuel and away she goes.

We led the wire into my friend Ted's house and he watched from the kitchen window as I watched from an all glass door in the laun-



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

dry room. As I plugged this thing into the wall there was a large flash from the wall socket and about the same time there was this massive explosion outside that blew all the windows from the back part of the house into the house. The house was filled with smoke and I can hear this high-speed scratching noise on the kitchen floor which just so happened to be the claws of his German Shepherd doing well over 200 miles an hour on the linoleum and going no-where. Once he caught traction, the next problem was I was in his way. As I'm sitting flat on my butt in front of the wall plug, the dog runs me down trying to get the hell out of there. I quickly started pulling on the wire only to find out the last 6 feet has been burnt off. We took the wire and hid it under his mother's couch in the living room. We took off running from the house and headed over to my house to hide. There was thousands of dollars worth of damage not only to his mom's house but to the garage, to the neighbor's

wall, to the neighbor's house, and even to the house across the street. We flat blew the place up. The garage door was completely blown into the garage and onto his mother's car. The back window was completely blown out of the car. We didn't know this at the time because of all the smoke and found out only after he returned home.

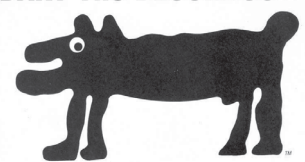
As you can probably guess, no, I would never do this again. We actually got real lucky on this one. For some reason, this sticks out as one of the worst things that we ever did. I thought I would share this with you. If you're planning to make a project like this, use a smaller pipe and make sure your friend has a real small dog.

There are a few things I would do again, Marry my second wife, even if we are in an estrange marriage now, but still friends. I would do it just for that first 15 years. We have had our separate lives for the last 15 years, but like I said we are still friends.

I risked my life on a number of occasions to help others. On some of those it was extremely dangerous, I received burns, and have received other injuries in the process including being shot and stabbed. When I asked myself, "Would I ever do this again?" The answer would be yes, without question and without hesitation. I may modify the approach somewhat, but like I said, without question I would do it again.

"That's Just the Way it Is!"

BART The BLOCKHOUND



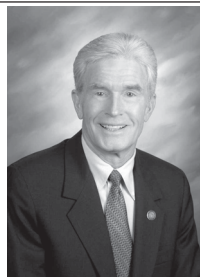
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the Door will hit you on the way out, I'll make sure of it...

Trump's "Trade War" Should Evolve into Fairer Tariffs

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that President Donald Trump asked U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to identify an additional list of \$200 billion in Chinese goods that would potentially be hit with additional tariffs. In the event that China keeps escalating its tit-for-tat tariff responses, President Trump said, "Further action must be taken to encourage China to change its unfair practices, open its market to United States goods, and accept a more balanced trade relationship."

In my opinion, Wall Street's reaction to all this back-and-forth tariff escalation with China is just an excuse to take profits. These tariffs are not intended to be permanent. They are being used to negotiate a more favorable trade balance. President Trump reiterated his "excellent relationship" with Chinese President Xi Jinping, saying the two would continue working together on many issues. Bloomberg featured an article recently entitled "Investors Agree with Trump: The U.S. Will 'Win' Any Trade War". Also, The New York Times featured an article entitled, "Trump's Ace in the Hole in the Trade War: A Strong Economy". Essentially, the NYT pointed out that eco-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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Economic Analyst
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and workers by the European Union. If these tariffs and barriers are not soon broken down and removed, we will be placing a 20% tariff on all of their cars coming into the U.S." The Germans blinked. Germany's leading auto manufacturers are now in favor of eliminating all import tariffs.

Although the German auto industry does not control EU tariffs, clearly Germany has tremendous leverage in Brussels at the European Union (EU) headquarters. U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said that "Germany has the right approach to resolving this trade disagreement among friends," adding that "If the EU were to reduce its 10% tariff on U.S. cars and trucks, that would be a positive first step toward trade that was fairer and reciprocal." Clearly, the threat of more U.S. tariffs appears to be making some progress in breaking down trade barriers. In the end, this should result in more actual free trade, with fewer (and lower) tariffs.

Recently President Trump signaled that (without European concessions) he would penalize European-made vehicles sold to Americans "based on the tariffs and trade barriers long placed on the U.S. and its great companies

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I use my debit card to buy the smallest items, like a cup of coffee. When I look at my bank balance, I freak out! I don't know where all my money went! Sometimes I have to do a credit card transfer just to make it through the month! Then I click out of online banking and go into denial, until the next freak out. How can I stop this cycle?

Take charge of your money! Start by looking at your online statement which should show each debit purchase. Add them up for last month, the month before, and the month before that. Three months. Now divide by 3. That's how much, on average, you are putting onto your debit card. Go to your bank/ATM and withdraw that amount in CASH. Use cash for every purchase, rather than using your debit card. What you will find is that it's a whole lot easier to use debit, but that 'easy' habit results in your 'freak outs.' Now, every time you want to make a purchase, ask yourself, "Do I NEED this, or do I just WANT this?" If you don't need it, don't buy it. You'll be freaking out in a good way at how much you are saving! Let me know how that goes.

Because of the cost, I have to choose between getting enough life insurance OR saving for retirement. Can you help me with this decision?

Yes. There's actually a type of life insurance now that provides a death benefit to your survivors or beneficiaries, but also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred, cash value accumulation for retirement or other financial needs while you are alive.



Julia Yoder

I'm the sole owner of my business. However, I have a right-hand-man who would like to buy my business when I retire, or when I die. Is there a way to set this up?

Yes, it's called a one-way buy-sell agreement: a legal contract between the owner of a closely held business and a future buyer. This future buyer would purchase a specific type of life insurance on you as the current owner. At the point of a triggering event, such as your death, retirement, or disability, the buyer uses the life insurance death benefit, or the available cash value accumulation, to purchase the business according to the buy-sell agreement. This establishes a smooth transition of the business.

We'd like to buy a house, so we've been looking into the different types of loans. It looks like we should apply for an FHA loan, but want to understand our options. Help!

Although FHA loans require a small down-payment, the required mortgage insurance premium can be costly. There are Conventional loans, Veterans

Administration loans, USDA loans, and First-time Home-buyer programs which require 3-5-percent down on a 30-year fixed loan. Although a loan with less than 20-percent typically requires Mortgage Insurance, there are ways to reduce this, too.

My friends and I were talking about our investments and the losses we suffer in the stock market. One friend said that she'd talked with you about 11 years ago, and that she hasn't lost a penny since moving her funds. What did you invest her money in?

After reviewing each client's individual situation, explaining the different places to invest, we agree on a most-suitable product. I recommend products which offer tax-deferred growth potential, guarantees to your principal and credited interest, offer an annual reset function (your balance is locked in each year), and the ability to take income for life. (Guarantees are subject to the strength of the company.)

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County Assessor Offers Disaster Relief to Property Owners Affected by Wildfires

LOS ANGELES – The unprecedented heat wave affecting Southern California has led to a spate of wildfires all across Los Angeles County, which have in turn prompted evacuations and scorched homes in communities such as Granada Hills, Pacific Palisades, Burbank, Chatsworth, and Glassell Park.

"Wildfires cause major damage, and in some cases, devastating losses. The destruction of homes in particular is having a profound impact on the lives of our friends and neighbors," said Assessor Jeff Prang. "Taxpayers whose properties have been destroyed or severely damaged by these fires may be eligible for disaster relief on annual property tax bills, including in some

cases refunds of taxes already paid."

While the fires in Los Angeles County have not been as severe as in other parts of Southern California, and fortunately no lives have been lost, the disaster relief available to property owners through the Office of Assessor Prang seeks to ease the overwhelming hardships that these families face as they struggle to rebuild their homes and their lives.

By filing a claim for Misfortune & Calamity Relief within one year, properties that have sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage may be eligible for a refund of taxes already paid and lower annual tax bills until the

property is repaired or rebuilt.

Assessor Prang's office is working proactively in conjunction with fire department officials from various jurisdictions to determine which properties are affected. "As fires are extinguished and recovery begins, call our Disaster Relief Hotline at 213/974-8658, stop by one of our field offices across the county, visit us online, or connect with us on social media @LACAssessor," Prang said.

He continued, "My dedicated team is ready to offer assistance at a moment's notice and has a designated hotline specifically tasked with guiding property owners through the claim submission process."

Charter Oak High School Named To Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll

CHARTER OAK - Charter Oak High School has been named to the 2017 - 2018 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for its high achievement and student success. The program, sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE), is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and districts that are improving student outcomes. Charter Oak is one of 1,798 pub-

lic schools in California to be recognized.

The 2017 - 2018 Honor Roll is developed by Educational Results Partnership (ERP), a non-profit organization that applies data science to help improve student outcomes and career readiness. ERP maintains the nation's largest database on student achievement and utilizes this data to identify higher-performing schools and districts. Schools

that receive the ERP Honor Roll distinction have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For high schools, the ERP Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness.

"Educational success must be data-informed," said Greg Jones, ERP and CBEE board chairman. "These Honor Roll schools and districts are improving student achievement and we have the data to prove it. It's critical that the business community support and promote educational success as today's students are tomorrow's workforce."

"At ERP we are committed to closing achievement gaps and removing educational obstacles for historically disadvantaged students," said James Lanich, Ph.D., ERP president and CEO. "These bright spot schools and districts are implementing programs and practices that are improving educational equity and accelerating student success. We need to shine a spotlight on their work and encourage others to replicate it."

To access the ERP Honor Roll, visit www.edresults.org.

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Drips and Puddles

Those annoying under the car drips can leave your driveway and garage floor a mess...in fact everywhere you park becomes a victim to this mess. They are also a sign that something is wrong and needs to be taken care of. The only drip you don't need to be concerned with is the condensation from your air conditioner. Everything else is a signal that there is a problem. The small drips are giving you fair warning that if ignored, serious problems are in your future. Here are a few examples:

- A reddish brown drip may mean one of three things; leaking transmission, over tightened pan gasket or a leaking front seal.
- A green or orange-red drip suggests a cooling system problem such as leaking hose or radiator.
- A brown to brownish-black drip that is thick in consistency is more than likely engine oil. This is not a huge problem if it is slight but when it grows to puddle size it is a sign of something serious and if not kept under control could mean severe engine trouble.
- A leak that looks like tea and feels oily is brake fluid. This type of drip or leak is always serious!

If you notice a puddle three inches or larger under your car don't ignore it. Get it to the professionals as soon as possible. A puddle between one and two inches isn't as serious...yet...unless it is brake fluid. Don't put off having it looked at too long though...it could become a much more serious problem.

It is a good practice not to ig-

nore drips because if left unchecked those drips will turn into puddles that get bigger and bigger until you no longer have a small problem, you have a major problem. Make an appointment with us today, and your car's health care professional at Certified Automotive Specialists will stop the drips. Remember, minor problems come with minor price tags...major problems come with major price

tags...maybe even the cost of a new engine!

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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.

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

ARCADIA

Instructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more information.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

BALDWIN PARK

Whale Watching

Cruise in Newport Beach

Come whale watching with us in Newport Beach on Thursday, July 27th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Nautilus boat has an indoor snack bar with beverages and munchies available for purchase. The Nautilus also has both indoor and outdoor seating. View the whales from the top observation deck for great photo opportunities. The boat tour will last approximately two hours. The boat will depart at 12:00 pm. Upon return, you will then be able to spend the rest of the day strolling through Balboa Pier and nearby food and dining areas. Limited Tickets! Meals not included. Tickets are \$25 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will

not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am – 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA

Oldies But Goodies Singing Club!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts Oldies but Goodies Singing Club at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays (June 28, July 12 and 26 and August 16 and 30) from 2:15-3 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Free Ice Cream Social! (Ages 50+)

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department, along with co-sponsor AGA, inc. is hosting Free Ice Cream Socials at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Friday, July 6 and August 3 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

BUNCO!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Senior Lunch Program

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts a daily nutrition program for senior citizens at their senior programs site, located at the former Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 12 pm. For those 60 and older there is a \$3 suggested donation. For those under 60, the fee is \$5. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel. Applications are available at covinaca.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers "Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and

stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

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 \$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.

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513.

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.

This program helps our

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

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or email at jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us.

LA VERNE

Get About

Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

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

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.

Concert & Movies in the Park Series!

ARCADIA- Arcadia's summer concert and movie series are now both on Thursday evenings. Concerts start at 6:30pm and movies at dusk on the west lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening outdoors. There is also a FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. The Surfer Taco Food Truck at all of the events! Parking is provided at City Hall and Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 5 only. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Below is the lineup for July 19.

Upstream (Reggae) AND COCO (PG)

The band Upstream, whose members include two sons of the

venerable inventor of Soca music, the late Ras Shorty I, was formed in the republic of Trinidad & Tobago in 1989. They relocated to Southern California in the early nineties and made a name for themselves. Their energetic eclectic style of Reggae and Soca has earned them a formidable appellation in the music industry world. The band plays an indescribably fascinating blend of Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steelpan Music.

COCO (PG)

Despite his family's ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming a musician. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history.

JPL Portable Planetarium Coming To The Library

GLENDORA - One day only! On Wednesday, **July 25**, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) will be running its popular portable planetarium in the library's Bidwell Forum meeting area. Participants of all ages are invited to attend a live, interactive, and immersive presentation about space science. Explore the night sky with a NASA specialist, ask your questions, and discover new wonders being studied right now in your own backyard at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The following is a list of scheduled start times for each presentation (all times PM):

1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15.

As this program is anticipated to be a high demand event with limited space, please call the Glendora Library at (626) 852-4891 to reserve your spot. When you call, please include your preferred show time and the number of people (adults and children under 12) in your party.

The Glendora Library is located at 140 S Glendora Ave, Glendora. Please call us at 626/852-4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org for more details.

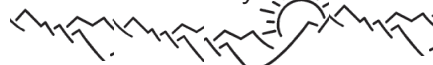
The Bargain Box Needs Volunteers

COVINA - Citrus Valley Medical Center in Covina takes pride in its Inter-Community Campus Auxiliary. The volunteers donate countless hours to the auxiliary and its activities which benefit the hospital from sales in fundraising, and monies the Gift Box, and the Bargain Box generate. The Bargain Box is the auxilia-

ry's thrift store. It welcomes donations, in good condition, of clothes, shoes, ceramics, dishes and small pieces of furniture. This is a nonprofit store and donations are tax deductible. The hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday from 10am-4pm and Saturday from 12-4. The store is closed Sunday and Monday. The

Bargain Box is located at 216 E. Rowland Ave. in Covina. For more information call (626) 332-4847.

The Bargain Box needs volunteers. Call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 915-6237 to start the volunteer process or email her at tramirez@mail.cvhph.org.



How to Help Prepare Young People for the Workforce



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Student loan debt is on the rise and, unfortunately, the high cost of tuition doesn't mean that graduates are guaranteed to find high-paying, meaningful work after earning a degree. "Our education and workforce development systems are broken right now, and as a result, the country is facing a crisis," says Mark C. Perna, workforce development consultant, education strategist and author of the new book, "Answering Why: Unleashing Passion, Purpose, and Performance in Younger Generations."

"Millions of jobs in sectors crucially important to our economy and society are open and we have no one with the right skills -- or even the desire -- to fill them," he says.

In "Answering Why" (markcperna.com/book) Perna lays out a road map for better preparing young people for the opportunities ahead, while also closing the skills gap currently

dogging the economy. Here he offers some of his top insights and recommendations:

- Biases and misconceptions about younger generations continue to persist and there's an intergenerational struggle to connect effectively. Perna refers to Generations Y and Z collectively as the "Why Generation," because its members want to understand the "why" behind everything they are asked to do. We need to get to know and understand their traits and abilities if we expect them to perform beyond expectations.
- Non-college career paths have become stigmatized in this country. Experts like Perna believe that teachers and parents need to move away from the belief that everyone has to go to a four-year university to be a successful and productive citizen. Fulfilling, high-demand, high-wage careers can be attained by postsecondary train-

ing pathways beyond the traditional college route.

- We should prioritize career development exploration and education as part of the K-12 system, Perna stresses. Even many teachers, counselors and school administrators are themselves unaware of the robust opportunities available to today's youth and have tended to devalue career exploration for the sake of sending everyone through one pathway -- college.
- The Why Generation needs to better understand the relationship between self-motivation and outside motivation when it comes to achieving goals, and parents and teachers can help. To succeed today, young people must develop the 'want-to' that fosters passion, achievement and positive self-esteem.

"As young people prepare for and enter the world of work, we need to coach them to do three things: focus, plan and take action," says Perna. "This generation is tenacious and talented, but they need to be motivated to reach their peak performance. They can do it, but we have to help." (StatePoint)

It's Official! VFWs in the San Gabriel Valley are Now in the 11th District.

By George Ogden

It is now official; all of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts in the San Gabriel Valley are now in the newly formed 11th District. Back in 2013, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California decided that the 6th District should merge with the 4th District in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. The move was supposed to make things easier for the Department of California.

The merge consisted of all of the posts in the 6th District to become part of the 4th District and the funds that were in the 6th District coffer would be merged into the 4th District coffer. There was also a rather large amount of money in a separate account that was restricted for the Memorial team. This money was to be kept in a separate account after the merger.

After three years, it was found that this became difficult and it was hard to manage all the VFW post throughout Los Angeles. There was a move made to bring back the 6th District, however there was a realignment of districts in that District was gone and the 11th District had to be formed. You could say the old 6th District is now the 11th District. A management team was assembled and this was presented at the convention where it was approved.

Although this was a great attempt to consolidate many of the VFW's to one District, the logistics was a nightmare. At times inspectors would have to drive two hours on the freeway to get from point A to point B. Often District meetings were on the west side of L.A. and those on the Eastside San Gabriel Valley had to drive a considerable distance to make these meetings. For some, this became extremely difficult. This ended up being way too much work for many of the officers to do. After three years, a move was made to split the 4th District and to basically reinstate all the VFW's where they were before the merger.

It wasn't a total loss with this merger. This actually brought the districts together and many new friends were made. It appears now that this connection will remain and participation on a volunteer basis with other events from the 4th District and the 11th District will be attended by both.

The new formation of the 11th District does have some problems. They will be remedied with the ongoing team and officers. The main issue is the



VFW 11th District Commander Dave Loera

finances. The 11th District would like to recover funds that were put into the 4th District bank account. Presently the 11th District does not have any funds to work with. Tens of thousands of dollars were turnover during the merger. It appears that there may be a recovery of about 60% to 70% and there is also some question as to the Memorial team funding. That will all be addressed in the coming weeks. It is believed that these will be amicable and every thing will move forward easily.

The 11th District had their first meeting with Cmdr. Dave Loera taking over after the transition team made its presentation. Every VFW in the District had at least one representative and as many as five. It was a full house and a lot of questions were asked and almost all questions were answered and satisfied.

From the perspective of all that attended, the 11th District is off to an absolutely great start. There are a lot of past commanders and officers that are still involved. This appears to be a very enthusiastic group and they plan on a good year.

Community Articles Are Welcome

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

Unleash Girls' Strength At Girl Scouts



Girls can learn the soft and hard skills they need to succeed, in a safe, all-girl space.

Today's youth are more vocal than ever about the change they want to see in the world, and Girl Scouts are the most equipped with the skills needed to make a real impact. Girl Scouts will now be even more prepared to address society's most pressing needs, both today and in their future careers, with Girl Scouts of the USA's (GSUSA's) release of 30 new badges in exciting fields such as cybersecurity, environmental advocacy, mechanical engineering, robotics, computer science, and space exploration. The organization's new and existing programming will unleash your girl's strength and confidence in a supportive all-girl environment.

An All-Girl Leadership Experience

Illustrating how important it is for girls and volunteers to join Girl Scouts, the KPMG Women's Leadership Study of more than 3,000 professional and college women found that early exposure to leadership has a significant effect on a woman's perceptions of her ability to lead. What's more, 76 percent of women today wish they had learned more about leadership and had more leadership opportunities while growing up. Girl Scouts' all-girl environment al-

lows girls to take healthy risks, learn from failure, have one-of-a-kind experiences, and form friendships that will last a lifetime.

Research supports the benefits of an all-girl environment. For example, Linda J. Sax, associate professor of education at the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, found that girls who attend single-gender high schools show higher levels of civic engagement, greater interest in engineering careers, and measurably more self-confidence in public speaking.

New Ways to Learn and Lead Girl Scouts' new programming includes Environmental Stewardship badges for girls of all ages, teaching them to respect the outdoors and take action to protect the natural world. For girls in middle and high school, there are badges on how to program, design, and showcase robots and learn about computer science and engineering. Girls in grades 11 and 12 can earn the College Knowledge badge, which covers how to research the admissions process, financial aid, and other factors—providing crucial information for many girls who don't have this kind of

support outside Girl Scouts.

All Girl Scouts in elementary school are now able to earn badges in cybersecurity, space science, and mechanical engineering, introducing them to the fundamentals of these timely topics in a fun and engaging way.

"Girl Scouts' new badges sound awesome, and I can't wait to earn them, especially the ones in Environmental Stewardship," said Shelby O'Neil, a current Girl Scout Ambassador going into 12th grade. "Because of Girl Scouts and the Gold Award, I was able to initiate a No Straw November campaign to advocate for reducing plastic pollution, and I even convinced companies including a leading airline to replace plastic straws with marine-friendly alternatives. Girl Scouts has offered me amazing experiences that have helped me become a leader, gain confidence, and try new things. I think every girl should have the opportunity to join Girl Scouts."

How You and Your Girl Can Be a Part of It All

Girl Scouts prepares all girls to unleash their inner strength and have unique experiences and opportunities. To join or volunteer, visit www.girlscouts.org/join. (NAPSI)

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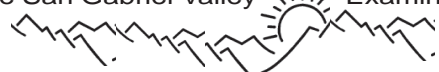
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San Gabriel Unified Summer Music Program Enhances Learning, Introduces New Elective



Roosevelt Elementary students perform their creative improv piece, "King Birdfoot," during the MIE Summer Camp performance on July 6. The piece featured an original story, costumes and music created by students.

SAN GABRIEL - More than 50 Roosevelt Elementary students delighted parents with improv performances, surf rock songs and dance routines during the culminating performance of the school's first-ever Music Immersion Experience (MIE) Summer Camp on July 6.

The four-week summer school session offered students in kindergarten through fifth grade a chance to explore MIE elective courses and enhance their overall music education.

Students attended three sessions per day - a homeroom

that provided general music instruction, an elective course and a second general music lesson. Elective offerings included piano, guitar, puppets and movement, ukulele, rock band, dance and Orff percussion.

The camp was made possible by Title I funding, which is given to public schools with high percentages of socioeconomically disadvantaged students. MIE Director Samantha Theisen said she hopes the school will be able to continue the summer camp in the future.

"While our students are immersed in music throughout the school year, they may not have access to the same learning opportunities over summer," Theisen said. "This summer camp was a crucial way to keep our students learning and engaged in music education, as well as a way to encourage

them to explore different electives."

The summer camp also introduced a new course - creative improv - that the school plans to implement in its 2018-19 instruction.

Over four weeks, fourth- and fifth-graders explored ways to make their own music from sounds inspired by nature. Their final performance, "King Birdfoot," featured an original story, costumes and music created by the students.

Formed in 2015, the MIE program enhances student learning and achievement through music education. All students receive fundamental music lessons daily, and second- through fifth-graders can sign up for three elective courses that meet one to three times a week.

Tips for Creating a Successful Back-to-School Carpool



Keep safety and portability top-of-mind when organizing school carpools.

It's time to get back into the school mindset, which for parents means school supplies, packing lunches and carpools.

A carpool arrangement can be the school year's greatest gift, but the key to a seamless schedule is good communication and a solid set of rules. With these best practices, parents can help ensure a safe and smooth ride for all the carpool passengers throughout the school year:

- **Develop a contact list:** Compile a contact list that includes the names of every child and adult involved in the carpool, along with addresses and phone numbers. Print several copies of the list. Keep one copy in the car and share the remaining copies with the other families participating in the carpool.

- **Create a calendar:** Discuss scheduling needs and clearly outline who goes where and

when each day of the week. This calendar may change over time, so consider sharing a document electronically for easy updates and to keep everyone on the same page.

- **Prioritize safety:** New car seat options are making it easier to ensure every child is protected in the back seat. For example, the Graco TurboBooster TakeAlong Highback Booster and Backless Booster provide safety on-the-go and are designed for ultimate portability. In both highback booster mode and backless booster mode, big kids from 40 to 100 lb. can be safely transported. In highback mode, the seat back nests inside the seat bottom, making it simple to transport the booster from car to car. In backless mode, the seat folds to become 50 percent smaller and comes with a carry bag for additional portability. To learn more about

these booster seats, visit gracobaby.com.

- **Minimize distractions:** Carpool lanes are often busy, so it's important to stay focused. Don't listen to a podcast or look at your phone. Instead, concentrate on the task at hand -- getting children safely where they need to go.

- **Provide snacks:** After school, kids are typically hungry and will want a snack during the car ride home. Talk to the other parents about what food you plan to provide for their children. Be mindful, many children have allergies or dietary restrictions, so factor this in before snack time.

A well-run carpool is a blessing for any busy parent. With these tips, you'll be able to start the new school year off on the right foot and ensure the carpool runs smoothly and safely. (StatePoint)

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