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Memorial Day Service in Glendora

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA/AZUSA - A beautiful day indeed. Memorial Day was celebrated at Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery in what is, the border between Glendora and Azusa.

The 142nd Annual Memorial Day Service was held on Monday May 28th at 11.30 a.m. The cemetery grounds had not looked as good, as what it did this year. In previous years the organizers tried to clean up the cemetery, but somehow, could not get rid of the tall weeds. This year, there was a pleasant surprise, the grounds were clean, weed free and beautiful. Doug Boyd, President of the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Foundation Trustees, was beaming from ear to ear, knowing that his dream had finally come true!

The patriotic Americans who come to the cemetery on Memorial Day to celebrate the occasion, have more than doubled from ten years ago. It seems that more and more people are getting to know that this is the best way to celebrate and remember our fallen heroes, from way back during the civil war, world war 1, world war 2 and the many other wars.



Mayor of Glendora Mendell L. Thompson addresses those who attended the Memorial Day Service while Douglas Boyd, President of the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Foundation looks on.

One does not have to go far from home, to drive to the cemetery for an hour of thoughts and prayers. While at the event, you honestly feel like a true American who surely appreciates what our soldiers have done for us, with their ultimate sacrifice.

As always Doug Boyd, gave the welcoming remarks. Doug is not only the President of the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Foundation; he is also the Vice

President of the Sons of the Revolution and Past Commander of VFW Post 3208. The Invocation was given by Reverend Karen Davis who is Pastor of the First Christian Church of Glendora, Chaplain of the Glendora Police Department and Councilwoman of the City of Glendora.

The Flag Ceremony and Honor Guard was performed by Glendora Police Department

Cpl. Zachary Houser and Lt. Marty Barrett and Boy Scouts of Troop 489, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Linda Boyd and her grand daughter Karina Gray. "Taps" was played by bugler Alexander Groves of BSA Troop 489. The wreath laying was by Daughters of the American Revolution Chaplain Jacquelyn

Swinney, Serrano Chapter.

In Doug Boyd's speech, he honored the L. A. County Fire Department Station No. 97 and the Azusa and Glendora Police Departments. The Introduction of the Local Dignitaries included Glendora Mayor Mendell L. Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem Judy Nelson, Councilmembers Karen Davis, Michael Allawos and Gary Boyer and Council Members from The City of Azusa.

The main speaker was the Mayor of Glendora Mendell L. Thompson. The Keynote address was by Dr. David Landers of Azusa Pacific Libraries. The Special Recognition Proclamation was given to "Community Hero" Dr. Paul Gray. The Benediction was given by Reverend Karen Davis.

The Police Chief of the Azusa Police Department and Chief Lisa Rosales of the Glendora Police Department were there along with many officers.

The Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Foundation Trustees are, President Douglas R. Boyd, Vice President David Fredendall, Secretary James Cook, Historian Sylvia Barton and Carolyn Ott.

Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee Hosts Memorial Day Ceremony and Unveils Block 31 at 'Walk of Freedom'



Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano was surprised before addressing the audience when she was asked to stand in front of the stage to have a picture taken with the three WWII War Veterans in attendance at the Azusa 2018 Memorial Day Ceremony: (l to r) Henry Perez, U.S. Navy, Congressman Napolitano, Johnny Granados, U.S. Army, Peter Aviles, U.S. Army. Getting ready to place an orchid lei on Napolitano is 1st Sergeant Marvin Herbert, Jr. Senior Army Instructor and in background Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha.

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - The Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee ("AVMC"), which Chairman is Mayor Joe Rocha and approximately 200 community residents honored all Veterans, living and deceased, in a beautiful and very emotional Memorial Day Ceremony on a sunny Monday morning, May 28, on the front lawn of Azusa's City Hall. The ceremony was in honor of all Veterans with emphasis this year on the three known Azusa World War II Veterans, the 14 veterans whose name are engraved in the newly installed granite Block 31 along the "Walk of Freedom" walkways leading to

the main entry to Azusa's City Hall, and the 53 Azusans who lost their lives in defending our freedom from WWI to the Iraqi War.

The ceremony commenced with introductions and welcoming remarks by Jesse Martinez, Vietnam War Veteran and Commander VFW Post 8070 followed by the presentation of colors by the Gladstone High School JROTC under the direction of 1st Sergeant Marvin Herbert, Jr., Senior Army Instructor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Sanchez, AVMC Member, the National Anthem was sung by Anna M. Aramburo-Aguilar, and Pastor Jesse Aramburo delivered the Invocation.

Jorge V. Rosales, U. S. Army Veteran and AVMC Member was the Master of Ceremony, he welcomed all Veterans and their families, families of 14 Veterans under Block 31 and of any of the 53 Azusans killed in action. He then proceeded to introduced

deliver welcome remarks to the audience and as he spoke he thanked all AVMC members and the City for making this meaningful event possible, plus he talked briefly about the beginning of the walk of freedom in 1998 and its 31 blocks or 434 names of Azusa Veterans and the 53 Azusans killed in action in various wars. He also welcomed three World War II Veterans present at the ceremony, Peter Aviles and Johnny Granados, U.S. Army and Henry Perez, U.S. Navy. He then introduced Congressman Grace F. Napolitano, California District 32 to address the audience, take a picture with the three WWII Veterans present and to thank all veterans and their families for their sacrifice.

One of the highlight of the ceremony was the dedication and reading of the fourteen names of Block 31. The names were read by Ray Chavira, Vietnam War Veteran and Jeri Bibbes-Vogel, Grenada Invasion Veteran. As

each name was read families of each Veteran were invited in front of the audience to be recognized and given a yellow carnation and small flag to place adjacent to Block 31. The 14 Veterans recognized were: Henry Perez, Navy; Marvin E. Schurr, Army; John R. Martinez, Army; Ruben J. Dominguez, Marines; Robert M. Pedroza, Army; Robert Aguirre, Air Force; Gerard Rene Salce, Army; Alfred Aguirre, Drill Sergeant Instructor; Timothy E. Griego, Jr., Army; Manuel A. Aguirre, Marines; Jack M. Pedroza, Army; Richard Betancourt, Navy; Raymond T. Sanchez, Army; and Leonard J. Garcia, Navy. To date, 434 names (31 blocks-14 names each) have been added to the Walk of Freedom in front of Azusa's City Hall.

Next on the ceremony was the Remembrance of Azusans Killed in Action. As each of the 53 names was read, a bell was alternatively rung by members of the Gladstone High School JROTC, Three WWI names were read by Yolanda Rodriguez Pena; 29 WWII names by Rosie Herrera & Linda Herrera Garza; 8 Korean War names by Stephanie Mills; 11 Vietnam war names by Aria Macias & Oscar Brambila, Jr.; and two Iraq war names by Martha Alvarez. A single wreath in honor of all fallen Veterans was graciously laid in front of the Veterans Memorial Monument by Mr. Leroy & Mrs. Guiselle Harris who were escorted by GHS-JROTC members.

Prior to the Benediction by Dr. Patricia Venegas, Chaplain, Covina Police department, there was a 21-gun salute to all Fallen Heroes by the Azusa Veterans Memorial Team Post 8070 and Taps played by Retired Sgt. John Lopez, Army and Korean War Veteran. The ceremony concluded with the singing of "God Bless America" by the audience and led by Mrs. Aramburo-Aguilar.



Linda Boyd and granddaughter Karina Gray sing the National Anthem while Doug Boyd salutes.

Fight for a World Without Cancer Through Relay For Life Event



MONROVIA- ARCADIA-DUARTE - On Saturday, June 9th-10th 11am-11am, over 200 participants will join together at the annual Relay For Life of Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte at Santa Anita Park to help the American Cancer Society attack cancer from every angle. The event starts with Opening Ceremonies at 11:00am, followed by Survivor/Caregiver Lap and luncheon. We will continue with activities and entertainment free for the community throughout the day. At dusk we will honor those we've lost with a touching luminaria ceremony, followed by activities and entertainment through the night. Closing ceremony will take place Sunday, June 10th at 11:00am.

The American Cancer Society is the cause fighting cancer on every front; standing shoulder to shoulder with cancer patients and those supporting them. Funds raised help the American Cancer

Society attack cancer in dozens of ways, each of them critical to achieving a world without cancer - from developing breakthrough therapies to building supportive communities, from providing empowering resources to deploying activists to raise awareness.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Symbolizing the battle waged around the clock by those facing cancer, the event last 24 hours and empowers communities to take a stand against cancer.

Together, we can beat our biggest rival. Join or donate to the Relay For Life of Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte. Visit www.RelayForLife.org/MAD

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Glendora Woman's Club Sets Annual Meeting, Service Reports, Installation of Officers

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will hold its Annual Meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, June 5, at the clubhouse, 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora. The meeting will include the installation of officers, annual reports, department reports, and the philanthropy-service report that lists club and department service projects for the year, said acting Club President Helen Storland.

A special part of the Woman's Club's Annual Meeting is the Installation of officers for the coming year. New officers and board members to be installed for 2018-19 will include Carolyn Cunningham and Joy Martau as the club's co-presidents, the new board position added this year. Serving as installing officer for the ceremony will be Carol Gill.

The club day will begin with a social time at 10:30 am, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. that will include the installation of officers and reports. The catered luncheon by Cambria Catering will follow at noon.

At each club meeting, the Members' Participating Art Display will feature a different display theme, said committee members. This month's theme will be Celebrating Your Artistic Endeavors and members are encouraged to share an item from home for the display.

For the Shepherd's Pantry project, one of the club's ongoing service projects, clubmembers are asked to donate nonperishable food items at the club meeting. Located in Glendora, the Pantry serves families in need in 10 area cities, said project chair Gloria Liddle, and



One of the Glendora Woman's Club's recent service projects is the collecting of used eyeglasses for the California Lions Friends in Sight project. Looking over some of the eyeglasses collected by the Woman's Club for the Lions Club's project are, from left philanthropy chair Carolyn Cunningham and project chair Chris Ohrmund. (Photo by Rose Myers)

donations are always appreciated.

One of the club's recent service projects is the collecting of used eyeglasses for the California Lions Friends in Sight project, said Chris Ohrmund, Woman's Club project chair and Lions club member. Also collected for the project will be lenses without frames, eyeglass cases, sunglasses, and broken glasses. Members of the Lions project are all from Southern California Lions Club, who clean and calibrate each pair of used eyeglasses they receive. The

glasses are then distributed at Vision Clinics, open to everyone, that are held in various locations throughout the area, said Mrs. Ohrmund. Vision clinics are staffed by volunteers, usually local Lions Club members, and an Optometrist is on site.

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

Eastside Arts Initiative Announces Grant Opportunities For Community Arts Programming And Artists

LOS ANGELES - The Eastside Arts Initiative (EAI) is accepting applications for its Spring 2018 application cycle, and applicants are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) by May 31, 2018. The EAI's current granting cycle focuses on innovative and sustainable visual and performing arts programs that positively impact underserved communities; and advance opportunities for working and new artists.

"The EAI has updated our granting priorities and we are looking forward to receiving new proposals for arts initiatives that will impact 'art poor' communities and that support individual artists and their work in eastern Los Angeles County," said EAI Council Chair Lupe Arriola.

Granting categories include: 1. Community Arts Programming; 2. Development of Artists and their Work; 3. Technical Support and Arts Advocacy. Grant funding ranges from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for non-match grants, and \$11,000 to \$50,000 for matching grants for categories 1 and 2. Category 3 provides non-monetary grants and offers support for direct training through workshops and coaches funded by the EAI.

Launched in September 2015, the EAI supports innovative arts initiatives and fosters collaborations furthering the arts in eastern Los Angeles County. Since then, the EAI granting program has awarded more than \$550,000 in funding. Grantees are selected

through an extensive review process by the EAI Council.

The EAI is a partnership of LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes (LA Plaza). LA Plaza celebrates the past and inspires the future by sharing the untold stories about the history, cultures, values and traditions of Mexicans, Mexican Americans and all Latinos in the founding and continuing evolution of Southern California. For more information, visit www.lapca.org.

For more information regarding the EAI grant application process, please visit www.eastsideartsinitiative.org or contact arts@eastsidearts.org, (213) 542-6243.

West Covina's High School Jr. ROTC Awards Banquet



The Jr. ROTC's Signature Tribute to the Military Services and POW-MIA's

WEST COVINA - On Friday, May 25, the West Covina's High School's Jr. ROTC held an Award Banquet and Tribute to the military and remember the POWs and MIAs with an outstanding ceremony.

The event was held at the VFW Post 8620 in West

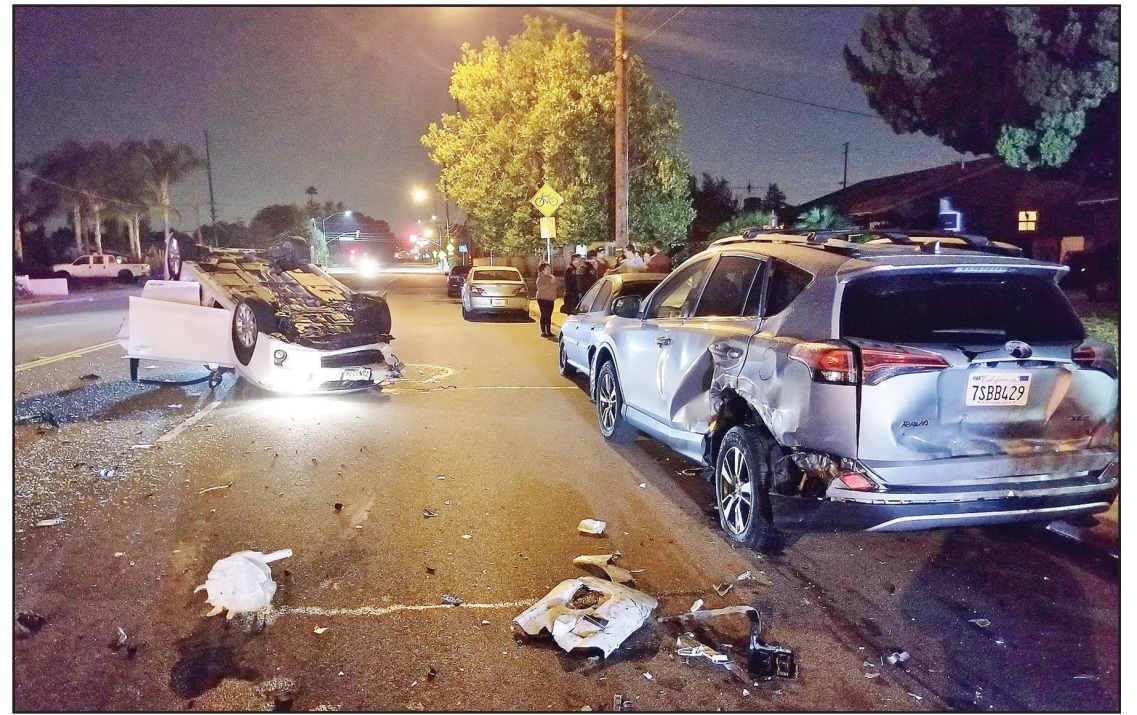
Covina. The full house of guests included city leaders, the police and fire chief. They were treated to dinner and a unique ceremony along with a number of achievement awards, which were well earned.

The entire event and ceremony was choreographed by the students.

VFW Commander George Ogden and Sr. Vice Commander Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd Johnson expressed the fact that this is a great ceremony, which honors our veterans, that they have ever seen.

These cadets made West Covina and their school proud.

DUI Crash Injures Three Including Baby



A DUI Driver hit a parked pickup so hard that it hit another vehicle which pushed it into another parked car.

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - An injury traffic collision southbound on Valinda south of Merced Avenue in West Covina at 1:45 a.m. on Monday morning May 28th left 3 injured and one arrested for DUI.

The southbound suspect vehicle hit three parked cars then flipped. The vehicle's 3 occupants, including an infant baby which sustained head injuries were trapped inside until residents came to their aid and helped remove them from the vehicle.

Police and fire responded treating all three. The mother and the little baby were transported to the hospital.

The driver who had his wife

and baby in the car was tested and arrested for DUI and Child Endangerment.

The southbound lanes were closed for nearly two hours while the investigation and cleanup took place. Four ve-

hicles involved, the suspect's Mini SUV, parked pickup, parked SUV and a parked sedan. The suspect's SUV, pickup and parked SUV were all totaled in the crash. Debris site was over 200 feet.

Medical Auxiliary Needs Volunteers

COVINA - The Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Auxiliary needs volunteers. If you are a senior citizen, retired, or simply looking for something to do, join the auxiliary and be a volunteer! Volunteers are needed in the following areas: The Front Desk; the

Gift Store; The Surgery Waiting Room; the Bargain Box; Newspaper Delivery to patients and other areas of the hospital. Call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email her at tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the volunteer process.



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War Dead Honored at Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery

Hundreds of local residents gathered under a balmy blue sky Monday to honor our nation's 1.3 million war dead on Memorial Day. The 142nd annual tribute was organized by the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Board of Trustees, a court appointed body that has been in place since the Cemetery was founded in 1876.

A Flag raising, salute and taps were pulled off perfectly by Boy Scouts from Glendora Troop 489 and the spit-n-polish Glendora Police Department Honor Guard of Lt. Marty Barrett and Cpl. Zachary Hauser. The police and Scouts made it look easy as they expertly handled the special American flag given to the Cemetery in 2014 by Azusa City Councilman and Navy Reserve Lt. Uriel Macias.

Macias' Reserve unit was called up and sent to Afghanistan on short notice, just two weeks after the birth of his fourth child. The Azusa City Council held his seat open for him and the community pitched in to help his wife and kids as this 40-something

community hero sweltered in a primitive and hostile environment halfway around the world for close to a year. When he returned, Macias surprised and delighted the Fairmount crowd honoring him on that Memorial Day by presenting the Trustees with an American flag flown over the U.S. Headquarters Command in Kabul, Afghanistan during his tour of duty. The Macias Flag has been an honored part of each Memorial Day Observance at Fairmount ever since, and the Trustees plan to use this flag every Memorial Day for the rest of the 21st Century in his honor.

The National Anthem was sung by a special grandmother-granddaughter duet of Linda Boyd and Karina Gray.

The entire Glendora City Council attended the Observance, with Mayor Mendell Thompson giving prescient and well received remarks on behalf of the City of Glendora. Joining him was Mayor Pro Tem Judy Nelson, Councilman Gary Boyer and Councilman Michael Allowos. A fixture at these Observances for well over a decade was Councilwoman Karen Davis, who served once again as our pastoral guide with the Invocation and Benediction in her role as Pastor of the First Christian Church of Glendora.

Councilman Macias was unable to attend at the last minute, and his place representing the City of Azusa was ably filled by Azusa Police Captain Mike Bertelson. The Fairmount Observance has always included a tribute to Police and Fire since 9/11 and this year they were well represented. Also attending from the Azusa Police Department was Lt. Robert Landeros, and Officers Ricky Moreno and Anthony Camwell.

The Glendora Police Department was well represented by Chief Lisa Rosales, Lt. James DeMond, Sgt. Shawna Celello and Officers Danny Antillon and Michael Skibar in addition to the Honor Guard. L.A. County Fire Station 97 has always been there, but was out on a call today. Filling in was Azusa Station 32 with Capt. Eric Miller, Engineer Phil Ewins and Fire Fighters Brendon Hunt and Beth DiRocco. These

first responder heroes were called up to the front of the crowd and given a rousing round of applause in tribute to putting their lives on the line every day for us citizens.

The Keynote Address was given by Dr. David Landers of Azusa Pacific University Libraries. Dr. Landers is a protege of retiring University Dean of the Libraries Dr. Paul Gray, and did an excellent job of recounting the history of this area, and how our founding fathers and mothers came to be buried at Fairmount.

A special Community Hero Resolution was given by the Cemetery Trustees to Dr. Paul Gray, a fixture in both Glendora and Azusa for the last 30 years and a nationally known and respected authority in the field of library science. Gray received much applause, and thanked the community with the modesty and humility we would expect from this humble man.

The Trustees also gave a special thanks to Lyon Homes, and particularly the father son executive team of Pete Navarro Sr and Jr, who were directly responsible in the past year for the rebirth of the Cemetery from the eyesore of the last hundred years to the beautiful community asset it is today. Lyon Homes and the Navarro's were profusely thanked by many of the attendees who had attended these events for decades, and found it hard to believe that such a remarkable transformation could actually happen.

It happened because the Cemetery Trustees were firmly and consistently backed up by the City of Glendora over a period of years. That knowledge by all parties created a win-win situation whereby the Cemetery became a place of beauty and gravitas to the community, and thereby also an asset to Lyon Homes and not a detriment to the sale of a beautiful community of estate homes.

The event concluded with a call from Reverend Davis to remember that God is in control, and one for best wishes for all attendees, their families, friends and the United States of America from Fairmount Cemetery President Doug Boyd.

Arcadia Veteran's Memorial Dedication Event

ARCADIA - The public is invited to attend the unveiling of the Arcadia Veteran's Memorial. The event will take place at the Arcadia Community Center on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 10:00 am. The Veteran's Memorial was made possible through the generosity of the Rotary Club of Arcadia and Arcadia resident Mary Hansen.

"The Veteran's Memorial will be great addition to Arcadia's landscape," said Mayor Peter Amundson. "It is the culmination

of our community's continued recognition of the patriots who have served, still serve, and will serve our great nation. I want to personally thank Arcadia Rotary and Mary Hansen for their hard work and dedication to our service men and woman."

The Memorial will consist of seven pieces of polished black granite in a row, one for each branch of the our nation's armed forces, including the United States Merchant Marines, and a center stone for

commemorating all services. Imagery will be laser-etched into the granite uniquely identifying each service branch and their traditions. The tops of the stone pieces will be jagged and unfinished to symbolize the San Gabriel Mountains that are the backdrop of our community.

The free event will be held in front of the Arcadia Community Center located at 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 574-5401.

Suspect Arrested Involving St Lucy's Priory High School Campus Threats

GLENDORA - On Thursday, May 24, 2018, the Glendora Police Department arrested a person whom we suspect sent threatening letters to St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora.

The arrest came as a result of an active and rigorous investigation by our department's detective bureau with the support and cooperation of St. Lucy's Priory High School Principal,

faculty, staff and students.

While the arrest of Magaly Esmeralda Alvarenga, female 39 years old, of Rialto occurred earlier this afternoon the investigation is still in progress; therefore we are not releasing details at this time. Alvarenga was arrested for three counts of Criminal/Terrorist Threats with a \$700,000 bail.

The Glendora Police Department remains dedicated to the

safety of our schools and our community; we will remain vigilant at all of our schools throughout this graduation season.

Anyone who may have additional information about this incident, even if they wish to remain anonymous, can contact Glendora Police Detective Ryan Lombardi at 626-914-8286 or via email at rlombardi@glendorapd.org

L.A. County Approves Creative Housing Solution to Combat Homelessness

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Bolstering a countywide movement to fight homelessness, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today approved an ordinance providing homeowners with new opportunities to build or convert existing spaces into Accessory Dwelling Units, also known as "backyard homes" or "granny flats."

The ordinance gives homeowners more flexibility in creating ADUs. The goal: to help increase the region's seriously depleted housing stock though the development of safe and livable low-cost housing options.

"This ordinance enables County property owners to be part of the solution in the fight against homelessness," said Board Chair Sheila Kuehl. "Building 'granny flats' can help alleviate our affordable housing crisis, while providing additional rental income for the families who build them. I strongly encourage homeowners to consider whether this

opportunity can work for them. When it comes to reducing homelessness, we need all hands on deck and everyone in."

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis said she, too, was eager to expand ADUs, which "exist in many of the neighborhoods in the unincorporated areas I represent."

"With today's action, L.A. County has approved another tool in our arsenal to combat the housing crisis," she said. "By assisting homeowners in legalizing their ADUs and encouraging others to build their own, L.A. County is identifying and implementing innovative measures to increase available housing and prevent homelessness before it occurs."

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who could not be present for Tuesday's vote, earlier underscored the importance of ADUs in the fight against homelessness.

"Addressing a shortage of more than 500,000 affordable

units across Los Angeles County will require the expedient deployment of different types of housing, and ADUs are a great way for single family properties to be part of the solution," he said. "It puts rent income into property owners' pockets, without altering the character of their neighborhoods."

Supervisor Janice Hahn added: "We need to build more housing stock, period. If homeowners are willing and ready to build new units on their property, we should help them—not stand in their way."

The Department of Regional Planning was a key player in the development of the ordinance, a reflection of the mobilization of multiple county departments to confront homelessness.

"It is only through collaboration and creative solutions like this that we will be able to collectively make a dent in addressing affordability issues," said Regional Planning Director Amy J. Bodek.

Supervisors Create First LA County Arts Department

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to create the first Los Angeles County Arts Department. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Board Chair Sheila Kuehl coauthored the motion with broad support from arts funders, creators and institutions.

"With a new arts department, we can further elevate the impact of the arts on our community, culture, and economy," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "The importance of the creative industries cannot be overstated, particularly in Los Angeles. Creativity is one of our most essential economic assets."

According to the 2017 Otis Report on the Creative Economy, the total creative output generated by industries within the region's creative economy was \$190 billion in 2015. It also employed 759,000 people, which accounted for 1 in 8, or about 15 percent, of all private wage and salary workers in the region.

"Los Angeles County contains

an unparalleled wealth of arts and culture. It makes sense that we establish a County department to support arts and culture. With this motion, we will provide the capacity for a robust department that can strengthen the arts and expand our commitment to cultural equity and inclusion," said Supervisor Kuehl.

"This is a historic moment in the arts for this region," said LA County Arts Commission Executive Director Kristin Sakoda. "It is world-class and community-based and there is still more to come!"

The LA County Arts Commission was initially established in 1947. It has grown in the last 70 years since from solely supporting local music performances to supporting hundreds of nonprofit organizations and functioning as a full-service local arts agency.

Throughout the decades, the Commission's role has expanded to include innovative and

meaningful programs including working with school districts throughout the County to develop and implement a strategic plan to integrate arts into K-12 public schools. It also administers the Civic Art program, where artists are aligned with capital projects to bring aesthetics and programming to the community in which the project is located.

It also oversees the iconic Arts Internship Program. To date, more than 2,000 college and university students participate in a paid internship for ten weeks during the summer in arts organizations and venues throughout the County.

"A County Department can make a deep impact in providing workforce training and advancing cultural equity and inclusion efforts," said Stacy Lieberman, Deputy Director of The Broad.

The new County Department will retain the Arts Commission as an advisory body and will begin its transition by July 1, 2018.

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Republicans: Tough Decision for Governor

Republicans have a tough decision to make on June 5th when they go to vote or even now as they cast their absentee ballots. Who will they choose for their Governor of California?

44-year old Travis Allen, Huntington Beach resident, comes to the ballot box with assembly experience and backed by 18 County Republican Party Committees, Congressmen, Tom McClintock, Dana Rohrabacher, Ed Royce, 10 of his co-Assemblymen, Senator Jeff Stone, and Board of Equalization Chairwoman Diane Harkley. Mountain View Republican Club has backed Allen along with several units of the Tea Party, San Diegans for Security Borders, California Republican Assembly and Californians for Making America Great Again.

Allen is a financial planner in his "other life" outside Sacramento and is Vice Chair of the Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee, Vice Chair of Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security and also serves on Natural Resources and Revenue and Taxation Committees.

Travis Allen started the gas tax repeal and was danced around by Gov. Brown's Attorney General Xavier Becerra in court action after court action to defeat any attempt at that repeal. Carl DeMaio eventually picked up the repeal action as Allen focused on his gubernatorial campaign.

The other choice Republicans have is 62-year old Rancho Sante Fe resident, John Cox, a wealthy businessman who has served on Jack Kemp's national steering committee and as Newt Gingrich's California Finance Chair. Cox was very active in the re-



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

moval of San Diego's Democrat Mayor Bob Filner and served, at the request of California's Republican Members of Congress, as Chairman of Give Voters a Voice, the campaign to repeal the gas tax increase. Cox has received endorsements from President Donald Trump and Newt Gingrich.

The San Diego Union Tribune has dubbed Cox as the perennial candidate in Illinois because of his serial runs for office with little success. He is the proponent of a 12,000 member state legislature to give more people a voice in Sacramento and lessen the special interest influences there.

Ballotpedia reports \$3.5 million in the Cox campaign account and much of that money from some sources is thought to be his own money. On Facebook, Cox has 178,866 followers with 178,370 likes; and Tweeter shows 4,084 followers.

Ballotpedia shows Allen with \$447,236 cash in the campaign account. On Facebook, Allen has 452,842 followers with 446,786 likes; and, Tweeter shows 13,582 followers.

Both candidates are up against

two Democrats with money --- Newsom with \$14 million and some change and Villaraigosa with \$7 million and change and a committee organized by charter schools PAC with \$17 million ready to donate. Villaraigosa, a big supporter of charter schools is expected to receive that money raised from around the country including New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Netflix CEO Reed Hastings as reported in the Sacramento Bee.

From Shade's Perspective: First rule of politics - money is the mother's milk of politics. Never do we see, or find easily, where the donations come from to each of the candidates only the bottom line. In fact, were any of us aware there were twenty-seven candidates from five parties running in the June primary? California primary elections are called "jungle" primaries - voters many times have no party choice when voting for a candidate but only one of the top two candidates.

Right now it appears from reports across the board, Gavin Newsom will be in the top two after the June Primary. After that the competition for the second seems to be between Antonia Villaraigos, John Cox and Travis Allen.

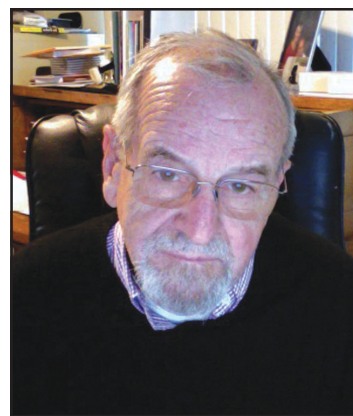
UPDATE from Glendora Patch: Newsom has \$9.7 million on hand; Villaraigosa has \$2.2 million; Cox has \$124,017 on hand; and, Allen has \$37,539 left for the fight.

Bits n Pieces: Villaraigosa supporters are helping Travis Allen to pull Cox down; and, have filed complaints against Newsom with the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Learning About Bigotry

Although I have never been much of an athlete, baseball was the one sport that got my attention as I was growing up (and it still does). Following my junior year in high school, the Philadelphia Athletics invited three members of our team to a workout with one of the coaches. Lower Merion High School was a recruiter's gold mine. A few years later, Kobe Bryant played a little basketball for that institution and got the attention of the Lakers. Our football team was undefeated during all three years of my high school career. But baseball was just a ho-hum sport, and I was just a ho-hum athlete, so I was never certain why I got the invitation.

In June of 1947 we three team members, excited by the opportunity, took a bus to an athletic field for the tryout. We were met by the coach whose first words were, "Mr. Mack (Connie Mack had owned and managed the team for fifty years) don't take no niggers". Our star third baseman was a black American. In 1945 Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, had signed Jackie Robinson to play in the 1947 season, but that never affected Connie Mack. The three shaken kids looked at each other, and our decision came without a word being uttered. We got back on the bus and went home, and I had seen the last of the Philadelphia Athletics. Now over 70 years later, while the names of the coach and my teammates are gone, that event stays wedged in my memory.



Charles H. Bayer

Beginning in 1948 I attended college at a small church-related school in Oklahoma. Financial resources in my family being severely limited, I travelled by bus between my home in Philadelphia and my college in Oklahoma. The trip took three days, but what was the rush? On one of the early trips, on the first leg from my home to Pittsburgh, I was seated beside a young man who was in the U.S. Navy. We enjoyed by each other's company for the two days it took for the trip to St. Louis where each of us needed to board different buses for the next leg of our journeys.

It had been a long second day across the Midwest and we had a five-hour wait in St. Louis, and it had been half a day since we had eaten. It was now 2 am and nothing in the area was open, except the bus station lunch counter. So we sat down and started to place our orders. The waitress began to jot them down, but stopped writing and said, looking at me, "I'll bring your hamburger in a few

minutes, but he'll have to get his in a paper bag at the back door."

I was stunned and my new friend was humiliated. How was it possible in this nation that I who was not called to serve in the armed forces on the basis of my status as a ministerial student, could eat at a lunch counter in Missouri, and this man in the uniform of the US Navy had to eat out of a paper bag at the back door? So we just sat there while my uneaten hamburger went cold, refusing to move until two police officers suggested we do! We said "good-bye" and eventually boarded buses to our next destinations. It would be more than ten years until students were arrested in Nashville for lunch counter sit-ins.

Shortly after arriving in Oklahoma I became the first white member of the local NAACP, which for me launched an anti-racism agenda lasting sixty years. Am I free of racism? No doubt there are evidences of racial bigotry in me that as yet I cannot see. And that reality will continue to haunt me. I have much yet to learn, and I am committed to seeking ways to explore what remains hidden.

I will always remember how three teenage kids somehow found what it took to stand against the racism of a powerful man and his famous sports franchise. And I will not forget a sailor and a lunch counter waitress for what they taught me.

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When Are Taxes Enough?

By Jerome E. Horton, Member, 3rd District, State Board of Equalization

Over the years, California has collected enough taxes to fully fund education, fix our water issues, and repair our roads - but has chosen to redirect the funds for other priorities. According to the Governor, this year California is collecting more taxes than expenditures, with billions left-over in reserves.

Yet, California, the 5th largest economy in the world, is 36th in the nation in educational attainment, 39th in school quality, 13th in school safety and has the lowest percentage of high school diploma holders in the nation, according to WalletHub's analyses. Even worse, there have been 19 school shootings in California since 1990 and many other types of assaults on teachers and students.

This is in part due to easy access to weapons and the elimination of mental and social health intervention programs in our schools, such as counseling and nursing for students with psycho-

logical challenges, and training in social skills, vocational skills, and courses on civil and moral values that provide students alternatives to negative engagements. We ask ourselves, "If I only saw the signs....." Years ago, we had trained professionals on campus who could help with these issues and parents who had access to quality health care that would help them address mental illness. Today, many of these intervention measures have been cut out of the budget.

Equally frustrating, Californians pay the highest sales and income taxes in the nation, and the 2nd highest gas tax in the nation. Yet upwards of 16% of California's college students are from foreign countries, not because they are more qualified but because they pay more in tuition. This has contributed to the issuance of 144,000 work visas to foreign workers, who take American jobs.

Californians are taxed for a lot of worthy things but at some point we have to set limits and priorities. If we consolidate our

resources and require all programs to meet performance measures and mandate effectiveness and eliminate redundancy and fraud - we can prioritize funding for education, employment, and affordable housing - so that people can own a home in a safe community, obtain high quality education and training for their children and take care of their families.

As you ponder what and who to vote for, consider that "Voting is like hiring doctors; you want to make sure they'll come with some operating experience and that you'll get what you paid for when they're done."

Re-elected in 2014, Member Jerome E. Horton is the Third District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 9.5 million residents in Los Angeles, a portion of San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. He was first elected to the Board of Equalization in 2010. Member Horton also serves as the Board of Equalization's Property Tax Committee Chair. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with more than 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006. The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board that serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Pioneer Cemetery

By Joe Castillo

San Fernando... Southern California was the destination of a number of settlers who came West to pursue a new life while buying large quantities of land at a very affordable price. The pioneers found the sunny warm climate of Southern California to their liking and chose to stay the rest of their lifetime in their new environs. As time passed, the early pioneers faded away and like all humans they died, were interned, leaving only their memories for future generations.

The San Fernando Pioneer Memorial Cemetery is one of Southern California's oldest interment sites and is second only to the San Fernando Mission Cemetery in the San Fernando Valley. It is the oldest non-sectarian cemetery in the San Fernando Valley with the San Fernando Cemetery Association established in 1874 to sell burial plots to local residents.

Initially named Morningside Cemetery, the first burials in the cemetery were recorded in 1889. As the City of San Fernando grew and its boundaries established, so too did the size of the cemetery. Initially established with 40 acres under the association, the cemetery acreage was reduced to less than four acres and was sold to mortician Will Noble who operated it until 1939 when the last burials took place. When Noble died, his widow deeded the cemetery to the Native Daughters of the Golden West in 1959.

The Native Daughters tried to preserve the cemetery but that required too much time, money and work. They then tried to give it the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California, but each of the government entities refused to accept the gift. The effort to preserve the cemetery was left to volunteers who maintained the

cemetery until the Native Daughters gave it to the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. A list of 600 names was provided in the exchange with local prominent citizens and five Civil War veterans included on the list. Vandalism and time have left only 13 tombstones but recent ground penetrating radar has identified over 200 gravesites still remain on the cemetery grounds.

In 1961, the California State Park Commission, along with the Native Daughters and Native Sons of the Golden West, placed California Historical Landmark No. 753 onsite to signify the San Fernando Pioneer Cemetery as a historical landmark of California...

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With Honor, We Thank You

As a combat veteran from Vietnam, this past as all other past Memorial Days means something to me. It is not a holiday, it is a day in which we remember our Veterans who are no longer with us. Whether or not they were lost in combat or simply died of old age, we remember them for the service gave to our county and the freedoms that we have.

While attending the Memorial Day Ceremonies, I see mostly veterans and their spouses attending. When I was Grand Marshall at a Memorial



George Ogden

That's just the way it is! Ceremony some time ago, I asked all those that are not connected in any way to a veteran to stand up. Out of nearly 2,000 people, about a dozen people stood up. At that time I

thanked them and then introduced them to the rest of the crowd stating, "I want the rest of you still sitting to meet my new heroes." These people came out on their own with no connection to anyone in the military to say "thanks" and to remember and give honor to our veterans that have passed.

I just wanted to take the time to say a special "thanks" to those same people that did in fact attend a Memorial Ceremony and also to say thanks to everyone else who attended as well.

People seem to forget what Memorial Day is all about and the true meaning. It is not a holiday, not a day for retailers to a Memorial Day Sale to gain profits. It is a day when we can all get together to say thanks and to get together in comradeship with a BBQ after the ceremony and to stay connected.

"That's Just the Way it Is!"

Community Articles Are Welcome

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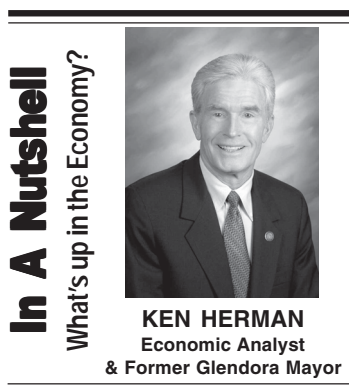
Great Earnings Deserve A Better Market Than This!

The first-quarter announcement season is shaping up to offer the strongest earnings in 7+ years. With 81% of the stocks in the S&P 500 having announced first-quarter results, the blended earnings growth rate, according to FactSet, is +24.2%, the best growth rate since Q3 of 2010. What's more, 78% reported positive earnings which were better than predicted - the best rate since 2008 - and 77% have reported positive sales surprises.

Still, there is no shortage of hand wringing in the current market landscape, especially with the S&P 500 retesting its closely followed 200-day moving average that was briefly tested last week. Volatility is running high, and for good reason. The bearish camp has embraced the "this is as good as it gets" mantra, which says that the first quarter would be the "high water mark" for profit margins. That one-liner has had more influence on investor sentiment than any other data point or earnings surprise that has crossed the tape lately.

So far in May, the stock market likes those companies that have posted strong sales and earnings with strong positive guidance. Strong earnings aren't enough. Strong forward guidance has to follow. Many investors are wondering why positive first-quarter earnings are not being rewarded with better equity performance. One answer is that any stock that announced positive first-quarter results but did not provide strong forward guidance was punished. Another possibility is that good stocks bounce like tennis balls while bad stocks bounce like rocks.

The pronounced weakness in several favorite sectors - namely, semiconductors, aerospace-defense, and financials - has raised the anxiety level of many investors who feel that while the bullish narrative still has the upper hand, there may be broad technical damage in a number of



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former market leaders.

One major concern might be anticipated lower profit margins. With the costs of most hard and soft inputs rising, how long can U.S. companies expect the dollars they get in sales to flow to the bottom line at the current rate without substantially raising prices for their goods and services? Based on aggregate revenue and earnings estimates, one projected net profit margin for the S&P 500 for 2018 is 10.9%. If 10.9% is the final number for the year, it will be the highest annual profit margin for the S&P 500 since FactSet began tracking aggregate earnings and revenue for the S&P 500 in 2008. Nine of the 11 sectors are expected to see profit margins increase on a year-over-year basis in 2018.

And then there is the geopolitical and domestic political landscape. There is the potential upcoming summit with North Korea, the undoing of the Iran nuclear deal, the reworking of NAFTA, potential tariffs with China and Europe, the ongoing involvement with Syria, and all the visceral drama taking place in Washington DC. All that has to be taken into account considering the mid-term elections and the potential loss of Republican control of Congress, which could put President Trump in a virtual lame-duck position.

The spark that led to last Monday's rally was set during the weekend with the possible Chinese-American trade war being put on hold as both sides agreed

to put tariffs aside until a framework for talks is settled. The announcement followed meetings in Washington between Vice Premier Liu He (Uncle He) and senior American officials including the President. This trade truce is temporary. None of the fundamental disagreements between China and the US have been settled; and, according to the Bloomberg News, a Chinese foreign ministry official told reporters Monday there's no guarantee trade frictions will not return.

While some of these many saber-rattling hot spots may seem to invoke external risk, they most likely will be diffused in time, but they will also provide a basket of excuses to "sell first and ask questions later."

As if we needed yet another reason for concern, summer months historically are a weak time of the year for stocks. When we look at the market from a purely technical standpoint, the S&P 500 is running the risk of a breakdown if its 200-day moving average suffers a protracted breach. Because program trading dominates over 70% of all daily trading on the NYSE and Nasdaq, any high-volume penetration of 2,600 to the downside for the S&P will invite a 100- to 200-point sell-off for that benchmark index. A move of that magnitude could change the market narrative from bullish to bearish.

Something like that could happen very quickly because of how these computer-generated sell programs feed on themselves. But the market has diverted this inflection point in the past and thus, the glass for the long-term technical bullish trend remains half-full, for now.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I'm almost 70 years old. Once I begin my RMDs, I'm concerned about the \$140,000 I have in an IRA - that if the market goes down, I'll run out of money. Is there a better place for me to put my money so it has a better chance of lasting my whole life?

If you qualify, consider a Fixed Income Annuity with a Lifetime Income Benefit Rider. You could be guaranteed no losses, and your initial funds plus any gains could then be paid to you over your lifetime. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the issuing company.)

I'm self-employed, so my income fluctuates radically. How can I budget better?

On those months that you make more than you need to pay your bills, you must have the character and determination to save that excess for a lower-income month. In the meantime, cut back your expenses wherever you can, and prioritize your bills, paying the most important ones first. Do not be late on your mortgage or credit cards, as this negatively affects your credit scores. Consider a part-time job for added income.

We're thinking it's time to buy a house. Do you have any guidelines?

Before you do anything else, get pre-approved for a mortgage loan. (See link below to apply online.) Pre-approved means that a lender has your application and supporting documentation, and has agreed to lend you 'up to' a specific dollar amount. With your pre-approval letter in hand, the offer you submit on the house you want can be taken much more seriously. While you are getting



Julia Yoder

pre-approved, make and prioritize a list of "must-haves," "don't wants," and "might consider." For example, a "must-have" might be the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, while the "don't wants," might be a condo, or a busy street, and "might consider" might be a pool. Also take the time to select the neighborhoods you'd really like (perhaps for school district, or community amenities), some you "might consider" (those bordering areas you'd really like), and those you definitely wouldn't live in (for example, too close to a freeway or railroad tracks). Schedule time to meet with a Realtor. Let me know if you'd like me to email a short list of Realtors I have found to be knowledgeable, ethical, and trustworthy.

We lived in our home for 8 years, but could no longer afford our full mortgage payment. For about a year now, we've been renting our house out. This rental income just about covers the mortgage payment, taxes and insurance. We're okay for now, but what should we be thinking about doing next?

Since you lived in your house

the minimum of 2 of the last 5 years, you still qualify for the homeowner's exemption (\$250,000 single/\$500,000 couple) - deducted from the profit of the sale of that property, before owing capital-gains taxes. Once you have rented that house out for more than 1 year, you might want to convert that property to a 1031 exchange property, sell it, and reinvest all the proceeds to a "like" property. The definition of "like" property means any property that is not foreign. In other words, you could sell your home and buy a piece of land, a couple of smaller homes, an apartment complex, or a commercial building. These transactions have specific guidelines and timeframes. 1031 exchanges allow you to defer taxes. Ideally, you would time your transactions to defer, defer, defer, and then die, leaving the final property(-ies) to heirs. Since this inherited property would have a stepped-up value at that time, they might not have to pay the income taxes you'd deferred over the years.

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Methods for Learning to Remember Names and Faces

If you're like most people you may think that learning someone's name can be hard, but it's really not when you take the time to follow some simple tricks. Conversely if you want people to remember you, you need to make yourself interesting enough to make a lasting impression.

Starting off with some basics, you'll want to think about the reasons why you may forget someone's face and or name. It may have been years ago that you last saw the person and people change quickly in their appearance. You may find that it's just stress that you are under and if you eliminate some of your stress, and then you'll be able to obtain a good memory or you lack focus. You may think that it's just because you are getting older things just don't stick much anymore or it's just not that important to remember names. The reason why you may forget someone's face is that it may not be as important as remembering a person's name. Whatever the case may be it's important to have an honest conversation with yourself to remove any longstanding issues.

- The first step is to repeat the person's name during the introduction and throughout your conversation. You should then say the person's name at least seven to ten times in your mind. Repetition will help you remember. Do not feel bad if you can't remember their last name. Not only will repeating the name help you remember, but also it may make you want to link the first letter of the name with an object. Like Barb and Bird will help you to



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associate the name to something that you are more likely to remember.

- Name association to a place where you met someone is also a great way to remember names since most of us are visual people and we remember events better than dates.

- Write it down helps make a permitted connection with your brain. You will find that if you then were to review the note regularly you will be able to remember more clearly. If there are business cards being traded get in the habit of making notes on the back of it.

- Spelling out the person's name in your head will help to commit the face and name to long term memory or if you have a business card in front of you, read it. If the business card is unique enough all the better to remember.

- Learning someone's name by looking at him or her long enough (and not in an uncomfortable way). When you look at someone for a period of time you will form an association of memories that come to life. This is

more likely for those who were close friends years ago, but then grew apart. This is a great trick to keep in mind if you are going to your high school reunion or an event.

- It could be helpful when you try to remember their initials. Once you have their initials you will be able to figure out their name by elimination. You will find that your memory will come back quickly.

- A great trick if you would like to leave an impression and help someone remember your name is to hand them your business card upside down. Why would you do that??? Simple for many of the reasons listed above, it will force the person receiving your card to look at it and associate it with you. This is a visual trick that works well.

There are some things that you do not want to do. You do not want to ask for someone's name twice or ask him or her to describe who they are. This is rude to begin with, and may hurt their feelings. If you can't think of the name say nothing or you may want to say something like "we", instead of going into details. You may also ask the question "where was it that we met last time" triggering remembering the event so that you will be able to associate the name. Like anything in life that is important to you and is worth having it takes work and commitment to overcome and achieve greatness. With that being said make a commitment to start which is typically the hardest part in personal growth.

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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialist

The Life Of A Car Battery

The two main reasons for shortened battery life are:

- Excessive heat - Heat causes battery fluid to evaporate, damaging the internal structure of the battery.
- Overcharging - A malfunctioning component in the charging system, usually the voltage regulator, allows too high a charging rate, resulting in a slow battery death.

To get the most out of your battery:

- Have your battery and its connections checked at every oil change
- Be sure the electrical system is charging at the correct rate. Overcharging can damage a battery as quickly as undercharging.
- Always have the battery replaced with one that's rated at least as high as the one originally specified.
- Keep the top of the battery clean. Dirt becomes a

conductor, which drains battery power. Further, as corrosion accumulates on battery terminals it becomes an insulator, inhibiting current flow.

Batteries do not always give warning signs before they fail. If your battery is more than three years old, it is probably wise to have it replaced.

Your car care provider can determine the health of your battery so you know how much life it has left.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

ARCADIA Specialty Summer Camps

Looking for something fun and educational for your children this summer? Registration for week-long specialty camps is now open. These Specialty Summer Camps offer academic and creative programs for youth of all ages. A list of these fun and exciting camps are 3D Art, Computer Animation, Engineering with Legos, Science, Sewing, Skateboarding, Video Game Coding.

Specialty Summer Camps are one week long from June 11-August 10. Prices vary depending on the camp. Extended care in the morning and afternoon is also available for most camps. Don't miss out and sign-up early! For more information, please visit our website at www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

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 pinocle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

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

BALDWIN PARK Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant

On Wednesday, June 13th from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, the Julia McNeill Senior Center will be providing transportation to Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant in Buena Park. Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restau-

rant first opened in 1934 with Mrs. Knott and her children serving the first customers in their tea room. The restaurant has grown over the years into one of the largest in California, but the classic fried chicken dinner is still made the same way today using Mrs. Knott's recipes. The chicken lunch includes two pieces of fried chicken, homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes smothered with gravy, and choice of side salad, chicken noodle soup or cherry rhubarb. If you still have an appetite for dessert, try the boysenberry pie. Limited Space! Meals not included. Tickets are \$5.

For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am - 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA 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 offer-

ing 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 Meals on Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

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

GLENDORA Alzheimer's Peer

Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-8:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Cars 4 the Community

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

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

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

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

LA VERNE

Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, se-

nior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900
To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

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

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

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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.

"La Dolce Vita" Gala Benefit for Duarte Historical Museum Set for June 16 at D'Aquino Importing Company

DUARTE - An evening toasting "La Dolce Vita," a gala celebration of community history, music, food, and wine will benefit the Duarte Historical Museum on Saturday, June 16.

The public is invited to join in the festivities that will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Duarte headquartered D'Aquino's Importing Company and Italian Cultural Foundation, 1850 Business Center Dr. Tickets are \$30.

Proceeds from the evening will support the Duarte Historical Society & Museum in its mission to upgrade the museum's computer programs to better archive and protect Duarte history and artifacts.

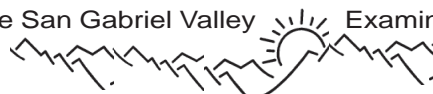
The Duarte Historical Museum, located in Encanto Park, 777 Encanto Parkway, is operated by an all-volunteer staff and is open

to the public free of charge. Exhibits and programs promote local history. Visitors can learn about Duarte's once-thriving citrus industry, the City's namesake Andres Duarte family, and other pioneer Duarteans. Other exhibits include the historic 1938 flood that devastated the San Gabriel Valley and much of southern California, Duarte's colorful history in tennis, and band leader Glenn Miller, who once owned a ranch in Duarte. Local school children visit every year in conjunction with their local history studies. The museum library stores dozens of books and videos relating to local history and history in general.

"We encourage the community to support this fundraising event to assure that our museum remains open to the public and

continues as a guardian of Duarte's past," said Liz Reilly, mayor pro-tem and event chair.

Claudia Heller, president of the Duarte Historical Society and Museum, said the organization is grateful to the event's host, Gaetano D'Aquino, for providing his company's beautiful headquarters for the gala event. "Mr. D'Aquino is a dedicated supporter of local non-profit organizations, and has contributed much to the fabric of our community. The City of Duarte recently named a street in his honor. This will be a memorable evening of friendship and camaraderie, one that invokes the spirit of our theme, 'La Dolce Vita,' the sweet life," said Heller. Tickets may be purchased on the Museum website: www.RanchoDeDuarte.org or by calling (626) 253-6600.



Foothill Unity Center Celebrates Unveiling of It's New Headquarters

MONROVIA - Foothill Unity Center realized a decades-long dream when it unveiled its first permanent building at 709 West Chestnut Avenue in Monrovia on Thursday, May 17. The ceremony begun at 5:30 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. The facility is six blocks west of the organization's prior leased location.

The Center, the primary provider of food, case management/crisis help, and access to health care resources across eleven San Gabriel Valley cities, has worked out of leased facilities throughout its 38-year history. At its previous headquarters, operations were divided between two small buildings a block apart. The current purchase is being funded through public donations to a capital campaign, From Dream to Reality. To date, \$XX million of the \$6.2 million total has been secured, with vigorous fundraising efforts ongoing.

The much larger facility vastly enhances the capabilities of the organization's staff, volunteers and award-winning programs. "We can now talk privately with clients, rather than in shared offices or public spaces," says Center Director Betty McWilliams.

"Our food trucks can deliver directly into the building, including our cold storage facilities. There is an elevator for accessibility, and an array of spaces where volunteers, board members and other groups can meet and collaborate. Two kitchens will improve our presentation of food education programs and cooking demonstrations for clients. And in contrast to the limited short-term street parking at our previous location, our new home features a spacious parking lot."

Founded in a borrowed church closet in 1980, Foothill Unity Center is now the federally designated Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area and the primary provider of food, temporary shelter, transportation, referrals, and a variety of health services to low-income children, individuals and families in Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Bradbury, Azusa, Baldwin Park and Irwindale. The Center has steadily expanded its programs and grown its client base, which more than tripled over the last five years. 79% of clients are at or below the National Poverty Level.



The Center's overall goal is to help families gain stability as they strive toward self-sufficiency, while treating every client with love and dignity. With the establishment of its new home, meeting that objective will take on new dimensions.

Foothill Unity Center programs

Food programs include a weekly distribution of about ten days' worth of food to qualified individuals and families; a homeless bag lunch program; and monthly homebound grocery deliv-

livery. Support and crisis services, staffed by four full-time case managers, include referrals to support organizations, transitional services for domestic violence victims, housing assis-

tance, emergency shelter motel vouchers, onsite CalFresh food benefits and Medi-Cal enrollment, bus tokens and taxi coupons, clothing vouchers and Center work experience programs.

Health services include an onsite Medical Outreach Clinic for homeless and uninsured adult clients; Child Health Connections, a collaborative of medical, dental, optometric and mental health providers who agree to see a designated number of children at no cost; free health screenings and education; health insurance information; and an annual Pediatric Mobile Dental Clinic.

Pet Food Bank: Last year the bank helped 726 families unable to afford pet food keep their pets. Food and funds come from generous donations by individuals, stores and businesses throughout the community.

Special distributions: The Center hosts three day-long offsite distributions for back-to-school clothing and school supplies, Thanksgiving food boxes, and holiday food boxes and children's gifts.

Chef Basil "Broken Soldiers Veterans Gala Awards" with Ladies TKO

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Chef Basil & Lizet Angulo-Kimbrew presented the "Broken Soldiers Veterans Gala Awards" at the VFW Post 8620 in West Covina on May 26. The full house event included many politicians and dignitaries who were there to honor our veterans.

The biggest surprise at the event was honoring one of the original Tuskegee Airmen Sgt. Rob Taylor. The audience showed their appreciation with a standing ovation in his honor for what he and his Airmen have given to this country During WWII.

It was hard to tell who was more thrilled about being at the event Sgt. Taylor or the audience.

The event included the work of 10 chefs that provided some very special hors d'oeuvres and deserts.

Many in the public eye were honored at the event for their support of our veterans.



Chef Basil, Eleni Kounalakis & Lizet Angulo-Kimbrew.



Tuskegee Airmen Sgt. Rob Taylor

The veterans Post 8620 gave thanks to Chef Basil & Lizet Angulo-Kimbrew (President of TKO) for putting on the event by donating the use of the Banquet Hall and Kitchen.

"Newcomers and Friends" Invites Local Residents to June Events

ARCADIA - San Gabriel Valley, California. Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local women to attend their June general meeting.

On June 6, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held in the Fireside Room at Santa Anita Church, 226 West Colorado Blvd., in Arcadia.

This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

Additional Newcomers and

Friends' mostly-daytime, weekday activities include a Book Club, Bridge, Crafters, Day Trips, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Golf, Hiking, Happy Hour, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Movies, and Wine Tasting.

The incoming President, Marti Garlett, and her Board will be installed at a luncheon in a local

restaurant on June 13. This group currently has 130 members and has existed since 1965. The next general meeting will be in September. To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@gmail.com or visit them online at www.sgvnewcomers.com

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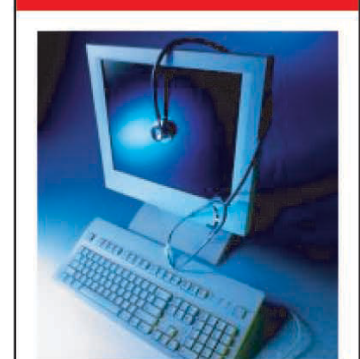


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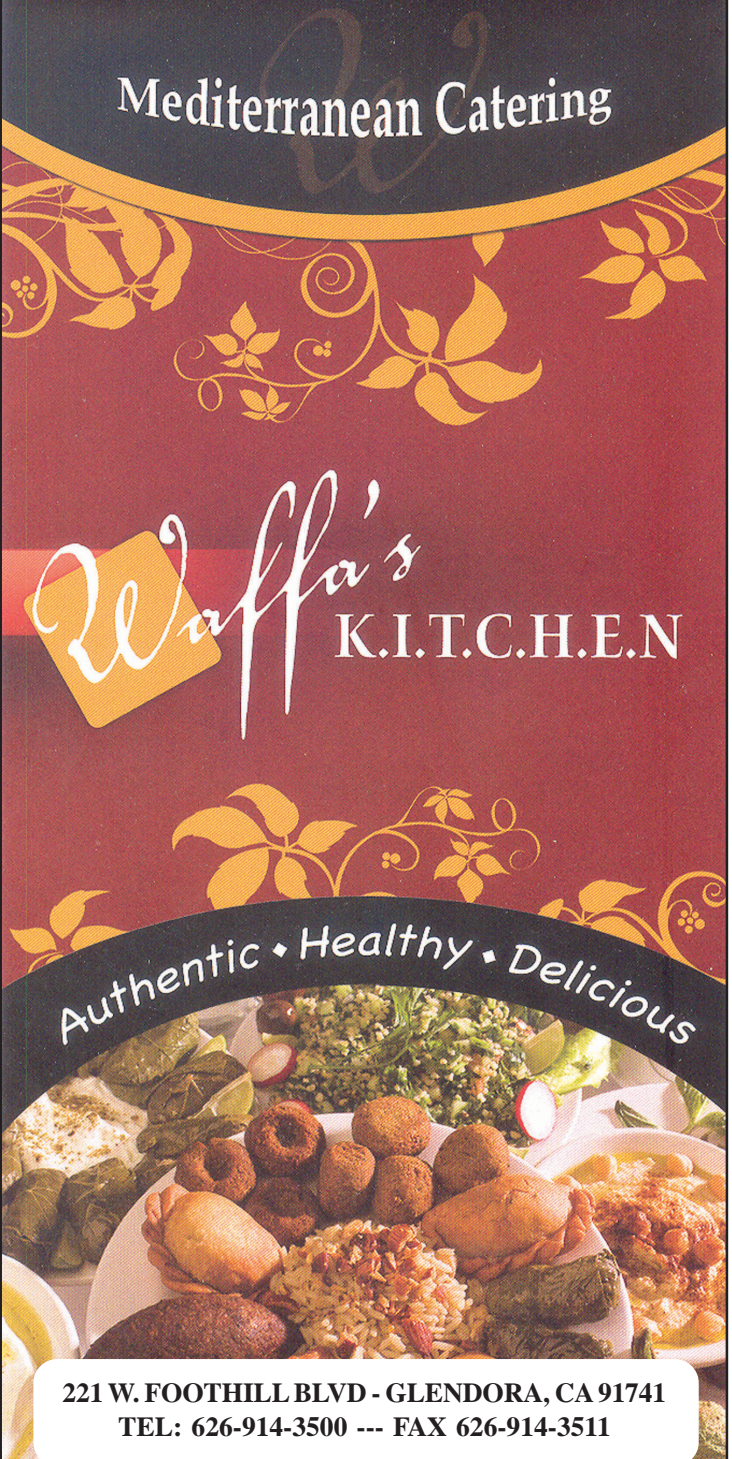
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America's Christian Credit Union Celebrates Patriot Week

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The rain did not deter the opening ceremony of the ACCU celebration of Patriot Week. On Monday May 22nd. The celebration started at 8 a.m. with a gathering of service members, legion members, council members, police officers and well wishers, all present at the entrance to the office of America's Christian Credit Union, to celebrate together, with speeches and prayers. As Mendell L. Thompson CEO and President of ACCU put it, "To celebrate those folks who have served and given their lives for our country." Mendell L. Thompson is also the Mayor of Glendora. Throughout the week, ACCU honored local

veterans, U.S. military, and first-responders in partnership with Project Glendora Yellow Ribbon and American Legion Riders.

On Thursday May 24th first-responders, current military personnel, and veterans were honored by family members and the community for the Family Day & Awards Ceremony. The announcement of the Essay Contest winners by Richard Mathews of Human Resources ACCU. The Patriot Award presentation to Carl Harstine who is 93 years old and was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, who was present, spry as ever showing off his many medals. His daughter Judy was also there to accompany him.

The Award winner remarks were read by Chris Valenzuela. The POW/MIA ceremony was conducted by Joe Mercier. The closing blessing was by Mike Petry and the raffle gift drawing was conducted by Cindy Davenport. The pledge of Allegiance was by the Boy Scouts of Troop 483. The ceremony concluded with the attending family, friends, and community members together in fellowship, snapping photos with the local military, veterans, and first-responder heroes.

Patriot Week is an annual celebration organized and presented by America's Christian Credit Union. This event should always be on your calendar and should be attended by every patriotic American.



ACCU CEO/President and City of Glendora Mayor Mendell L. Thompson, Glendora Police Department Chaplain and Glendora Councilwoman Karen Davis, Glendora Police Department Captain Matt Egan, USMC Cpl (Retired) Carl Harstine, Glendora Councilmen Gary Boyer and Michael Allawos, American Legion Commander Dave Whalen Cpl USMC (Retired), Joe Mercier Adjutant Post 475 American Legion, Chaplain and Colonel US Air Force Rick Givens.



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