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Arcadia High School Class of 2018 Achieves Rare 100% Graduation Rate

Many Students Heading to Ivy League Universities

ARCADIA - While some may argue that the public education system in this country is failing our youth, one local public high school is giving that theory an F. The Arcadia High School Class of 2018 achieved a rare 100% graduation rate, meaning all 869 of its seniors were handed a diploma on graduation day. A flawless graduation rate is extremely unusual for such a large comprehensive public high school with approximately 3,600 students. In addition to that impressive feat, the Class of 2018 has 17 students that have been accepted to seven different Ivy League Universities. Two were accepted to Yale University, four to Cornell University, four to Columbia University, four to University of Pennsylvania, three to Princeton University, one to Brown University, and one to Dartmouth College. Three more were accepted to Stanford University, two got into Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and two more received admission to stay local in Pasadena at another one of the most prestigious colleges in the country, California Institute of Technology (Caltech). Another 50 Apaches were accepted to the University of California Berkeley, 64 made the grade for the University of Southern California (USC), and 49 were admitted

to University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

The Arcadia High School Class of 2018 collectively earned \$12.8 million in scholarships and grants to help pay for those prestigious universities. That equals, on average, a little less than \$15,000 per graduate. Some of those scholarships include fully-paid scholarships to USC, Notre Dame, military academies, and other UC and State institutions.

At the head of the class is Stella Cho who has been named the Class Valedictorian. Cho, who plans on studying Biochemistry at University Notre Dame in the fall, has received straight A marks all throughout her middle school and high school career. That equates to 101 consecutive classes, from 6th grade through 12th grade, with nothing but A's. In addition to her 4.0 grade point average (GPA) and remarkable mastery of the rigorous curriculum offered in the Arcadia Unified School District, she gives back to her community and is a leader on campus. Cho's school activities include serving as the President of the Pre-Med Club, Green Team President, Speech and debate Captain, Science Olympiad, Math Team, Government Team, National Honor Society, Senior Men and Women, and the Hope Can Cure Cancer



Club. She also plays the oboe in the Pasadena Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, volunteers at Methodist Hospital, and has helped conduct Biology research at Caltech. Cho's dream after college is to become a pediatric neurosurgeon.

The Class of 2018 also had a remarkable 81 Salutatorians, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.93. This is an unprecedented amount of Salutatorians for the Apaches. While the success rates are high, the coursework was not

easy. Of the graduating class, over the course of their four years of high school, 602 students took at least one Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) class, with the average being six Honors/AP classes for those students.

Arcadia High School Class of 2018 By The Numbers:
Graduates: 869
Graduation Rate: 100% (national average: 82%)
GPA: 3.34 (meets minimum requirement for all UC schools)

Average SAT: 1309 (national average: 1060)
Average ACT: 29 (national average 21)
Different Colleges Applied to: 378
Total College Applications Submitted: 6469
College Most Applied to: UC Santa Barbara (334)
Private College Most Applied to: USC (229)
Scholarships and Grants: \$12.8 million (student reported)

Remembering Azusa/Glendora Fairmount Cemetery

by David Landers, Ed.D., Asst. Professor, Director of Educational Programs & Outreach, Special Collections, University Libraries, Azusa Pacific University

AZUSA/GLENDORA - Fairmount Cemetery, or San Felipe Hill as it was originally known, is one of the first cemeteries for the cities of Azusa and Glendora. This land was originally part of Rancho Azusa under the ownership of Henry Dalton. On the Rancho, Mr. Dalton planted a vineyard that extended northward from the Dalton Hill to the Sierra Madre Mountains. He built a winery, a distillery, a vinegar house, a meat smokehouse. He also constructed a flour mill, with mill stones from France, in 1854—the first on the west coast. He erected his mill on a ranch ditch which delivered water from the San Gabriel River to the southern portion of his property. This turned out to be a good business decision since during the great floods of 1861 and 1862, the flour mills along the various canyons from San Bernardino were washed out and most people in the area brought their grain to the Azusa Rancho de Dalton for grinding.

During 1854, gold was discovered in the San Gabriel Canyon, and a town named El Doradoville was built at the east fork of the San Gabriel River to take care of some 2,000 miners who had filed gold claims along the east fork of the canyon and the other business owners who followed these camps. It is estimated that during the next 20 years \$12 million in gold was mined from the canyon and shipped to various mints throughout the United States. The town of El Doradoville was destroyed by floodwaters in 1861 and 1862.

In 1860, the United States Land Office sent an engineer from Washington, DC, who surveyed the Rancho Azusa, and as a result of this survey, Henry



Dr. David Landers at the Fairmount Cemetery

Dalton lost around 5 miles of his eastern and southern boundaries. The property taken by the federal government was subject to homesteading, and people began streaming into the area, filing claims for 40 to 120 acres of land even as Dalton fought these claims. Because of these legal challenges and some poor business ventures, Dalton sold the rest of his property to Jonathan S. Slauson to pay off his debt.

In 1868, the Glendora area was opened for homesteading. In 1874, John Bender and William Bryant Cullen, two boyhood friends who had served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, came to this area from Memphis, Tennessee. They became the first permanent settlers of the future Glendora Township. Bender, a bachelor, acquired 160 acres north of what is now Foothill Boulevard between Grand and Pennsylvania Avenues. Cullen, with his wife and two small children, homesteaded the area between Wabash and Live Oak Avenues and Sierra Madre and Bennett Avenues. They cleared their land and planted wheat, flax, barley, castor beans, grapevines, vegetables, and fruit trees. In the 1870s, George Whitcomb, who served in the Union Army during the Civil War, moved west from Chicago,

purchased several hundred acres, formed the Glendora Land Company, and laid out the town of Glendora.

In 1875, out of necessity, land donated by J. C. Preston became the first Protestant cemetery in the immediate area. This became the burial place for residents of Glendora, Azusa, Covina, and Duarte. It was located on San Felipe Hill in northwest Glendora and is known today as Fairmount Cemetery.

In this cemetery there are buried men and women who showed the pioneer spirit by coming to a new land and building new lives for themselves. Families that were impacted by the Civil War were able to come and live together to build a thriving community here in the Azusa/Glendora area. There are photographs in the Glendora Historical Society and the Azusa Historical Society that show past Memorial Days with both "Blue & Gray" honoring those who served their country and their community. The history of this place is important to keep and preserve. Often here in Southern California we fall into the trap of building up and then tearing down to build again, losing that connection to the past and its importance in our communities and to our communities' stories.

Local Girl Scouts Win Prestigious Gold Award

GLENDORA - The Gold Award is the highest achievement attainable within the Girl Scouts and is to Girl Scouts what the Eagle Badge is to Boy Scouts. The Girl Scouts have 1.8 million national members, but the coveted Gold Award is not easily or widely earned. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award. On June 2, 2018, Cayla Fujita-Haffner and Kayla Garcia, both members of local Troop 1324, were among the 291 Girl Scouts to receive the Gold Award during a ceremony held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. This was the largest Gold Award class in the nation and the award recipients cumulatively contributed more than 23,000 hours of community service.

Cayla Fujita-Haffner and Kayla Garcia, who are both graduates of St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora, were among the June 2, 2018 Gold Award class. Ms. Fujita-Haffner earned her Gold Award by devoting over 80 hours to refurbishing an oversized book shelf she acquired from a local thrift store, stocking it with 400+ books she obtained from donors, and installing it at the Boys and Girls Club of Monrovia. She believes the new library will instill a love for reading in kids who visit there and foster literacy. Ms. Garcia



Cayla Fujita-Haffner on the left and Kayla Garcia on the right

earned her Gold Award by involving and directing children in painting murals she designed onto two industrial-size waste baskets and a library book drop. She be-

lieves the artwork will facilitate a love of art and reading in children and also beautify the community.

Baldwin Park Movies on the Green Series

BALDWIN PARK - There's no better way to spend a cool summer night in Baldwin Park than enjoying a fun movie outdoors! One of Baldwin Park's top summertime events, Movies on the Green lets you enjoy family-friendly films every Friday in June on the big screen in the main lawn area at Barnes Park

(3251 Patrilli Ave.) starting at dusk.

Be sure to bring blankets and folding chairs to enjoy a family friendly film. Refreshments will be available for purchase and proceeds will benefit the Baldwin Park Piranhas swim team.

June 15th - Thor: Ragnarok
June 22nd - Wonder Woman

June 29th - Despicable Me 3
For additional information on any of our summer programming visit our website at www.baldwinpark.com or contact the City of Baldwin Park, Department of Recreation and Community Services at (626) 813-5245, Ext. 317.

San Dimas Toastmasters Toast To The Best

SANDIMAS - Last Thursday, June 7th, Toast To The Best had several guests and a great meeting. Jaime Mendoza, ACG, ALB joined the club as a new member. He will be attending by the Zoom app. And Jenice Pye-Conkrite, CC re-joined the club. Welcome to both.

President JoAn Haase ACB, ALB, led the annual election of officers. Officers elected were President, Rich Watson, VP Education, Art Douglas, VP Membership, Maria del Carmen Covarrubias, VP Public Relations, Dan Lee, Secretary, Elsa Tovar, Treasurer, JoAn Haase and Sergeant at Arms, Art Douglas.

The club's first meeting in July will include an Installation of Officers ceremony, led by Division A's new Director, Martha Alvarez.

On June 21st, Toast To The Best will have their next regular meeting at 7PM in San Dimas.



June 7 Winners were returning member, Jenice Pye-Conkrite, CC on left for best Table Topics, Peter Romero, CC for best evaluation, and Xuling Wu-Gerbl, ACS, CL for best speech.

You can stop by to meet with the club at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave (Between Walnut & San Dimas Canyon Rd) San Dimas. <http://5880.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

Contact is Art Douglas, DTM, VP of Membership of Toast To the Best (951) 505-0555.

District 12 will hold their Summer 2018 Toastmasters Leadership Institute June 23 7:30 am - 3:45 pm.

After An Accident: Dealing With The 'What Now?'

According to the National Safety Council, in the United States there are about 10 million accidents of all kinds each year: from parking lot scrapes to multicar pileups. Nearly 1.3 million people die in road crashes, and an additional 20-50 million are injured or disabled.

An Inspiring Story

When most people hear the sounds of an auto accident—the screech of tires, buckling metal and breaking glass—their thoughts first turn to the physical damage to the automobiles, and next to the bodily injuries sustained by those involved. Little if any attention, though, is ever paid to the long-term mental anguish that victims of serious auto accidents often endure; sometimes for years, sometimes for life.

For the victims, the incident itself is more often than not a mere blur. Sometimes, they have absolutely no recollection of the crash. It is not uncommon to hear people injured in an accident say that “the first thing I remember is being put in an ambulance. I then remember the pain, followed by an all-consuming sense of ‘what now?’”

For Mary M., a single mother of four living in Rochester, N.Y., a head-on auto crash caused by a driver who last year ran a stop sign was the beginning of an ordeal she could not have imagined the day before the incident. The impact was so great that Mary sustained both shoulder and back injuries. “The air bag went off and the next things I remember clearly were the ambulance attendant pulling me out of the seat of my car, being put on a stretcher, and being taken to the hospital,” Mary said.

As is the case with so many accident victims who suffer non-life-threatening injuries, Mary could not afford the luxury of spending more time in the hospital than absolutely necessary. “I had to get back to work,” Mary said. “Two of my four boys were at home and I had to get back to my job at a local hair salon. I needed the money. I needed to pay my bills.”



There's a faster way to get the cash for living expenses and medical care while you're waiting for insurance to pay you after an accident.

Once back at work, Mary found that the strain her job put on her shoulder and her back was more than she had anticipated. A woman who prides herself on being strong and independent, she reluctantly succumbed to the pain that eventually would require two surgeries, extensive physical therapy and time away from work.

“I was in a panic,” said Mary. “I had to take a great deal of time off from work and the bills kept piling up. While my Social Security check was enough to pay my rent, I had living expenses for me and for my boys that I had to cover. I was desperate, alone and I was getting depressed. I needed help.” Having no one else to turn to, Mary confided in her attorney, who recommended that she reach out to LawCash, a presettlement funding company that, after reviewing her insurance claim already in process, agreed to advance her the cash she needed to pay her bills.

LawCash, a leader in the presettlement funding business, helps to level the playing field for consumers whose meritorious claims are being delayed. According to Harvey Hirschfield, president of LawCash, “We empower consumers. With cash on hand to pay for life needs and general living expenses, managing cash flow, and securing medical care while awaiting settlement of their insurance case, victims are in a stronger position and

don't have to simply accept a lowball amount a company's insurer initially offers.”

How It Works

LawCash does not promote or encourage litigation. All its clients must be represented by legal counsel and must have filed a legitimate claim before it will accept an application. Nor does it influence the case, as all decisions related to the legal approach and overall strategy are between the victim and his or her lawyer. Perhaps most importantly, the presettlement funding is not a loan. If the case is lost, the claimants owe nothing. In addition, they're not required to put up collateral or make interim payments, and the advance has no effect on their credit.

“I hired my attorney because he struck me as a good lawyer and a kind and honest human being,” said Mary. “I never expected that in addition to handling the legal aspects of my case, he would also guide me through some of the greatest and most tumultuous of life challenges that resulted from the accident. The simple act of putting me in touch with LawCash removed the financial pressures that might have forced me into settling for a lower, less fair insurance payout. I'm forever grateful,” Mary said.

Learn More

For additional facts or to apply, go to www.lawcash.net or call (800) LAW-CASH. (NAPSI)

Commuter Kate's Tips On Public Transit Etiquette



Everyone can have a more enjoyable ride when they heed a few hints on transit etiquette.

Americans take about 11 billion trips on public transportation every year. The next time you're among them, consider these 10 tips on proper etiquette from blogger Commuter Kate.

1. Stow your stuff. Put your bag between your feet so everyone has a bit more space. If the floor is wet or sticky, wear your bag forward so you're at least more aware of it.

2. Stand up for courtesy. If you're sitting in a reserved seat and an elderly, infirm or pregnant person gets on, get up. Someday, you may need one of those seats yourself.

3. Poles are for everyone. Don't hog them. It's not nice and not safe.

4. Let 'em off. Let people get off the bus or train before you get on. Stand back from the door and patiently wait for

the exiting passengers to disembark. It actually makes for a faster off/on boarding process.

5. Public transit confusion? For just about any city you're in or transit line you're on, public transit directions are only a smartphone app away. Moovit, the app, boasts the widest coverage and most accurate transit data in the world, including 2,200 cities in 80 countries and 44 languages. This means you can ride transit confidently and, in some cities, even know where the best exits are. This way, you won't hold anyone up by stopping to look at the map or scrambling to find the exit.

6. You're not at home. Don't eat, put on makeup or trim your nails. Sit in one seat with your feet on the floor. And guys—avoid manspreading.

7. Entrances, exits and escalators. If you need a card or ticket for the turnstile, have it out and ready to insert or swipe. On escalators, if people walk up one side, don't stand two abreast.

8. Nothing beats a good night's sleep. But if you missed

it and fall asleep on transit, avoid falling onto the person next to you.

9. Look up from your phone once in a while. You shouldn't need to keep staring at the map the whole trip. Moovit lets you know when your stop is coming up so you can get lost in a good book, rather than lost on your journey.

10. Speaking of the phone, don't talk on it. Enough said.

For further facts and tips, check out moovit.com and @Commuter_Kate on Twitter. (NAPSI)

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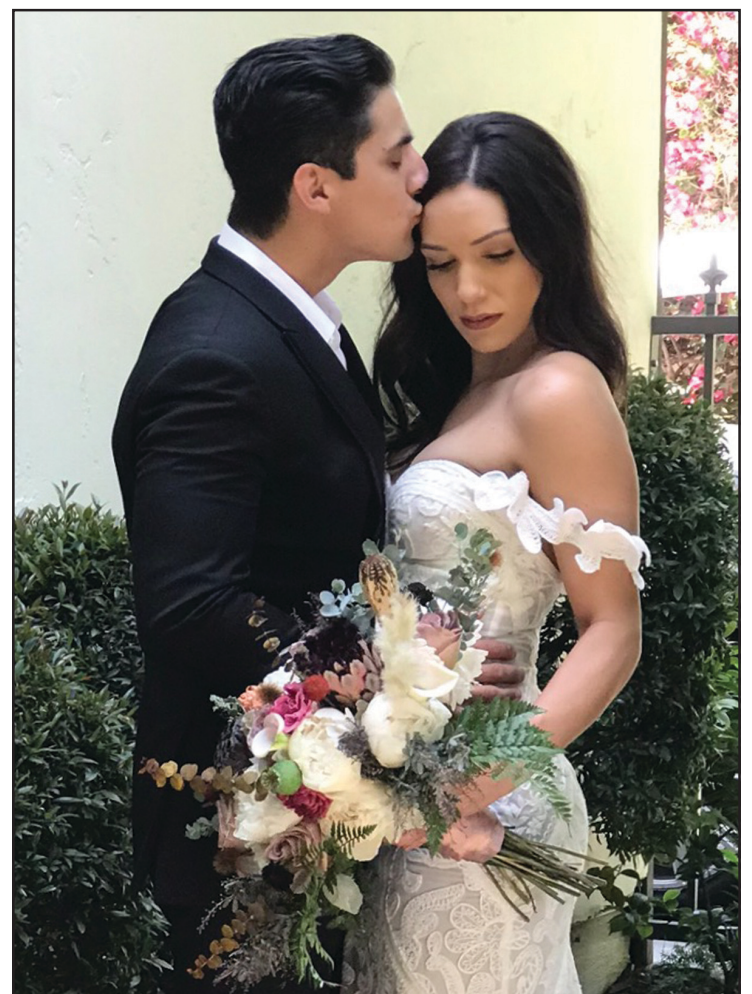
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Aubrey DiBenedetto of Glendora Marries Joseph Talarico



Glendora native Aubrey Jane DiBenedetto daughter of Diego and Susan DiBenedetto wed Covina resident Joseph Edward Talarico son of Kent Talarico and Marisha Tucker on June 2nd at Aubrey's parents' home on Sierra Madre Avenue. The

ceremony was officiated by Aubrey's uncle Dr. James McLennan of Washoe Valley, Nevada. The couple happily honeymooned on the Amalfi Coast of Italy (the native home of Aubrey's grandparents Pio and Carmelina DiBenedetto).

Sho Tay Appointed Mayor Of Arcadia

Council Member Verlato Selected As Pro Tem

ARCADIA - At the June 5, 2018 City Council meeting, the Arcadia City Council unanimously selected Council Member Sho Tay as Mayor of Arcadia for the upcoming year. Also, the City Council chose Council Member April Verlato as Mayor Pro-Tem by a 5-0 vote as well.

"I am honored to serve the City of Arcadia as its next Mayor," said Mayor Tay. "I have a deep affection and appreciation for this community, and I'm looking forward to continuing the efforts previous mayors and

City Councils have done to keep Arcadia great. We have a lot of important work to do."

Council Member Verlato will serve as Mayor Pro Tem during the coming year, and will be asked to fill in during a mayor's absence. "I would like to thank the City Council for their confidence in selecting me as Mayor Pro Tem. Arcadia is a great place to live, work, and raise a family, and I'm proud to be able to serve our diverse community," said Mayor Pro Tem Verlato.

The City Council will be in-

terviewing community members for the City's various Boards and Commissions at a special meeting on June 14, 2018, and will make appointments at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2018. Included is the newly-formed Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee that will provide recommendations to the City Council for cost containment strategies and/or potential revenue enhancements in order to address the City's financial challenges.

Azusa Unified To Provide Free Meals To Youths Again This Summer

AZUSA - The Azusa Unified School District will again offer free meals this summer to youths ages 18 and under as part of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program that ensures children have access to healthy meals, even

when school is not in session. Children do not have to be Azusa Unified students to receive free meals.

Lunches will be served from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from June 11 to July 6 at four elementary schools and Foothill Middle School. Gladstone High School will serve meals through July 13. And meals at Memorial Park and Azusa Library will be available for an extra two weeks through July 27. Following is a list of sites that will serve free summer meals:

- Gladstone Street Elementary**
1040 East Gladstone St.
- Paramount Elementary**
409 West Paramount St.
- Valleydale Elementary**
700 S. Lark Ellen Ave.

- Victor Hodge Elementary**
700 West Eleventh St.
- Foothill Middle School**
151 North Fenimore Ave.
- Gladstone High School**
1340 N. Enid Ave., Covina
- Memorial Park**
340 N. Orange Place
- Azusa Public Library**
729 N. Dalton Ave.

"Our commitment to students does not end when the school year comes to a close," said Azusa Unified Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski. "We want to ensure the children of our community have access to healthy, balanced meals so that they can continue their educational and personal growth throughout the summer and be well prepared for the upcoming school year."

City's Outdoor Market Returns Downtown By Popular Demand

Annual debut slated in collaboration with summer concerts

BALDWIN PARK - What once began as a seasonal outdoor market during the summer months has become an annual tradition in Baldwin Park, with an extended opening into early fall. Beginning Thursday, June 27 local residents and visitors - as well as their family and friends - are invited to join in the Downtown Street Market.

The weekly outdoor event will be held every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. Both attendance and parking are free.

From June 27 and through August 2, the Downtown Street Market will fall in line with the city's annual Summer Concerts in the Park series, providing invigorating live band entertainment for guests. It will then be relocated to Maine Avenue (between Ramona Boulevard and Clark Street) from August 9 through September 13.

The Downtown Street Market will offer traditional fare from local produce farmers, free inflatable jumpers for children, and artisan and commercial vendors. Associates from various eateries, including several Baldwin Park businesses, will offer an array of cuisines. In addition, Via Mar Restaurant will provide a beer garden for adults age 21 and over, organizers noted.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the business community together with the private groups, and for residents and families to come out and enjoy a fun activity for all ages. We offer something that entertains everybody - from the youngest to the oldest," said Maria Moreno, acting Operations Supervisor with the Department of Recreation and Com-

munity Services.

Along with promoting community comradery, Baldwin Park's Downtown Street Market complements the city's efforts to activate public spaces into vibrant and active local destinations. It also supports the healthy living campaign, an ongoing effort to promote health-conscious activity and habits for all residents.

"This allows an opportunity for the community to have access to fresh fruits and veggies," said Manuel Carrillo, Director of the Recreation Department. "It also provides opportunities for families to come out, recreate and enjoy themselves."

The success of that summer fair continues with the city-sponsored Downtown Street Market. The timeline of the outdoor market is totaling twelve Thursday evenings with more than a dozen new entertainment at not one, but two stages filled with top quality entertainment as well as a variety of exciting features.

For example, a one-night Fiesta Mexicana themed event is on tap for Thursday, September 13 with a Latin-infused performance featuring Mariachi Arriba Guadalajara with impersonators Paquito as Paquita and Grace as Jenny, sponsored by Guadalajara Grill. In addition, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission awarded the event with a Free Concerts in Public Spaces grant that will sponsor the presentation by the Grammy-Award Winners, Mariachi Divas. The cultural themed night displays our commitment to the arts and culture and aligns with the mission of the LA Arts Commission that aims to provide residents with access to

high quality programming that represents the diversity of County residents.

"We wanted to bring in something that is representative of our community," Moreno added. "I think it'll be fun; it's something new to experience."

A slew of local businesses and organizations have collaborated with the city to sponsor the Downtown Street Market. Included are: Blue California; Care 1st Healthy Plan; California Sea Food Pub, Jungle Dental, Guadalajara Grill Restaurant, Los Angeles Arts Commission, Premiere Career Colleges, Lakeside Financial, T-Mobile, Alignment Healthcare, La Cocinita, Party 360, Via Mar Restaurant, Tony's Donut House, Papa John's Pizza; The Sauce; El Jacal Restaurant; Caustucci Foundation; Park Plaza; JB Eyebrow Threading and Beauty; Central City Community Health Center; Farmers Insurance Deviana Agency, Chicas Graphic Design, Kaiser Permanente and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District.

"Our community deserves an event like this, and the success of the Street Market speaks volumes of how well both the businesses and the community have embraced it," Moreno said.

An estimated 100 vendors are expected weekly at this year's outdoor market. Local businesses and organizations are invited to participate, with priority registration rates available to Baldwin Park groups, officials said. To reserve a booth for the Baldwin Park Street Market, call Moreno at (626) 813-5245, Ext. 316, or e-mail her at mmoreno@baldwinpark.com.

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Immigration Fraud Victims, Their Families Get Help from Department of Consumer and Business Affairs

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Hundreds of immigration fraud victims and their families recently received assistance at two workshops organized by the County of Los Angeles Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) and Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA).

More than 200 victims and their families attended the workshops held back-to-back on Saturday, June 2, 2018 in East Los Angeles. Some people traveled from as far as Bakersfield to get help with their distressed immigration situations created by two Inglewood-based brothers facing felony criminal charges.

The California Attorney General's Office, acting on a months-long investigation conducted by DCBA, charged Edgardo Antonio Guerrero, who allegedly posed as an attorney even though he is not licensed to practice law, and his brother Hector Humberto Guerrero, who ran the day-to-day operations of their business, Oficina Guerrero, with several felony counts. The two brothers face charges including grand theft, conspiracy, practicing law with-

out a license, and failure to comply with the California Immigration Consultants Act. The charges allege that the Guerreros conspired to charge hundreds of victims thousands of dollars each for promised immigration services they failed to provide.

Victims and their family members received these and other services at the County of Los Angeles workshops:

- Free legal assistance with their immigration matters
- Copies of their files recovered during a search warrant of the business
- Information about the pending charges against the suspected brothers
- Advice on how they can keep their information current with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Information about the services the County has for them and their families

"We are glad we were able to

provide this much-needed help to victims and their families," said Rigo Reyes, Acting Executive Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs. "While, sadly, we can't undo the harm done to them, we must make sure that they receive all the help they need to get through these tough times."

Participating partners at the workshop included:

- California Attorney General's Office
- Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
- Catholic Charities - Proyecto Esperanza

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Future Water Restrictions As SB 1 Sits

Gov. Brown and our liberal Sacramento legislators have decided to prepare for future droughts in this state by leveling water restrictions on residents, agriculture and commercial/industrial entities. The proud proponents of this new law are Democrat Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-L.A.) along with Democrat Assemblywoman Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) eventually limiting water use to 50 gallons per person per household.



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

ifornia gathered numbers over a period of time and took a different approach when it came to calculating water use. The organization said water use is:

- 50% environmental when reviewing four categories. Waters in rivers that are legally protected as "wild and scenic" maintaining habitat, wetlands, wildlife preserves and more than half of that occurs in the northern part of California.
 - 40% agricultural with approximately nine million acres of farmland that contributed 60% more gross state product in 2014 despite 15% less water. The farming communities in the Central Valley are the most vulnerable and need to have a reliable, sustainable water source to protect and grow their businesses and communities and to continue to be a major contributor to the state budget.
 - 10% urban use going from 232 gallons per person per day (GPD) in 1995 to 278 in 2010; and, 130 (GPD) in 2015. That reduction PPIC says is due to the emergency drought warnings and new water saving technologies.
- In 2014 voters approved by 67%, billions of dollars for water storage to eliminate the emergency conditions that occur during drought years. There are 11 projects sitting around waiting for approval but only if they can meet certain conditions. Those conditions are almost unattainable and have cost thousands of dollars in rewrites trying to qualify for that bond money and start construction. The projects must meet the public benefit requirements of safe guarding the ecosystems, providing boating and other recreational activities and flood control. And, must show in

dollars and cents what the public benefit is to get approval for Prop 1 bond money.

More news: A re-vote in July will take place by the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors to determine if MWD should pay for the biggest share of the WaterFix or Twin Tunnels project. The Board was charged by environmentalists and an open government organization, First Amendment Coalition, with violating the Brown Act. MWD denies the charges but will go forward with the re-vote to allow the project to move forward unchallenged. The Board's vote in April was 61% in favor of spending \$10.8 billion to get water to Southern California and the Central Valley.

The good news that has come out of Sacramento this week - Gov Brown and the liberal legislators in the capitol have given up on the effort to tax water. That tax would have raised an estimated \$140 million a year purportedly to clean up water for 360,000 residents served by water systems that violate state drinking water standards. Several of the newspapers up and down the state have suggested the recall of Sen. Josh Newman over the gas tax increase has made some of our legislators a little gun shy.

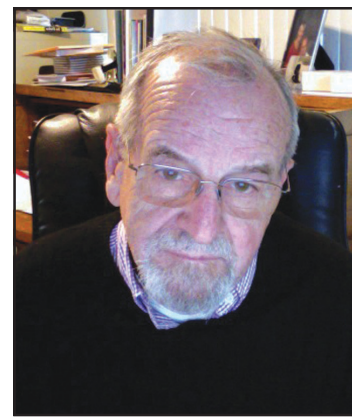
What is frustrating is the continual political rhetoric by the progressive legislators out there "fundraising" on behalf of the people. A bond issue here and a tax there ... did any of them ever stop to think lower-income and retired people have to buy gas and have to use water and increasing those costs are not helping them move up in life or just maintaining status quo? Or maybe they just think it is good campaign oratory or speechifying at rallies. This last election, the June 5th primary, I don't recall anyone getting upset about the Prop 1 implementation delays or a pending water tax.

The other good news: Brown has stashed away \$14 billion in the rainy day fund for future economic down turns and state emergencies. Or maybe a belt-notching favorite project that could be in big trouble? Has anyone heard any good news about Brown's Bullet Train lately?

I'm Grateful For An Answer - Labberton One

From time to time over recent months I have sought an answer to this question: "How can any evangelical follower of Jesus Christ continue to support Donald Trump?" The responses have mainly come from non-evangelicals guessing at what evangelicals think. These second-hand opinions are little more than clues, and can only be taken seriously if they support what evangelicals themselves have to say. A few responders suggest that the only issues important to conservative Christians are abortion and homosexuality. While Trump may be committed to support those concerned about these issues, he has never been clear about where he stands. Vague as it is, his personal equivocation seems sufficient reason for many to support him.

A few critics who are evangelicals hold that every negative thing said about Trump is just fake news. That is the claim whether you are talking about moral issues, the border wall, his party's tax policy that profits the already wealthy, or his alleged collusion with Russia in the run-up to the 2016 election. Supporters hold that this last issue is only a witch-hunt with no basis in fact. It is a refreshing development,



Charles H. Bayer

therefore, to come across a detailed (if somewhat ambiguous) answer to my question. I have recently received a copy of a speech by a serious scholar and devout Christian in which the author analyzes the relationship between evangelical faith and issues facing the nation. The speech was delivered by Dr. Mark Labberton, the president of Fuller Theological Seminary, to a group of evangelical leaders on April 16, 2018 at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. Both Wheaton College and Fuller Theological Seminary college are highly respected conservative educational at the center of evangelical orthodoxy. While Dr. Labberton does not give an unequivocal and simplistic answer to my question, it seems clear

that in his carefully crafted answer he draws a clear conclusion if you read between-the-lines.

Dr. Labberton's life, faith and commitments are clearly a response to Jesus' commission to his disciples that they are to "make disciples of all the nations." The Lordship of Christ and his saving work lie at the core of Dr. Labberton's faith and his understanding of the world which is the locus the commission. While Labberton is not primarily concerned with politics or matters flowing from the present inter-party debates, neither is he unaware of the clear relationship between Christ's saving work and the world to which his disciples are called. Nevertheless, no one needs to guess about what are the implications of a faithful relationship between the Christian evangel and the world in which it is proclaimed.

Having taken seriously what this dedicated evangelical leader has said, I will be spending the next two columns looking at the content of this address. If you are interested in seeing the full text of the address, contact me by e-mail and I will forward it to you.

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Managing Conflict

In an organization or simply everyday life, conflicts are deemed to happen. Be it a profitable multinational giant, small business startup or a family quibble, conflicts are always a possibility. Often such conflicts arise when a change is in the offing. Simple conversations can turn to arguments and take a drastic turn and end up as disputes in the courts. Such occurrences can not only cause a financial but a moral loss to the firm. When an argument between two members of an organization, turns to a conflict, it can lead to crippling productivity of the company and as a result it can spoil the office environment by making its employees feeling irritated and betrayed.

Since childhood, we are told to complain to higher authorities when in a conflict. This habit is carried on to us as adults and the higher authorities like police, managers, and team leaders are the ones who act as mediators. In organizations, it is very difficult for managers to address potential conflicts without a detailed reference of the company policies regarding that matter. Mostly, rules are made to unify the fairness given to the employees who are in conflict. However at times, rules do not necessarily give fairness to employees and cannot be related to the real world situations. It is naive to assume that application of a basic set of rules will solve the conflicts efficiently.

Here, you may ask - 'If rules are not suitable for mediating conflicts, then what should be done?' Conflicts can be resolved only if they are proactively dealt with. Many times conflicts result from different choices of individuals and such incidents routinely crop up when a change is being implemented in an organization. Managers should resolve such cases by creating an environment that is positive and compliments the right choices.

There are many strategies in the organization that can be used to resolve a conflict in an organization. The following are the items that must be addressed:

- Be Comfortable With Conflict: Expressing a conflict is an



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important part of an individual's nature. People are usually afraid of a conflict and keep on building small discomforts until they disrupt in a sudden manner. It should be noted that although conflicts are not a matter of being afraid, they are certainly not the only resort. A careful and well thought conversation, done at the right time could very well make matters healthy and productive with the other person. Instead of suppressing a conflict and saying "calm down", managers should discuss a possible solution with the people in conflict. In cases where evolving change has led to the conflict; one needs to communicate the essence of the change to the involved parties and encourage them to see their perspectives in a new light.

- Find The Source: A conflict is best solved if resolved with employees only. Instead of going to management, include employee(s) in a conflict

resolution, it leads to actual solutions and not compromises.

- Lessons Learnt: Learning from the conflicts or disagreements is an important task. Such lessons lead towards experiences that are very useful in reaching towards a solution to a conflict.

Do's And Don'ts: There is a greater chance that the conflicts can be resolved if people are conscious about their behavior or conflicts. It is important for employees to realize when they are behaving rationally and when they are not. One of the most disastrous things that act as a catalyst to a conflict is involvement of more people. When in a conflict, attempt should be made to involve a minimum number of people to reduce gossip and office politics.

- What do you bring to the table? Remember we all have our own templates in life that shapes our every being. Our likes, dislikes, and the things that have scared us through our life's journey, don't let these emotions get in the way of a healthy disagreement.

While conflicts are always there, they should not always be disastrous in fact they can be quite productive if handled correctly. A Conflict, if handled carefully and efficiently, can lead to stronger bonds, build trust, and lead to higher productivity.

Our Vote Does NOT Count

Well, the votes are in. For some of you, the voting went the way you wanted it to. Then for some, it just didn't work the way you hoped for.

As I stood there to vote with my ballot in my hand, I soon realize that my vote does not count. It seems the very thing that I fought for was the right for Americans to vote. Many soldiers gave their lives for this purpose.

I have to admit that it saddens me. I ask myself, why vote at all. I get the feeling that my vote no longer counts. Just turn around and leave, even though I almost gave my life for this country. One of the reasons why we served is to protect our way of life. Sadly, thanks to our state legislators, part of that has been taken away.

We now have people voting in this country that are not citizens. By simply getting a driver's license you are basically able to register to vote. As of May 2017, a dozen states (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Vermont, and Washington), the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have laws in their books that allow illegal immigrants to obtain a driver's license or some type of driving permit. When people go to the DMV to obtain or renew a driver's license, or to get a state identification card, they'll be asked for the usual information in such transactions, such as their name, date of birth and address. They'll also be asked to affirm their eligibility to vote and will be given the choice of opting out



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

of registering at that time. They can simply say "yes" and who is going to check at that time? Information about anyone who does not decline registration will be electronically transmitted from the DMV to the secretary of state's office, where citizenship will be verified and names will be added to the voter rolls. However, this last part is flawed. There is no real way to know if the individual is eligible to vote. So the bottom line is, they can vote.

This means people from other countries from around the world can come to the United States and get a driver's license and at that time claim that they are eligible

to vote. They end up voting and they are not citizens. Violent Anti-American groups could influence our final votes.

Imagine, Al-Qaeda gets one of their own elected into Congress. Have you ever seen what a Congress member brings into the chambers with them? It's not just a briefcase, but a suitcase on wheels in most occasions. It would not take much to fill that with plastic explosives and create a suicide type bomb inside the Congressional chambers during a session. Can you imagine the end result?

In my disappointment about our new policies and voting procedures, I can't help but say good luck to us all. You can thank all the legislators who think its okay for non-citizens to vote in our country by simply getting a driver's license.

It won't be long before this country self-destructs thanks to our legislators and Congress members that have been put in office. Our vote no longer counts. That is how I feel.

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Stocks Fell Because of What?!

The most ridiculous recent excuse for stocks going down was great earnings, since it was "peak earnings season." It was apparently assumed earnings can't get any better. However, I believe they can get significantly better than this! Earnings can keep growing strongly, just not as rapidly as they grew last quarter!

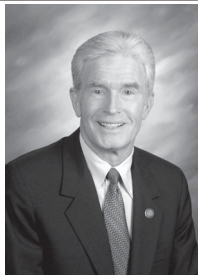
Earnings growth of this magnitude is unheard-of this late in an economic recovery. Earnings this high should make it likely that the current recovery could last at least another two years. Earnings and economic growth this robust don't just turn down on a dime. They tend to decelerate more gradually over time.

Earnings are up so much that the Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio for the S&P 500 has fallen sharply, even though prices are slightly up year-to-date. According to Ed Yardeni, writing last Thursday, the forward S&P P/E "dropped from a high of 18.6 on January 23 to a low of 15.9 on May 3."

The recent resurgence of the stock market was very reassuring for investors, inviting fresh buying and widespread short covering. All in all, the bullish camp is doing its level best to win back the narrative from the bears that have touted "peak earnings," the threat of stagflation, geopolitical chaos, and slowing growth in Europe. All these stated concerns turn out to be overblown, but are the byproduct of a culture that wants to have investors glued to the business media 24/7. After all, crisis mongering is good for their business.

Why has the market struggled so hard to advance? Most investors are unaware of the power the financial media has to influence market sentiment at the profes-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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sional level, where most of the market's total assets are invested and traded. Mixing politics and finance was once considered irresponsible reporting, but not today. There is an ongoing media effort to undermine the bullish narrative that embraces tax reform, a de-leveraging of the Fed's balance sheet, a stable dollar, trade which is less detrimental to America's national security interests, a resurgent domestic energy market, and efforts to roll back overzealous government regulations on small businesses.

The financial media has repeatedly warned investors that this market was "overvalued." These warnings were (and still are) misleading. Somehow, the financial media forgot to report that the stock market has not gone up nearly as much as underlying earnings. As a result, price-to-earnings ratios have been compressed, and (in my opinion) the stock market remains undervalued relative to both forecasted earnings and interest rates.

The fact that the market has been able to trade through the bearish bias and noise of financial bubbles fomented by cable and print news is (in my view) a testament to the strength of the underlying economy.

Sometimes numbers matter more than words, and for this market, the numbers are doing

the talking now. Next time someone asks you why stocks went up or down today, say "Because the mood changed on Wall Street." That will be more accurate than almost anything you will hear from the talking heads on TV.

What Is Going On In Italy?

The emerging market crisis spread from Brazil and infected Italy recently. Even though Italy is not an emerging market, that country holds a disproportionate amount of emerging market debt. Furthermore, Italian President Sergio Mattarella blocked two anti-establishment parties, the 5 Star Movement & League parties, from taking power, effectively denying Italian voters their chosen political leaders from the March 4 election. These new political parties are not friendly to the European Union (EU), reflecting the fact that Italian voters are increasingly hostile to the EU leadership.

However, last week, the 5 Star Movement & League struck a deal to form a new government, raising hopes of forming a coalition. In the meantime, Carlo Cottarelli has been named Italy's new Prime Minister to lead a "caretaker" government if a coalition cannot be formed.

Spain's leadership is also under siege, since Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy faces a no-confidence vote in Parliament. Between the chaos in Italy and Spain, the euro hit a six-month low against the U.S. dollar, which is causing 10-year U.S. Treasury rates to retreat.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Happy Father's Day!

Dads, grandpas, great-grandpas, step-dads, father-figures - enjoy letting your family celebrate you on Father's Day. Some dads might want expensive gifts, but most are very happy to be acknowledged and thanked for their role in your life. Make it personal by sharing some childhood memories that were special between you two. You might even be able to reenact an experience like going camping, fishing, eating ice cream, or just looking through photo albums. You could help him with a project around the house or detail his car for him, or take him to a favorite museum. If you live far apart, make sure you call, Skype, or send him a video.

My brother-in-law is in his late 60's and is trying to figure out if it's best to continue renting, or to take half of his retirement savings to buy a house and have no mortgage payments for the rest of his life. What do you recommend?

This scenario would involve some more facts and some 'number-crunching.' Will the other half of his retirement savings be enough to last his lifetime? The cost of renting can continue to rise, or the landlord could sell, or decide to live in the rental. The cost of taxes and insurance can continue to rise, and there's the cost of maintenance and repairs. Renting helps the landlord's finances, and provides free maintenance and repairs. Purchasing builds equity which could be utilized at a later date, either by financing or reverse mortgage.

I don't anticipate needing any of the money in my CD for quite a while. Is there some-



Julia Yoder

where else to invest this money that's safe, will earn a little better returns, and I could get to some of it, just in case a need arises?

Yes, you have a couple of choices. One product line offers a start-up bonus, a guarantee that you cannot lose your principal, automatic lock-in of gains annually, gives you access to up to 10% of your money annually, and (usually for a small fee) sends you payments for your lifetime, with any remaining money in your accumulation account going to your heirs. Or, you might be interested in a product that offers no bonus, but potentially higher returns, with all the same guarantees. (Disclaimer: Guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance co.)

What is an FHA Streamline?

It is a refinance loan especially for those who already have an FHA mortgage. It has simplified qualification guidelines and minimal required documentation. If you qualify, it's a really good time to inquire about an FHA Streamline refi. OR, look into refinancing your FHA mortgage, (especially if you have monthly Mortgage Insurance premiums),

into a conventional mortgage loan.

Several financial analysts have tried to get me to invest my money with them. I feel like they talk down to me and act like they are there to be my hero and take control for me. They don't want to take the time to explain so that I can make educated decisions about my own financial planning. It seems like you and Suzy Orman are the only female financial professionals in the public eye. I cannot afford her; how much do you charge?

More and more women are showing an interest in their own financial future, wanting to learn, plan, and feel confident when it comes to money. Always in your best interest, my passion is to share financial knowledge, educate clients on their choices, determine whether or not it is even suitable for a client to invest in certain product lines, and then give the client time to decide whether or not to invest or insure. At this time, I still don't charge.

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THE CAR GURU
WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialist

Why My Vehicle Needs an Inspection

There are a lot of questions about inspecting a car when it comes into a shop for service.

In years past vehicle manufacturers suggested you change your oil every 3,000 miles. That meant you visited a service facility 3-4 times a year; that was 3-4 times a year that your technician had the opportunity to look over your car and catch potential failures in your vehicle's tires, wipers, brakes, fluids, leaks or any other concerns.

Today, the vehicle manufacturers are now extending oil and servicing to 7, 10 and even 15 thousand miles. This also extends the time your technician gets a look under the hood of your vehicle. This gives your

technician less times per year to inspect and identify issues with your vehicle.

Consider air transportation; a jetliner goes through a safety inspection before each flight. In fact, all public transportation including planes, trains and city busses all go through a certification and regular inspection process to find, identify and fix potential problems before they happen.

Our personal vehicles, on the other hand, usually see their technician for oil changes and maybe get a check over every few years. Just as regular oil changes keep your car healthy, having a professional inspection done on a regular basis will save you time, money and

avoid the headaches of major mechanical repairs.

A basic inspection can be simple, fast and efficient. It will allow the technician to fill your tires, top off your fluids and give you peace of mind when you are on the road.

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Arcadia City Council Adopts Goals For FY 2018-19

ARCADIA - The Arcadia City Council held its annual goal setting workshop at the Floretta K. Lauber Museum Education Center on Friday, June 1, 2018, to discuss the upcoming fiscal year's policy agenda. Among the several topics that were discussed, the City Council unanimously agreed that addressing the City's long-term financial issues and continued community building with the City's Asian population are the primary focus of the coming year.

"With a new year, we have a fresh start to tackle some very big challenges facing the City," said Mayor Sho Tay. "It is important that we continue to work to-

gether to address the City's finances and on building the bonds of friendship in Arcadia neighborhoods."

The City is poised to adopt a deficit budget on June 19, 2018, and, according to the City's long-term financial forecast, the structural deficit will remain for the foreseeable future. While the proposed budget maintains existing levels of public services, the City can no longer guarantee that services will remain at current levels over the long-term. In order to begin addressing this important topic, the newly-formed Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee will provide recommendations to the City Council

for cost containment strategies and/or potential revenue enhancements. In addition, the City will be engaging the community in stakeholder meetings throughout the year to identify alternatives. The City Council will be reviewing all policy options to address the shortfall.

Further, the City Council's vision of a unified Arcadia remains an important topic. As the "Community of Homes," the City Council identified that welcoming neighborhoods and widespread participation in civic life are keys to ensuring cooperation among residents. The City has already taken strides this past year to provide better outreach to the City's Asian community through the adoption of the City's Language Access Services Policy and the use of the WeChat social media platform. In the coming year, the City Council will look to build on this momentum, including potential partnerships with the City's Asian community to host cultural events centered on community and inclusiveness.

"The Arcadia community is dynamic. Together we can accomplish great things. Every Arcadia resident should know that their City is working for them," added Mayor Tay.

Glendora Genealogy Group Monthly Meeting

GLENDORA - The Glendora Genealogy Group will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, **June 26** in the Elm Room of the La Fetra Senior Center, 333 East Foothill Blvd. Glendora. There will be a refresher class led by Pat Chavarria from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This will be followed by our business meeting at 7:00 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Francie Kennedy. She will be presenting "Getting the Most Out of Family Search.org"

Francie Kennedy is a fourth generation Californian and studied English and Biology at Pomona College. She managed a landscape and design consulting business before joining the local water district in the early 1990s. Francie has been helping city residents and businesses manage their water use for over 22 years. For seven years she taught conservation to professionals at Santiago Canyon College and she continues to teach landscape classes to residents.

In her free time, Francie is an award winning watercolorist and recently started quilting.

With community groups for over 30 years, she has served as president of the Friends of the Library, chair of the Los Rios Historic District Review Committee, and immediate past president of the South Orange County Genealogical Society.

Any questions about our group or the meeting, call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

Hundreds of Employment Opportunities Available at Annual El Monte Job Fair

EL MONTE - Unemployment in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) has been falling, with most current data showing a 4.2% unemployment rate, according to a report by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. Despite the regional decrease, the City of El Monte is among the cities in the SGV with the highest unemployment rate. To connect the community to employment opportunities, the City of El Monte is hosting a FREE job fair on Friday, **June**

15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Ave., El Monte.

The job fair will feature over 50 vendors, representing companies such as Amtrak, Caltrans, Courtyard by Marriott, Valley Vista Services and more. Employers are looking to fill open positions and will be accepting applications for jobs on the spot. Computers will also be available for online applications.

The City of El Monte rec-

ommends that participants bring several copies of their resumes, as experts will be available to review resumes.

The City of El Monte's Job Fair has been able to bring employment opportunities to thousands of community members. Last year, over 3,000 jobs were available to more than 2,500 participants.

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San Gabriel Unified High School Graduate Named 2018 National Merit Scholar

SAN GABRIEL – Gabrielino High School graduate Hugo M. So will pursue his passion for engineering at Harvey Mudd College after being named a 2018 National Merit Scholar, a prestigious distinction earned by just 7,500 of 1.6 million students who apply by taking the PSAT.

So – an accomplished varsity pole vaulter with a 4.84 GPA – will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for scoring 1500 out of 1520 on the PSAT, achieving academically and participating in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

“This award means a lot, not because of the money but as more of a personal achievement,” So said. “I heard about this scholarship and it sounded like something I wouldn’t be able to do so it feels surreal to win and see myself in a more positive light.”

Established in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Corp. identifies talented American high schoolers and encourages them to develop their academic skills. The pool of 1.6 million students is narrowed to 50,000 semifinalists nationwide who receive top PSAT scores. That pool is further thinned to 15,000 finalists and, eventually, the 7,500 National Merit Scholars.

So, who has taken 12 Advanced Placement courses and competed in varsity track and field since his sophomore year, plans to pursue a career in chemical or robotic engineering.

During his freshman year, So and his friend founded Gabrielino High’s robotics team; that same year, the two-person team ranked in the top category at the FIRST Tech Challenge Los Angeles Regional Competition. The team now has nine members and has



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won interleague competitions for three consecutive years.

An avid volunteer, So mentors local robotics teams and teaches a summer science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program at the San Gabriel County Library.

“Hugo is a brilliant student who is committed to academic scholarship,” Gabrielino Principal Sharron Heinrich said. “Securing this impressive scholarship speaks volumes about Hugo’s character and the education he has received while at Gabrielino High School.”

So attributes his personal and academic achievements to his 12-year involvement in the Boy

Scouts of America. In 2017, he earned the title of Eagle Scout – the highest rank attainable in the program – and cites this as his biggest accomplishment thus far.

“Being in Boy Scouts is a big part of who I am because it emphasizes trust and being a model citizen,” So said. “I’ve learned that trust does not only mean trustworthy but also how to be responsible and a source of support for others and your country.”

While attending college, So plans to give back to his community by mentoring and supporting local robotics teams and creating opportunities that allow further access to STEM education.

“Hugo’s dedication to academic excellence and community service represents the talent and the values found in Gabrielino High School’s outstanding students,” SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. “We are proud of him for earning this honorable award, and we are excited to see what he accomplishes beyond high school.”

Car Fire Blocks Traffic on Amar & Valinda in West Covina

By George Ogden
WEST COVINA - Sunday afternoon, June 10, a vehicle fire slowed traffic at the intersection of Valinda and Amar in West Covina.

A white family sedan was eastbound on Amar approaching Valinda Avenue when it experienced mechanical difficulties. The driver pulled the car to the right curb and the vehicle burst into flames. The smoke could actually be seen for miles. The driver was able to escape the car without injuries and the vehicle burned until the police and fire department arrived.

As the fire engulfed the vehicle’s front end, it blew both



Fire totals a car at Amar and Valinda. (Photo By William Elliott) front tires out. The vehicle was a total loss. Traffic in the area was delayed for a short period of time. There was no reason given for the cause of the fire.

Backyard Maintenance Tips For Summer

Summer is here and it’s time for backyard barbecues! Before your guests arrive, check these four backyard maintenance tasks off your to-do list to ensure your yard is looking good.

Clean Your Barbecue

To prevent food from sticking to your barbecue grills, rub cooking oil on the grates before you start. After you’re done barbecuing, use warm, soapy water to clean the grates with a wire brush.

Give Outdoor Furniture a Pick-Me-Up

With all furniture, check for wear and tear that may have occurred during winter. Clean plastic furniture and chair or couch cushions simply with a cloth or soft scrub brush dipped in a mix of water and dish detergent. Some outdoor cushions can be thrown in the washer so check the tags.

Check Power Equipment

Since power equipment most likely hasn’t been used in months, turn it on to make sure it’s working properly. Some equipment may need to be lubricated to run smoothly again. Easily lubricate the moving parts of a lawn mower with WD-40 EZ-REACH™. It has an 8-inch, flexible straw that bends and keeps its shape to get WD-40® Multi-Use Product into hard-to-reach places, like in and around the blade.



To make mowing easier, keep your lawn mower well lubricated.

Tidy Up Your Lawn

Trim large plants, hedges and bushes that had a growth spurt during the spring, and remove dead limbs from trees. Remove leaves and other debris from the gutters around your home, and remove weeds from the lawn and garden. You may need to reseed some areas of your lawn as well.

With the completion of these four tasks, guests will be enjoying your backyard barbecues all summer long.

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Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Greco's Pizza & Pasta



GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure to help celebrate the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Greco's Pizza & Pasta located at 1832 East Route 66, Glendora, CA, 91740 (In the Stater Brother's center). Greco's is the epicenter of the Red Sauce Revolution!

Greco's Glendora was represented by Owner/Operator Ross Greco along with his staff and community members. From the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger was representative Ryan Senneff, from the office of

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio was Sarah Bedore, from the office of State Senator Anthony J. Portantino was Representative Marco Lundgren, and from Congresswoman Grace Napolitano was Representative Bob Pence. Representing the City of Glendora were Councilmembers Karen Davis, Michael Allowos and Gary Boyer. The Glendora Chamber Board was represented by Fawn Imboden, DJ Jafari, Arif Taj, and Ken Salzman. Chamber Ambassadors also present were Lisa Oien, Keith VanVliet and Sue

Laub. Glendora Chamber staff member present was Membership & Events Coordinator Michele Street and President/CEO Joe Cina.

That's right...Ross is back. Authentic Italian hand tossed pizza and signature pastas, sandwiches and more!

Former owner of Greco's Italian Restaurant in Pasadena is opening the doors again. This new fast casual, grab-n-go concept located in historical Route 66 & Lone Hill in the Route 66 Promenade. Greco's Pizza & Pasta located at 1832 East Route 66, Glendora, CA, 91740. Their hours are Tuesday-Friday 11:30 am-9 pm, Saturday & Sunday 3 pm-9 pm, and Closed Monday. Greco's menu can be found on their website at GrecosPizzaandPasta.com or call (626) 335-2222 or just stop by! So, go experience the Red Sauce Revolution and try Greco's Pizza and Pasta tonight!

Congratulations, You Made It!

By George Ogden

Congratulations are in order for all of those who graduated throughout our area and the rest of Los Angeles County, in fact across the nation and around the world there were graduations. Congratulations to everyone.

For the most part, 12 years of school has paid off. For some, it could've been 13 years or maybe 14, however, you made it.

For many of you new graduates, you have a variety of things to be looking forward to. For some of you, it will be college. A large number of you will be joining the workforce. Some may even join the United States military. And then there are the others that will simply play with their cell phone, sleep in late, watch TV, and just be lazy. And there are a bunch of you out there where your parents will tell you, you're now an adult, get out of my house and get a job. So welcome to the new world of adulthood.

The diploma that you now have in your hand is not just a piece of paper. It is something you can put on the wall to cover that hole that you never fixed. It's something



Elena Wright from West Covina High School celebrates her graduation.

you can slip into a drawer or into a memory book or just file it away. But in reality, this is the key to your future. For most of you, that 12 years got you that piece of paper and now it is time to cash it in. Take a good look at what's around you and all the doors that can be opened. If you plan to continue with school, congratulations on taking that step. It is not cheap to go to college. The end result will hope-

fully benefit you, your family, your friends and the community at large.

For right now, you will start your summer vacation that may last 2 to 3 months. Cherish it. You will never see 2 to 3 months again once you get into the workforce and have a family.

For all you graduates out there, again congratulations and have fun. You have earned it. Be careful and be safe.

Five Ways To A Better Move

The next time you're among the estimated 40 million Americans a year who move into a new home, heeding these five hints can help you stress less:

1. Know what's happening when. Make a list of everything you need to do and when you need to do it. It should include budgeting, decluttering, hiring movers, buying supplies, and updating medical and financial records.
2. Keep all your critical move-related names, phone numbers and addresses in one document. You may want to store them in your smartphone

and have a hard copy. Be sure you can easily access your moving contract, real estate and mortgage documents, as well as information you may need about utilities, banks and schools.

3. Have a first-night box. Once you're in your new home, you don't want to have to hunt for such things as box cutters, tools, device chargers, bed linens, shower curtains, toiletries—and the coffee pot.

4. Stay connected to what matters most—family, friends, Internet, Wi-Fi and TV. Arrange your services in advance

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