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Officials & Community Leaders Celebrate Grand Opening Of America's Job Center Of California

LA PUENTE – On May 10, 2018, hundreds gathered for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the East San Gabriel Valley America's Job Center of California (AJCC). The AJCC opened at the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District at their Adult Education Willow Campus. The AJCC is a one-stop shop for workforce services, providing a comprehensive range of no-cost employment and training services for employers and job seekers.

"I am extremely proud to see the East San Gabriel Valley AJCC open-up here in my hometown of La Puente," said Los Angeles Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "This facility will be such a valuable resource in the First District and provide our community, especially our students, with the tools to grow their careers and be qualified candidates for the job market."

The East San Gabriel Valley AJCC will specifically provide job seekers with assistance in assessing skills, finding job opportunities, help preparing a resume, accessing academic support and more. This is the first AJCC in the County to open in a



Gregory Buckner, Executive Director of Adult Education (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District), Cynthia Parulan-Colfer, Superintendent (Hacienda La Puente Unified School District); Patrick McClenahan, President and C.E.O. Goodwill Southern California; Hilda L. Solis, L.A. County Supervisor (1st District); Cynthia D. Banks, Director, Workforce Development on Aging and Community Service; Gino Kwok, Esq., President, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Board of Education; and others guest. (Photo by Benny Uy)

school district.

"Hacienda La Puente is unique and in addition to being a k-12 school district, we are the second largest adult school in the state, serving more than 15,000 adult and high school students."

said Cynthia Parulan-Colfer, Superintendent of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District. "Having the AJCC located on our campus will provide an additional on-campus resource for our students, and it will provide job-seekers and employers who utilize the AJCC greater accessibility to the training and resources available at our school."

Hacienda La Puente Adult Edu-

cation is a pre- and post-secondary institution offering entry-level and advance courses in technology, health, business trades and service careers. Students have the ability to earn an associate degree or receive professional certifications through the school's accreditations.

Cynthia Banks, Director of Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging, and Com-

munity Services said, "The East San Gabriel Valley AJCC will provide job seekers with the skills necessary to secure employment and launch careers, while providing employers skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. The partnership at the East San Gabriel Valley AJCC is a model for delivering comprehensive services to job seekers and businesses."

Patrick McClenahan, CEO of Goodwill, added "The San Gabriel Valley is an economic epic-center as it is surrounded by many businesses that are seeking to qualified candidates. At Goodwill we strive to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families through education and skill training and are proud to be the Operator of the AJCC that will help build the skills and career goals of many individuals."

Attendees had the opportunity to tour the AJCC facilities, which featured specialists and computer stations available for students and the community to use. Attendees also toured several of the career and technical education programs that are offered at Hacienda La Puente Adult Education, including: culinary arts, automotive, cosmetology, and medical among others.

El Monte Celebrates Cinco de Mayo with Acclaimed Mexican Artist and More



Internationally renowned Mexican artist, Rozenda Bernal, extends her hand to the crowd during the El Monte Cinco de Mayo celebration.

EL MONTE – Arceo Park was filled with vibrant music, colorful Mexican decorations, flavorful cuisine, family games and more during the Fiesta of Books and Cinco de Mayo celebration last Saturday. Internationally renowned Mexican artist Rozenda Bernal headlined the musical festivities.

"The Fiesta of Books and Cinco de Mayo celebration was an opportunity to highlight rich Mexican heritage and literacy," said El Monte Councilmember Jerry Velasco.

The event kicked off Saturday morning with Fiesta of Books. Pre-school through 6th

grade students from the El Monte school districts had an opportunity to select two free books from a range of titles, such as "Beyond the Valley of Thorns" and "Hispanic Celebrities in America." Students also had an opportunity to participate in a live reading of "Mommy Tell Me Why I Am Radiant/ Mami Dime Porque Soy Radiante" by authors Sandra Gonzalez and Julia Rae Rodriguez.

"We thank the El Monte City School District and the Mountain View School District for their partnership in hosting the Fiesta of Books," added

Councilmember Velasco.

Following the celebration of literacy, the fiesta continued with dance routines, musical performances by solo artists and bands, and an art contest featuring El Monte students. Community members also enjoyed traditional Mexican dishes and games for the entire family.

For many, the highlight of the fiesta took place when acclaimed artist Rozenda Bernal took the stage. Accompanied by a harmonious mariachi, Bernal sang Mexican classics and some of her greatest hits. Community members responded to her engaging performance by singing along.

"Rozenda Bernal is a staple of mariachi music," said Councilmember Velasco. "We were honored that an artist with international recognition made a special performance to El Monte residents."

The event culminated with a performance by Pasteles Verdes, which had many walking down memory lane. The musical performances were a production by Señora Corazon Fundacion.

Brief asking the court to promptly resolve the current litigation.

Currently there is a wave of Cities, Counties and Municipalities that are voicing their objection to the new State law that puts ordinary citizens at risk from criminal aliens that make their way back on our streets instead of being departed back to their Country of origin.

Glendora Police Department Announces Promotions



Captain Matt Egan, Sergeant Shawna Ceello, Corporal Alex Stein, Lieutenant Marty Barrett and Chief Lisa G. Rosales.

GLENDORA - The Glendora Police Department is pleased to announce the below promotions which take effect Monday May 7th, 2018:

Marty Barrett was promoted to Lieutenant:

Lieutenant Martin (Marty) Barrett started his career at the Glendora Police Department as an Explorer Scout at the age of 14. He then became a Police Cadet and a Police Service Representative working as a Jailer and a Dispatcher. Marty was hired as a police officer and attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy in 1994. In 2004 he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and in 2014 to the rank of Sergeant.

Lt. Barrett has held several different assignments which include: Field Training Officer, Property Crimes Detective, Canine Handler, Honor Guard, Tactical Flight Officer with the Foothill Air Support Team, team training coordinator and assistant team leader of the regional SWAT team - Foothills Special Enforcement Team (FSET). He has also served as the Field Training Officer Program, the Reserve Officer Program and the Police Service Dog Program supervisor.

Lt. Barrett is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice Management from Union University.

Shawna Ceello was promoted to Sergeant:

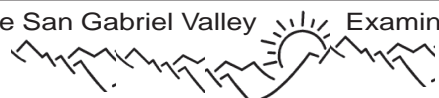
Sergeant Shawna Ceello began her career at the Glendora Police Department as a police officer after graduating from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy in June 1996. In 2004 she was promoted to the rank of Corporal. During her career, Shawna has had the opportunity to work in a variety of different assignments, including: Field Training Officer, Crimes against Persons Detective, Background Investigator, Cadet Advisor, Alcohol Beverage Control Liaison, Traffic Supervisor, Social Media Team, Public Information Officer and Pink Patch Coordinator.

Sgt. Ceello has taken numerous leadership courses and is a graduate of the LASD Deputy Leadership Institute, a 6-month leadership program. Shawna also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State Fullerton.

Alex Stein was promoted to Corporal:

Corporal Alex Stein was hired by the Glendora Police Department and attended the Rio Hondo Police Academy in 2009. After the academy he was assigned to the Patrol Division, where he worked for almost 4 years. Alex has held numerous collateral assignments including: Emergency Medical Technician, AED/CPR Instructor, Graffiti Abatement Team Member, and Homeless Liaison Officer.

In 2013, Alex was assigned as a Narcotics Investigator where conducted hundreds of narcotics investigations ranging from street level dealers to major narcotics traffickers, seizing hundreds of pounds of illegal narcotics. In 2016, Alex took over as the Community Impact Team Supervisor leading a team of five police officers to address quality of life issues in the City of Glendora including narcotics sales, gangs and graffiti, probation compliance, burglaries and homeless issues. He is also the Glendora coordinator for the Regional HALO (Homeless Assistance Liaison Officer) Program. Cpl. Stein holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University.



Fashion Changes Lifestyle of Everyone

ARCADIA - Araneya Sidath Kumar, who is a resident of Arcadia, California, graduated with a BA in Fashion Design and an AA in Apparel Industry Management from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM), Los Angeles. Having gained extra-ordinary talent in the field of arts and fashion, Araneya wishes to share her knowledge and experience.



Araneya at the Arboretum in Arcadia

Being served for several apparel companies in California, Araneya is working on having an online clothing company for the community and the world. The collection is unique and sophisticated to meet the traditions of craftsmanship and contemporary fashion, incorporating rich aesthetics with extraordinary colors, quality of fabrics, and exclusive embroideries.

While doing a family business "T_Neer" a modern elegant and fashionable Tea Room in the heart of Sierra Madre city, she made excellent presentations on the theme of "Tea with Fashion" at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre.

Araneya says that fashion has had an evolution dating back to hundreds of years ago maintaining warmth quotient reflecting inner beauty and a way of life shimmering through. Fashion being an art of drapery gives a story, a regality story.

It is true that fashion emerges from the nature. During the

Spring time when Araneya was walking down the streets in Arcadia, she came across a tree that was blooming with pink petals. It was a one of the most eye-catching tree she has ever seen and she stood there for a while admiring this magnificent tree, looking up at crystal clear blue sky through the soft pink petals. It was indeed a spectacular view. She says that the Arboretum in Arcadia having magnificent peacocks walking, dancing and displaying their vibrant fan of feathers with fashion, colorful flowers, beautiful butterflies and trees have attracted her a lot.

Araneya went on to say that fashion is eye catching and timeless. It has become an exciting, diverse and a broad-based global industry, which includes a vast spectrum of products such as textiles and clothing, costumes, footwear, sportswear, jewelry, pre-

cious and semi-precious stones, watches, accessories, cosmetics, vintage collections etc. Fashion is for babies, children, young boys and girls, and adult men and women. She believes, there is something special in blending various cultures, people, their stories, and abundance of inspiration through the concept of fashion. Indeed, fashion changes the lifestyle of all human beings towards happiness. Being in fashion makes pleasant and impressive at the working environment, any meetings, events, parties, and even at home. It is true that the dresses or accessories we wear have a powerful psychological effect, as how they send signals to friends or others projecting image that one needs to display. Hence, Araneya advises that everybody can try his or her best to have great passion for fashion, and enjoy life.

Ten Tips For Drivers



UPS drivers are among the safest on the roads. Heeding a few hints means you can be, too.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are 5.25 million driving accidents a year in the U.S.—but they needn't happen to you.

What You Can Do

- Don't use your smartphone while driving. Drivers talking on phones, hand-held or hands-free, can miss seeing up to half of their surroundings, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists or other drivers.
- Drive "defensively." Be aware of what drivers around you are doing.
- Keep your eyes moving while you drive. Check all mirrors.
- Leave at least two to four car lengths between your car and the one ahead, six or eight at night or in bad weather.
- Obey all speed limits and signs.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or if you are fatigued.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Adjust all mirrors and seats

properly before starting the car.

• Use turn signals, and ensure your lights are on at night and in bad weather. Make yourself visible with horn, lights and signals.

• Look out for the truck and bus "No-Zone." Those drivers have big blind spots. If you can't see the drivers in their rearview mirrors, they can't see you.

What Others Are Doing

Many of the professionals who drive trucks, taxis, limousines and buses are recognized for their attention to safety. For example, the 127,000 small-package drivers at UPS are among the safest on the roads, logging more than 3 billion miles per year and delivering nearly 5 billion packages annually.

In fact, the company recently inducted 1,582 drivers into its elite "Circle of Honor," raising to 10,503 the number of drivers who haven't had a preventable accident for 25 years or more.

Collectively, these drivers logged 14 billion miles and

achieved more than 257,195 years of safe driving throughout their careers. That's enough to circle the equator 547,000 times, or make 206 round-trips to Mars.

Before ever making a delivery, all UPS drivers are taught safe driving methods through the company's defensive driving platform. The training continues throughout their careers. The company's UPS Integrad training school for delivery drivers, and Driver Trainer School (DTS) for tractor-trailer instructors, boast some of the industry's most rigorous safety training, with the most up-to-date technology, including virtual reality devices.

The company even helps those it shares the road with stay safe, through its UPS Road Code training for teens.

Learn More
For further facts about safe driving, go to <https://sustainability.ups.com/committed-to-more/employee-safety/>. (NAPSI)

Boys Of Belvedere To Hosts Second Annual Golf Tournament August 10, 2018

MONTEBELLO - Hosting their second annual Golf Tournament, the Boys of Belvedere are set to tee off this worthy event. The fundraiser will be held on Friday, August 10, 2018 with an 8 am tee time at the Montebello Country Club. The charity fundraiser will only charge \$125 per golfer (\$500 per foursome) and \$100 to sponsor a hole.



Winners last year of the Boys of Belvedere first Annual Golf Tournament were the foursome of (L-R) David Ayala, Danny Ayala, Bob Covarrubias and Don Michael Ayala

Tee Time will also be based on Best Ball Scramble with opportunities to purchase Mulligans and a chance to win lots of money on a nearest-to-the-hole competition. After the tournament all the golfers will join the Boys of Belvedere for lunch and take part of a raffle to win top prizes like a brand new set of Ping Golf Clubs. Other prizes will be given away. For more information call Eddie Preciado at 323-973-3462 or Andy Walters at 626-

510-0116. You can mail your check in to the Boys of Belvedere, PO Box 2462, Montebello, CA 90640 or check out our website at BoysOfBelvedere.org and pay it through PayPal right on the website.

Please help support the Boys of Belvedere raise money for scholarships to five high schools, Christmas for Children, Thanksgiving Dinners for the community and helping the families of Veterans at Christmas time.

Local Home Gardeners Meeting

COVINA - Thanks to everyone who attended our annual flower show this month. We hope you can make it to our final general meeting before the summer break, on Thursday **May 24th** at 12:00. The Friendship Garden Club meets in The Covina Women's Clubhouse. It is located at 128 S. San Jose, Covina,.

We will celebrate our club's 69th birthday, install new officers, and just for fun well have a decorated hat contest. The flowers on the hats must be real. Last year over half our members participated in the hat parade. If you are coming as a visitor everything is complementary. Last, but not least will be our monthly TEA served by a committee of our members.

You may contact me, Jeanette Gulli for more information at 909-599-1904 or jhgulli@verizon.net.

Susan Rubio's Mother's Day Visit to VFW

By Staff Writer

WEST COVINA - The attractive Susan Rubio, council member for the City of Baldwin Park and running for Senate came by the VFW to wish all the moms a happy Mother's Day. While there, she talked with Commander George Ogden about some of the interesting things going on. She wasn't talking politics but was there for the veterans and moms. After wishing some moms a Happy Mother's Day, She took time to talk with some of the people and to take a quick photo with our volunteer bartender and Mayor Pro-Tem of West Covina, Lloyd Johnson.

Commander Ogden appreciated the visit by Rubio and those that show their support when they are involved in the political arena. Former Mayor of Azusa, Eugene Moses said Rubio does a great job for the community.



West Covina Mayor Pro-Tem Lloyd Johnson and Baldwin Park Councilwoman Susan Rubio.

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Department of Animal Care and Control Wins a 2018 NACo Achievement Award



DACC thanks the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for honoring our Animal Control Officers for all their hard work and dedication

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has received a 2018 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). NACo recognized DACC in the category for Community and Economic Development in response to the

DACC submittal for the program titled "Pee Wee Kitten Program." This program is possible thanks to our ASPCA partners.

Our Pee Wee program at Baldwin Park's Animal Care Center has been a tremendous success! This program has saved more than 1,400 kittens since its inception in April 2017 and shows great promise for replication at our other animal care centers. In the Pee Wee program, kittens that can eat without assistance but are still too young for adoption are placed into foster homes where they are raised until they are old enough for placement.

"The Department of Animal Care and Control thanks NACo for recognizing our efforts in providing a life-saving program",

says DACC Director Marcia Mayeda.

DACC is grateful for the ASPCA and all their efforts in making the Pee Wee program successful. As a result, DACC has expanded the program to the Downey Animal Care Center.

NACo's annual Achievement Award Program is designed to acknowledge innovative county government programs. NACo President Roy Charles Brooks said, "Counties seize opportunities to deliver services more efficiently and build stronger communities every day. Achievement Award-winning programs are examples for counties that are determined to enhance services for our residents."

Baldwin Park Man Hit by Car in Azusa Dies

By George Ogden

AZUSA - A man who was struck by a car last week at Irwindale Avenue and First Street in Azusa died a few days later from his injuries.

The man was identified as Michael Joseph Brizuela, 50, of Baldwin Park. He was hit by a vehicle on Thursday Morning and sadly, he died Monday at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

Authorities said Brizuela had left work and was heading home. He was crossing Irwindale Avenue at First Street when he was struck by car just before 2 a.m., Friday morning. The vehicle was traveling south

on Irwindale Avenue when he saw the pedestrian. He tried to avoid the man but did hit him.

The accident is still under investigation. Police don't suspect criminal negligence on the driver and feel it is a tragic accident.

It was stated that the family requested that Brizuela's organs be donated.

He served as a Marine and had been a nurse. He was also working as a security guard at the time of the accident.

Anyone with information about the collision is asked to call the Azusa Police Traffic Bureau at 626-812-3200.

Baldwin Park Has Raised More than \$949,000 Dollars in Cannabis-Related Revenue

BALDWIN PARK - The City of Baldwin Park has received \$949,809.00 in cannabis-related revenue since the permitting of cannabis began in 2016 according to the City Finance Department. The City is also set to receive approximately \$3.3 million additional revenue annually.

Baldwin Park has recently begun to expand its use of marijuana development fee revenue, with an initiative led by Mayor Manuel Lozano who has acknowledged that the new revenue stream appears to be

working in Baldwin Park.

The Mayor has made cannabis revenue for additional police staffing and public works projects a priority. The money was not included in the annual 2017-2018 \$27.8 million city budget.

"Legalizing and regulating cannabis will generate over \$3 million in new revenue for Baldwin Park," said Mayor Lozano, who has championed the regulation of cannabis for this City. "Cannabis revenue will be used to improve a wide range

of programs and services.

"It will fund everything from public works projects to modernized city services to fighting homelessness. While it might not fix every street sign or help every resident who needs it, it is having a significant and positive impact on our community.

"We will continue to distribute these funds responsibly and not lose sight of what voters intended when they opted to regulate and tax cannabis statewide."

Vote by Mail Ballots Mailed for the June 5th Statewide Direct Primary Election

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) began mailing 2,152,476 Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots for the June 5th Statewide Direct Primary Election.

Voters can request a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot online or by using the back of the Official Sample Ballot.

Once you return the VBM ballot you can check the VBM ballot status online.

There are over 100 VBM Drop-Off locations open for VBM voters to securely drop off their ballot in-person. Find the nearest location to you.

Early voting is also available at our office in Norwalk on the 3rd floor.

All VBM ballots postmarked on, or before, Election Day will be counted if received within three (3) days by the RR/CC (E.C. § 3020).

For translated election materials in Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai or Vietnamese, call (800) 815-2666, option 3.

Horton and Santiago Seek to Expand Renter's Tax Credit

Board of Equalization Member Jerome E. Horton is working with Assemblyman Miguel Santiago to introduce legislation that will reduce the housing cost for renters.

A full-fledged housing crisis has gripped California, marked by a severe lack of affordable homes and apartments for seniors and middle-class families as a result of property values climbing to pre-recession levels. The median cost of a home in California is now a staggering \$500,000, twice the national median cost.

"Living in decent, affordable, and reasonably located housing is one of the most important determinants of well-being for every Californian. More than just basic shelter, housing affects our lives in other important ways, determining our access to work, education, recreation, shopping, and quality health care," said Horton. "If we don't fix this, seniors and the poor to middle income families will be forced to leave California."

As the Making Home Afford-

able Program, (HARP), signed into law by President Obama, is set to expire on December 31, 2018, now is the time for this type of legislation. HARP helped homeowners refinance their mortgage with an average rate reduction of 2.1 percentage points, saving an average of more than \$4,100 in interest during their first 12 months, or about \$345 every month. Additionally, homeowners who refinance from 30 year fixed mortgages to 15 year fixed mortgages can save up to \$145,000.

California has the third-lowest home ownership rate and the fourth highest rent in the country. The decline in home purchases is generally related to higher rents as it becomes a challenge to save enough for a down payment. There is a direct relationship between high rents and high home prices. Additionally, studies find that housing costs are a burden on one's finances when they surpass 30% of income. According to a Public Policy Institute

of California study, nearly one in three California renter households spends at least half of their income on rent. While incomes have remained stagnant, rents in California continue to soar, resulting in many low- and middle-income workers cutting essential spending, which also hurts the State's overall economy.

Even with rent control in cities like Santa Monica and Los Angeles, as of March 2018, the average rent for an apartment in Los Angeles is \$2554, which is a 0.16% decrease from last year when the average rent was \$2558, and a 1.64% increase from last month when the average rent was \$2512.

"The cost of renting an apartment or home in California is as high as it's ever been. In fact, many millennials are moving from California because the dream of affordable housing seems so unlikely. It's necessary we do something to lower the cost of renting one's residence in this state," Horton said.

The average rent in California has increased 60% over the past 20 years. The flat "renter's credit" amount has not been adjusted since it was enacted in 1972.

Assembly Member Santiago testified at the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation: "With the rising cost of rental housing in California, the expansion of the renter's credit can increase access to housing for low-income families." The legislation passed out of the committee with a 9-0 bipartisan vote. The bill now moves to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

This bill will increase the nonrefundable renter's credit to the greater of \$60 allowed under current law or 10 percent of the median rent in the county where the property is occupied for individuals and \$120 under current law or 20 percent of the median rent in the county where the property is occupied for joint filers, heads of households, and surviving spouses.

Child Porn Suspect Arrested After Surrendering To Police

By George Ogden

LOS ANGELES - A man suspected of distributing child pornography turned himself in Thursday, a day after police asked the public for help finding him, authorities said.

Paul Erwin Black, Jr. 49-year-old, surrendered to the Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles around 1:30 p.m., Friday, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Black went to court and was arraigned on suspicion of possessing and then distributing child pornography. For some reason, he was released on his own recognizance (without bail). Most likely they didn't feel he was a flight risk.

Sheriff's officials said Black was known to frequent La



Paul Erwin Black

Puente and West Covina.

Anyone with information about Black's case is urged to call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Human Trafficking Bureau at 323-526-5156. Anonymous tipsters can call 1-800-222-8477.

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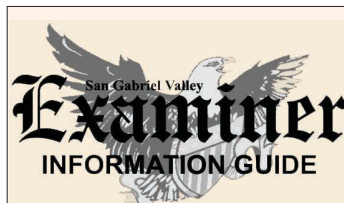
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Parents Comments to Teachers... REALLY?

I came across some interesting tidbits from teachers and what parents say to them. I was rather amused and you may be as well. Kind of makes me think that these parents are the off-springs of their parents who went through the drug culture and had drugged out babies...

- A 23 year-old recently started as a high school English teacher. He was teaching summer school and a parent asked if he could stop dressing so well and if there was an older teacher available because his daughter won't stop talking about how handsome her teacher is.
- At parents' evening: "Don't worry about my daughter, she's a dumbass. She only needs to cook and clean. How is my son doing?"
- "A kid obviously forged a signature of dad on a failed test. Teacher calls the kid out on it, dad comes in and insists that it is in fact his signature; his little prince can't get in trouble after all. Two weeks or so later the dad comes into school outraged that he hasn't been informed of the big project causing the prince so much stress. But you have been informed, says the teacher, here's the slip I sent home for all the parents, and that's your signature,



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

right? 'Right,' says dad."
 • "It's not your job to teach my son lessons."
 • "For the taxes we pay, we expect our teachers to get our kids into any college we want."
 • "A star athlete who was being recruited by Ivy League schools failing an English class. On top of his general poor academic performance, He was caught cheating on a homework assignment which he vehemently denied. His mom scheduled a meeting with an administrator and proceeded to berate the teacher and to accuse him of discriminating against student athletes. Then she said her son would never cheat. I pulled out his homework and proceeded to read one of his answers, 'I, as a 16 year old girl...' Mom then begins yelling at him, 'You can't even cheat

right! What's wrong with you? How are you going to get into college if you can't cheat?"

- "Father told the teacher he would not allow his son to read poetry because it would 'make him gay.'"
- "When school staff talked to a parent regarding behavioral issues the parent said 'From 8-2, he's your problem, not mine.'"
- "One teacher was told that the 'obvious reason' she worked in special education is because she 'can't get a job teaching normal children.'"
- "During a conference, the paperwork from his pediatrician mentioned a possible autism diagnosis. The mom said 'I don't know what it is and I don't ever want to know. I don't Google anything medical ever.' In the same conference, she mentioned that one of the men who could be his father has 'something called Asperger's.'"
- "Little boy punched a girl in the face and broke her nose. The dad comes to a meeting with the teacher and principal and high fives his son for doing it."

I guess you could say he was the "Parent of the Year!"
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A Great American Workforce

According to a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll, 70 percent of Americans think it is "very" or "somewhat important" to buy U.S.-made products. Fortunately, when it comes to the kind of quality long associated with the phrase "Made in the U.S.A.," the more than 5,800 people who are blind working in National Industries for the Blind's (NIB) nationwide network of associated nonprofit agencies are ready to deliver.



NIB and its associated nonprofit agencies are America's best-kept secret.

The items they produce and services they provide have always been made and delivered right here in the United States. That's because since 1938, NIB's mission has been to create job opportunities for Americans who are blind, helping them become valued contributors to the U.S. economy and reducing reliance on government benefits.

ferent products in the U.S. and offer high-demand professional services, while providing training, competitive pay, benefits, career growth and upward mobility to Americans who are blind.
 The work they do includes:
 • Supporting the Troops: The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind and Vision Impaired produces about 30,000

items daily, mostly for the U.S. military and federal government.
 • Partnering with Private Industry: In Washington state, The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. has contracted with The Boeing Company to produce parts for airplanes.
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Concerning A National Moral Code

There is an ingrained conviction in many Americans that we are a morally pure nation. But we are not pure, never have been and never will be. That goal could only be accomplished were we led by a morally pure person, who never wavered in his/her capacity to say and do what is right.



Charles H. Bayer

There have been nations that assumed their Ruler, King, Pope or other sovereign had a flawless grasp on what was right, and whose rule was unquestioned by those subject to his/her judgment.

To be morally pure, there first would have to be an agreement on what is right, true and just, and a commitment by everyone to follow this perfect ethical axiom. In such a realm there could be no difference of opinion, debate or disagreement. A democracy may be the last place where one might find a universal agreement about what is right, true and just. In a democracy we have political contests in which a variety of perspectives are debated- partisans on all sides believe that their perspective captures what is moral and compelling. Obviously some of the truth lies with each perspective, and some of the truth eludes them all.

That being said, each of us could list those values we believe essential in defining moral purity. Having spent much of my life looking at the world from the vantage point of a specific religion, I am inclined to list values I have found in the Christian faith. I am not talking about doctrines, but about standards of morality. I begin with a list of precepts recorded in the book of Ephesians:

"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." One would certainly also include as virtues derived from the Christian stance-and elsewhere-: integrity, truthfulness, generosity and humility.

While this list is primarily focused on personal morality, the implications go far beyond individual goodness, and form the underpinning of social ethics. Flowing from the implications of this list we would certainly include a commitment to peace, non-violence, justice, racial ethnic and national equity, compassion for those with the greatest needs, a welcome to the strangers and outsiders, economic equity, benevolence, the sanctity of life and a dedication to environmental survivability. I would assume that anyone who affirms a Christian perspective would stand committed to a similar list of ethical imperatives.

At a practical societal level, morality would include disarmament, bridge building, the elimination of walls segregating people by race, ethnicity, economic capacity or gender. At their core,

all religions, as well as parallel ethical secularisms, hold to a similar way to phrase the ethical imperative, do to others what you would want them to do to you. I would often say to my congregation at the end of a worship service, Be very kind to one another, for most of us are fighting a hard battle. Perhaps that best describes a responsible moral code.

As I suggested in the first paragraph, to expect moral purity either of the whole people or its leader is not realistic. However, we have every right to expect any leader and the people led to strive for moral clarity, realizing that the perfect living out of this goal is beyond reach.

In several recent columns I have asked Christian evangelicals whose support was responsible for Trump's election, and who still support him, to suggest how they can continue to follow a person who not only fails the test of moral and ethical purity at every turn, but whose personal life, policies and vision for America are contrary to any reading of a Christian moral code. In terms of the range of behaviors and the ethic behind them, beginning with truthfulness, Trump fails every test at every point. I can only assume that there is no effort or concern to call him to a decent standard based on any remote reading of amoral code. If I have misrepresented what Jesus was all about, show me how what Trump affirms flows from any responsible reading of a Christian based ethic.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Lost Store

By Joe Castillo

In-N-Out... Since 1948, In-N-Out Burgers has been a mainstay in the San Gabriel Valley. Founded by Harry and Esther Snyder, succeeded by sons Guy and Rich and now owned by granddaughter Lynsi, the In-N-Out world has expanded to over 319 stores in 6 states. In the early years, Harry Snyder took on a business partner, Charles Noddin, and their investment began the rise of one of the most successful fast food businesses. The original In-N-Out store was located in Baldwin Park but shortly thereafter expanded to other surrounding cities including Covina, La Verne, West Covina, Pasadena and San Gabriel.

From these original store locations, the San Gabriel store is the one which has taken on the title of 'lost store'. Located at 823 San Gabriel Boulevard, the store fit into the perfect location for an In-N-Out, to be situated along a busy thoroughfare. The footprint for the building followed the usual configuration of a 200-square foot kitchen, a single drive thru lane and a walk-up window. It was a busy store located in a growing area providing an ideal location for the younger crowd to meet and hang out in the parking lot.

Richard and Dolly Salazar were two of those individuals who met at the San Gabriel In-N-Out. As students at Mark Keppel High School, the two had noticed each other at an Aztec football game but of course were too shy to say anything. After the Friday game, the kids gathered to celebrate and the San Gabriel In-N-Out was the chosen location. Both Richard and Dolly arrived with different friends in separate vehicles but a common friend made the introduction and the rest was history. A romance was initiated, marriage followed and a family was started and raised. Fifty years later their Golden anniversary was cele-

brated in honor of their beautiful life together which all began at the San Gabriel In-N-Out.

Snyder and Noddin would eventually have their philosophical differences especially in expanding the In-N-Out business. Snyder wanted a quality product, slow growth but only if the funds were in-hand. Noddin wanted more production, less quality and a rapid McDonald's like expansion. The differences caused the two partners to call it quits and the result was a break-up of the business and a split of the existing stores but Harry kept his special secret sauce formula. Noddin received the Covina, West Covina and San Gabriel stores while Snyder was given the Baldwin Park, Pasadena and La Verne stores. Noddin renamed his stores 'Bob's Beef Burgers' and followed the same menu and recipe as the origi-

nal In-N-Out's. The burgers were exactly the same and the proximity to our home made the San Gabriel store an easy stop for lunch and dinner.

Eventually, Noddin's burger business failed with some stores sold back to Snyder while others were shut down. The San Gabriel store became a sculpture and statue store but remnants still remain including directional arrows on the pavement, the walk-up window and the original building. The San Gabriel In-N-Out may be one of the 'lost' stores but the memories of Richard and Dolly Salazar and many others will keep the San Gabriel store alive for years to come....

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Slower Jobs And Earnings Growth - 3.9% Unemployment

April nonfarm payrolls suggest employment growth is slowing and average hourly earnings were tame. But the labor force participation rate dropped and the unemployment rate fell two tenths, enough to make some FOMC participants very nervous about inflation later this year.

April nonfarm payrolls rose just 164k, about in line with expectations given the +31k revision to March from 103k to 134k. February was revised just -2k from 326k to 324k. The three-month average fell from 212k to 208k.

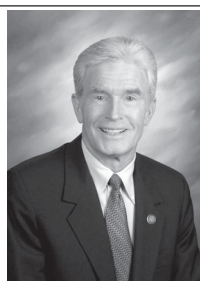
This is a classic two-sided, something-to-please-everyone employment report. On one side there's the weak rise in payrolls and slower increase in average hourly earnings. On the other, a shrinking labor force and significant drop in the unemployment rate. The best way to sum it up is to conclude that the job market is tight. Weak payroll growth reflects scarcity of workers, not lack of demand. The drop-in wage growth reflects the labor-market situation in last year's second half. Wages should accelerate later this year.

This may be simplistic. An equally viable explanation is that this is just one month's report following on the heels of a wacky-weather first quarter. However, it's likely the Fed's labor-market-sensitive members will be talking up the labor shortage for the next few weeks.

FOMC Sticks to Gradual Tightening Plan

The Fed acknowledged that consumption moderated in Q1.

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

The Fed notes core inflation is close to 2%.

Aside from minor tweaks (acknowledging the strength of the economy and the March pop in inflation back to 2%) the FOMC changed little in the statement, communicating participants' confidence that policy is already on the right path. Further gradual increases in the Fed funds rate remains their plan. Wall Street expects a hike in June, currently a 100% probability according to Bloomberg. Another hike in September is also expected, but not certain.

Despite sputtering a bit in the first quarter, the economy is accelerating in 2018. This is a problem for Fed policy makers because the unemployment rate has fallen below 4%, which many consider low enough to trigger more than desirable inflation. The tightening job market is increasingly evident in the Beige Book, which found labor shortages in multiple industries in all districts.

In December, the Fed downplayed the need for a monetary policy response to faster growth, but March economic projections laid out a more aggressive poli-

cy path recognizing the current labor shortage. The FOMC remains committed to moving slowly (hence the "gradual" pace emphasized in communications) but the extent of the tightening and its expected impact on unemployment could be considerable. The most important risks in the forecast, therefore, all center on the Fed. If they overdo the tightening, there could be recession in 2020.

Wall Street's baseline forecast assumes the Fed heeds the warning to avoid an inverted yield curve and achieves a soft landing. Wall Street expects FOMC participants will be nervous about inflation, but pleasantly surprised when it fails to significantly accelerate.

The tax cut is working and it should be readily apparent in Q2 data. Based on the way FOMC participants described the economy in their May statement, it appears the Fed's economists drew the same conclusions. This is the primary reason Wall Street is confident the June rate hike is on. Wall Street still expects three hikes this year but projects the third in December instead of September because participants may want to delay the decision to tighten three or four times until the last possible moment. Based on Wall Street's current forecast, a fourth hike in 2018 is a coin toss.

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I welcome your questions and comments:
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Your Money - Ask Julia

I don't want to be a nosy neighbor, but is it okay to go to open houses around my neighborhood to get a better idea about the value of my home?

Attending open houses around your neighborhood is a very good way to get a better understanding of the prices. Also, you get a chance to see what improvements (or lack of) that these folks have made in order to optimize the chance of selling their house. Then, you can take a more honest look at your own home to make wiser decisions about its value, and what changes you may want to make. How much the houses in your neighborhood have SOLD for is the most important fact to know in seeking the value of your own home. As you have more questions, feel free to ask.

I'm in my early 30's and my parents tell me that I should talk with a financial professional about retirement savings. Honestly, why?

Your parents probably wish they'd talked with a financial professional when they were your age. They care for you and want the best for you. It's never too early to learn about financial opportunities and pitfalls. With this knowledge, and some long-term help from a financial professional, you'll be enabled to develop a strategy to reach your goals. Ask your parents if they will gift you a start-up amount (for tax reasons, up to \$14,000). By the way, you can start saving for retirement with as little as \$50 a month.

In southern California, I cannot pay my rent AND save 20-percent for the down-payment on a house. My rent payment is close to what a house payment



Julia Yoder

would be, and I really want to buy a house. I'm afraid of adjustable loans - that's how people lose their home. I see that there are loans with a smaller down-payment, but then there's mortgage insurance. Is there any way for me to buy a home?

First of all, if you were to move, you'd have to save a couple months' worth of rent for the security deposit and first month's rent, right? Save up one more month's rent, and you probably have enough for your down payment for a house or condo. Before you get too excited, there are also 'closing costs' which usually run several thousand dollars. Now, before you get discouraged, you might be able to get the seller to pay your closing costs, or get a gift (no expectation of repayment) from a friend or relative. When it comes to adjustable loans, they are not the ugly beasts they used to be. And, with more stringent qualification guidelines and more transparent disclosures, it is easier to understand these loans and how they work. There are ways to reduce or 'eliminate' mortgage insurance with many conventional loans (except FHA). How is your credit report and scores? How much debt do you have in relationship

to your income? (Use an online calculator to help determine your debt-to-income ratio. Try for 40-percent, or less, debt-to-income ratio.)

My banker said that I should only invest my 401k money into an IRA through the bank because other investment companies, like insurance companies, are not FDIC insured. Is that true?

Your banker needs to read his own bank's disclosure statement which clearly says that bank investments (including the one he/she works for) are NOT FDIC insured. Although insurance company products (life insurance, long-term care insurance, fixed annuities, equity-indexed annuities, etc.) are not FDIC insured, they come under a set of regulations that, among other things, demand that each insurance company have enough assets to cover their issued products. As you can see, this can easily exceed the FDIC's limit. Caution: Less regulated Private Equity companies are buying up insurance companies. There may be some regulatory differences. Make sure you know the facts.

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West Covina Welcomes New Career Training Resource

WEST COVINA - UEI College, national provider of career training, opened a new campus in West Covina, Calif., located at 339 N. Azusa Ave. The campus was relocated from its previous location in El Monte, Calif., to provide students with more space and amenities, as well as improved access to public transportation. West Covina was selected as the campus' new home because of the city's convenient location near the 10 freeway and the 280 Foothill Transit line. The campus is located in the West Covina Village Shopping Center, next to Stater Brothers™.

The opening of the West Covina campus continues UEI's mission of improving lives and communities by making hands-on education in in-demand careers available to students who might

not otherwise have access to it because of location or because they don't have the scheduling flexibility or financial resources to attend community college. UEI College - West Covina students can get career training in the following programs: Automotive Technician, Business Office Administration; Computer Systems Technician; Criminal Justice; Dental Assistant; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; Medical Assistant; Medical Billing and Insurance Coding; Pharmacy Technician. UEI students can earn a diploma and be ready for entry-level employment in as few as 10 months for select programs.

"We want to help them create a future they can be proud of," said Fardad Fateri, CEO of Inter-

national Education Corporation (IEC), UEI's parent company. "We have many students who are working hard to improve their lives and train for a new career. We know how that journey can empower students to build a better future for themselves as well as their family and their communities. We're not just about training for a career. We truly believe that we can change entire communities over time by providing a meaningful education that transcends career training."

UEI College - West Covina is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuous Education and Training (ACCET).

For more information about programs offered at UEI College or to enroll call 1-866-566-9295 or visit <http://www.uei.edu>.

DMV Combats Unlicensed Vehicle Dismantlers in Los Angeles County

Strike team targets 24 locations in Wilmington and issues 16 citations

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) conducted an enforcement operation in Los Angeles County aimed at combating unlicensed vehicle dismantlers. DMV investigators targeted 24 locations in the Wilmington area and issued 16 misdemeanor citations for offenses such as operating as an unlicensed dismantler or auto repair facility, or unlicensed dealer. DMV investigators collaborated with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and the Department of Consumer Affairs (Bureau of Automotive Repair).

DMV investigators have conducted more than a dozen undercover operations throughout the state and issued 192 citations related to unlicensed vehicle dismantling since 2017. In addition, the department has received approximately 162 complaints on its online reporting form.

"It is against the law for anyone to act as a vehicle dismant-

ler without having an established place of business, meeting specific requirements, and having a current valid license or temporary permit issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles," DMV Investigations Acting Chief Mary Bienko said. "The sole mission of our Vehicle Dismantler Industry Strike Team is to identify and shut down unlicensed vehicle dismantlers."

During the operation, the strike team focused on verifying that businesses are complying with state laws and environmental guidelines. In addition, investigators inspected Vehicle Identification Numbers, engines and license plates to recover stolen vehicles, components and parts.

Unlicensed vehicle dismantlers operate in the underground economy and do not comply with state licensing requirements. They also ignore environmental regulations, insurance obligations and workplace safety requirements, and avoid paying taxes. This activity poses potential

public safety hazards. For example, vehicle fluids can seep and contaminate ground water, and defective parts can be sold to unsuspecting people.

To report unlicensed vehicle dismantling activity to the DMV Investigations Division, complete the online complaint form.

The DMV unveiled a statewide public awareness campaign to inform the public of the health and safety risks posed by unlicensed vehicle dismantling. Learn more about the department's efforts to curb this illegal activity on the DMV's website.



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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

The Basics

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3) Hoses and belts also work hard to keep your car's engine cool and if working properly, it can prevent an overheated radiator as well. We check them out to make sure they don't crack or snap and all the connections are as they should be.

4) Under-inflated or over-inflated tires can cause a blowout and certainly prematurely age your tires. We will make sure the tire pressures are just right!

5) Windshield wipers are often overlooked... until you need them! They can crack and should be changed every 6 months or so.

6) Air filters catch debris so

we make sure they are clean so they can do their job properly.

7) Brakes need to be in proper working order so you can stop when you need to... on a dime if necessary. Leaks and aging brake pads need to be maintained or changed before they become a problem.

8) The coolant allows all the moving metal parts to work properly. When coolant gets old or is depleted those parts can fuse together, and this causes major problems. It is very preventable with the proper maintenance. We will check this out for you so you don't find yourself stranded on the side of the road with steam coming from underneath the hood.

9) Batteries do not like heat. Hot weather can actually cause a battery to become overcharged

and that shortens its life. We will clean the cables and the terminals and make sure all connections are secure.

10) Air conditioning is something we take for granted... until we don't have it! Today's AC systems are very complex and certainly the maintenance and repair of this system is best left to the professionals. We will assess the situation and let you know if there is a problem and how best to fix it.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

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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 Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists welcome you to our **May 17** Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca., Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our program will be an American Orchid Society Webinar, Doctor Doctor I see Spots! Andrew Coghill-Behrends presents a discussion on *Cattleya guttata* and its hybrids. Everyone will enjoy the information and photos of the *guttata* beauties. Refreshments. Lots of fun, join us!

Be Heart Healthy

A special heart health program is being held on Tuesday, **May 22** at 1:30pm and will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Dr. George Lin, an Interventional Cardiologist will be the guest speaker. Dr. Lin will talk about changes you can make and ways to keep your heart healthy including, signs and symptoms of coronary heart disease and if you are at risk. If interested in attending this free health presentation, please call Arcadia Community Services 626.574.5130. This program is brought to you by Arcadia Senior Services and Methodist Hospital. It is for individuals age 50 and over.

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 Mother Daughter Tea Luncheon

You are cordially invited to attend the 14th Annual Mother, Daughter, and Friends Tea Luncheon on Sunday, **May 20th** at 10:00 am. This event is an opportunity to strengthen the relationship and bond with the women in your life that you hold most dear. All who attend this event are encouraged to dress in "Breakfast in Tiffany's" vintage attire. The location will be at the Spring Field Tea Garden House in Fullerton. Transportation is provided by the City of Baldwin Park. Ages 12+ are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$20 for ages 12-18 and \$25 for ages 18 and over. Limited Tickets. For more information contact the Julia McNeill Senior Center at (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 Healthy Living For Your Brain And Body

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Alzheimer's Association presents a seminar, "Healthy Living For Your Brain and Body" on Friday, **May 25**, 10:45-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Learn about the latest research providing insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

TECH TALK

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Tech Talk. This is a great opportunity for seniors to learn how to navigate the digital world. Bring one electronic device at a time, such as a cell phone, tablet or nook, iPad, laptop computers, and more! Tech Talk is free and is taught by members of our Covina T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) in a one-on-one setting. Program takes place at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Upcoming dates are **May 24**, and June 28, from 3:30-4:30 pm. 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 covina.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Basketball And T-Ball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Winter Basketball for ages 18 months-11 years and T-ball for ages 3-6. These programs provide instruction and fun in a non-competitive atmosphere. For more information or to register, please call (626) 384-5340 or visit covina.gov.

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.

Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts "Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball" at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

Blood Pressure Checks

Health Care Partners will provide a medical assistant to do free blood pressure checks. No appointment needed. **Every 2nd Tuesday** of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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 Fetra Center Senior Classes Classic Cinema

Join us as watch classic films from the golden years in Hollywood. This class will focus on how movies were made and the

background of the films. Following the movies there will be a question and answer portion that will help you appreciate your favorite movies even more! Mondays, through May 21, 2018 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Pre-register at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560.

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

Season's Final Evensong at St. Luke's Monrovia

The choir of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia will present its final Evensong of the 2017-2018 choir season on Sunday, **May 20** at 4 p.m. at the church, 122 South California Avenue at Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia.

Evensong for Pentecost will feature Felix Mendelssohn's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis featuring soloists Caitlin Stave, Trisha Rivera, Eric Werner, and David Conley. The most popular work by composer Randall Thompson, Alleluia, will also be performed. Composed in 1940 for the director of the Tanglewood Festival, it still regularly opens the event. The Rev. Neil Tadken will be the officiant and cantor.

A freewill offering will be taken. Guests are invited to a wine and cheese reception in Guild Hall following the performance.

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.

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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.

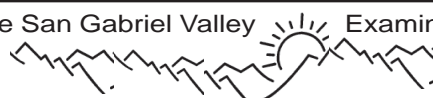
- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

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.

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Harmonicas For Vets Fundraiser Program Hits Three Quarter Mark of \$30,000 Goal



Sherry Strading, Sharon Lewis and former USO Entertainer, Regina de Doelder at a Bob Hope USO Center delivering harmonicas for the Harmonica for Vets project.

GLENDORA - The Citrus Alumni & Friends Association in partnership with the Citrus College Foundation and the Citrus College Veterans Success Center wish to express special thanks to all individuals and groups who have supported the Harmonicas for Vets fundraising program for the Veterans Success Center at Citrus College. We are at the three quarter mark of our \$30,000 goal. We need to finish the drive to help all our young men and women achieve their goal

of getting a good education while transitioning back to civilian life. We hope to complete the project by May 26, 2018 which is Memorial Day. What a great way to honor our vets and show how much we appreciate their sacrifices to our country!

The distribution of harmonicas to veterans has been made possible through our partnerships with District 35 Kiwanis Clubs, Church of the Valley, Duarte Elk Lodge, Ontario Air-

port USO, LAX USO, Palm Spring USO, Disabled American Vets and the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association. We now have sent over 1,000 harmonicas all over the country and overseas.

Bob Hope USO Center at LAX will have a grand opening on June 1, 2018. The combination fundraising and gifting of harmonicas to vets came from the Harmonica for Vets project. Proceeds from the sale went towards the Veterans Success Center. There's growing research on brain benefits of music. Listening is great but playing or singing is even more beneficial. The remaining harmonicas are being given at the Bob Hope USO Palm Springs and Ontario Airport centers for active military members.

We wish to thank Mr. Wayne Newton, USO Chair, Mr. Brad Garrett and Mr. Rich Little for their guidance, leadership and input in this worthy endeavor.

To purchase a harmonica and support our veterans and active military service members here and abroad please call the Citrus College Foundation at (626) 914-8825.

Glendora Police to Participate in 7-Eleven Stores' Operation Chill

GLENDORA - This summer, Glendora Police Officers and Community Services Officers will be dispensing well-deserved Slurpee® justice to good kids in Glendora. For the 23rd year, 7-Eleven® is working with local police and sheriff's departments to distribute free Slurpee® drink coupons to children and youth through its popular Operation Chill® community-service program.

During 2018, 7-Eleven will issue up to 1.4 million Slurpee coupons to almost 1,100 law enforcement agencies; 300 of which will be distributed in Glendora, mostly during the summer months.

"We strive to continue supporting ways to help our officers build strong relationships in the community," said Lisa Rosales, Chief of Police. "Operation Chill makes it easy to interact with youth in a positive way. This is a great investment for 7-Eleven and for us; we are pleased that this partnership enables us to continuously engage with young people."

Police Departments use the Slurpee coupons to enhance relationships with the young people of their cities by rewarding



them for good deeds, constructive activities and acts of kindness. Appropriate "offenses" might include helping someone, deterring crime or participating in a community- or police-sponsored event. Although the reasons for being "ticketed" are varied, the end result is the same for every youngster: a free Slurpee drink and a smile for being a good kid. Each coupon can be redeemed for a small Slurpee drink at participating 7-Eleven stores, which include both 7-11 stores in our city.

Since the program's inception in 1995, more than 19 million Operation Chill coupons have been distributed to hundreds of law enforcement agencies across the country in areas where 7-

Eleven operates stores.

"Year after year, Operation Chill is our most popular community service program," said Mark Stinde, vice president of asset protection for 7-Eleven. "Kids love Slurpee drinks, and police officers love having a reason to approach kids and surprise them with a Slurpee coupon as a reward for doing something good. And we, at 7-Eleven, love helping them make those important connections in the community."

7-Eleven's Slurpee® chbeverage has generational appeal with slurpers both young and old. More than a half-million Slurpee drinks are purchased each day during the summer at 7-Eleven stores across the country.

The Political Races Are On



A bit of overkill on this corner. This is just one corner in West Covina, there are plenty more like this.

By George Ogden
WEST COVINA - With all the political races in full swing, we know for sure some body is cashing in.

Let's start with the Post Office, tons on political mailers. Now drive around... how many signs do you see? Maybe one on

a corner, or each corner, along the street and so on.

Now, those sign makers must love this. A half a dozen signs in one location for the same candidate. This is a bit of an overkill one would think. The example pictured above is good money management of sign placements.

At this rate, the candidate should be out of signs in no time. The example did nothing more than actually highlighting the other candidate. Her signs stand out.

As Election Day gets closer, you will be seeing more of the graffiti out the.

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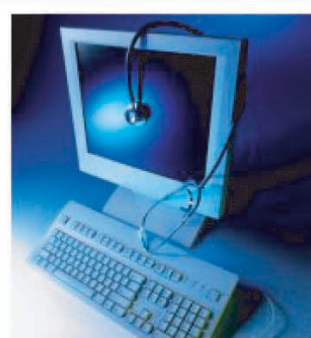
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Glendora Woman's Club Past Presidents Honored At Club's 110th Anniversary

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club Honored the club's past presidents and celebrated 110 years of service to Glendora during a recent Anniversary Celebration in April, said club Historian Rose Myers.

Attending this years special Anniversary Celebration were the following 13 Glendora Woman's Club past presidents, listed with their term of office: Fran Surface, 1981-83; Shirley Geimer, 1983-85; Rose Myers, 1985-87; Marilyn Edwards, 1989-91; Mary Hanna, 1991-93; Diana Williams, 1993-95; Helen Storland, 1995-91; 2005-07; Gloria Liddle, 1999-2001; Sue Bauer, 2003-05, 2011-13; Gilda Skinfill, 2005-05; Donna Henderson 2007-09; Gerry McIntosh, 2009-11; and Carolynn Cunningham, 2013-17.

As each club past president was introduced, she received a "Rose of Appreciation" gift from the club, presented by Club Vice President Patty Bateman, in the absence of Club President Chris Lear.

The Glendora Woman's Club is one of the oldest active service clubs in Glendora and one that maintains its own clubhouse at the same location at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora. The club was organized on April 28, 1908, with

75 charter members, at a meeting held at the Glendora Opera House in downtown Glendora.

The display for the special celebration featured a combined display of both the Historian's Table and the Member's Participation Art Display, said committee members. Included among the club's many awards were two special recognition awards presented in 2012 honoring the club as founder of the Glendora Public Library in 2012 honoring the club as founder of the Glendora Public Library in 1912, and several acknowledgement award for the club's many philanthropies and service projects.

Also on display were photos of the inside and outside of clubhouse at the time it was built in 1912 for the Glendora Woman's Club by the R.M. Goebel CO. of Glendora.

As the club Marks 110 years of service to the community, one of the club's many successful service projects especially stands out---founding of the Glendora Public Library by the Glendora Woman's Club in 1912, The Glendora Public Library was officially established o May 20, 1912, through City Ordinance No 43, an ordinance made possible through the Glendora Woman's Club's gifting to Glendora of the club's already established and main-

tained Free Library opened in 1911. (From information in the 1912 Glendora City records at the City and press coverage at the time).

Through the years, the Glendora Woman's Club has maintained and nurtured its historic 1912 link to the Library through continuing support, friendship, and involvement, said past President Carolyn Cunningham.

For information about club membership, service projects or special events, call Chris at 909-598-0554; for information about renting the clubhouse or hall for a special event or meeting, call Ryan at 626-335-7010



Glendora Woman's Club past presidents recognized a the club's 110th Anniversary Celebration are, seated from left, Mary Hanna, Fran Surface (holding on of the luncheon's birthday cakes), Rose Myers, Gloria Liddle, Shirley Geimer; standing from left, are Diana Williams, Marilyn Edwards, Donna Henderson, Helen Storland, Gilda Skinfill, Gerry McIntosh, Carolyn Cunningham and Sue Bauer.

Photo by Chris Ohrmund

Glendora Police Department Holds Open House

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The Glendora Police Department held its annual Open House in their parking lot. With an arch of blue and white balloons welcoming Glendora residents and those from surrounding cities, the rain did not deter people from coming to this event, when the best of the Glendora Police Department go all out to show off the equipment they use to fight crime in our fair city.

There was a truck with screens for people to play video games, the Inland Valley Humane Society brought a bunch of puppies and were also seen advertising their "Paws 4 Pets Walk" to be held at Bonelli Park in San Dimas on May 19, 2018. The Police Auxiliary was there and so was Mothers Against Drunk Drivers MADD. The SWAT team was there in their SWAT outfits, explaining the tactical items involved, such as the guns. The Police cars were very popular among the children, who were allowed to sit in them and check out all the controls and equipment. There was a fingerprint



Glendora Police Explorers Charlie Spadero, Austin Johnson, Manolo Lopez, Detective Mc Gruff and Glendora Police Captain Matt Egan at the entrance to the Open House.

station where kids could be fingerprinted. There was a long line of people waiting to go into the Police Station to see the workings of the Glendora Police De-

partment, which included Glendora Police Chief Lisa Rosales' office, the detectives offices, the dispatchers and the jail etc.

Since it was drizzling at times, they moved some of the displays to the Bidwell Forum (above the Glendora Library) where free hot dogs were served.

Community Articles Are Welcome

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