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Board of Supervisors and Human Relations Commission Holds John Anson Ford Human Relations Awards

LOS ANGELES COUNTY- On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Commission on Human Relations honored exemplary change makers and innovators for their contributions towards transforming prejudice into acceptance, inequity into justice, and hostility into peace within the communities of Los Angeles County. The John Anson Ford Human Relations Awards is an annual event to honor individuals and organizations that have significantly impacted human relations in Los Angeles County for the better.

"The awardees we recognize today have shown courage and selflessness in their pursuit of changing lives in their communities. Our goals cannot be achieved without the unity between innovative individuals, organizations, and other community partners, such as those we recognize today. I congratulate each of this year's John Anson Ford Human Relations Award winners," said Cynthia Banks, Director of County of Los Angeles Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services.

Those recognized on October 9th include:

- "Through Our Eyes" Project by Legacy LA – An idea that came to them on their walk home



2018 John Anson Ford Awardees with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. (Photo courtesy of Benny Uy)

from Legacy LA while witnessing police officers holding neighborhood youth in handcuffs, led to the creation of the Through Our Eyes Workshop. They felt that there was a need to bring youth and police officers together for dialogue about conditions in the neighborhood but also to learn about each other, that is, to see life through each other's eyes. They saw this as a way to not only begin to build relationships between youth and police but more importantly, a way to reduce the criminalization of youth.

- St. John's Well Child & Family Center, Transgender Health

Program - Patient G.M is a Latina trans woman in her 40s. The patient had been detained by ICE due to her undocumented status. During incarceration, she faced bullying as well as physical and sexual abuse by both fellow inmates and staff. One day out of desperation from all the bullying and intense gender dysphoria, the patient found an instrument and hurt herself. This incident brought her out of custody and was she eventually referred to St. John's for ongoing therapy and medical services. Through therapy, the patient was able to manage her depression, anxiety and PTSD symptoms. She also was able to acknowledge and develop coping skills to help her through her gender dysphoria. Once emotionally stable, she was approved for gender reassignment surgery. The patient continued to also receive primary care and therapy to support her through her application to apply for asylum. The letter in support of her application for asylum from a St. John's therapist based on gender dysphoria and harm that she is sure to face if deported, allowed the case for her asylum to move forward. The case is currently pending. Through all this support, the patient continues to thrive, is currently employed and continues to receive ongoing support and hormone replacement therapy at St. John's.

- National Council of Jewish Women LA, Change the Talk - The Change the Talk workshop is an interactive presentation that is facilitated by teen Peer Educa-

tors at high schools and youth groups across Los Angeles. The workshop educates students about definitions and causes of sexual violence, laws of consent, resources for survivors, and bystander intervention. Change the Talk also trains teens to become Peer Educators and to teach their peers about sexual violence prevention and consent culture. The program is an opportunity for teens to gain leadership skills and become change-makers in their communities.

- South Coast Interfaith Council, Interfaith Cafes - The South Coast Interfaith Council Interfaith Cafes provide a safe space for people of different, and often misunderstood faiths, to come together and truly learn about one another and connect heart-to-heart. As a result, people leave the cafes realizing that, at the end of the day, we are much more alike than we are different as brothers and sisters in one shared humanity.

- Burbank Human Relations Council, Hate Crime Victim Support Program - The Burbank Human Relations Council (BHRC) is celebrating its 60th anniversary of bringing "Togetherness" to their community. They are an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization promoting an environment that is open and accepting of every person without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age. They use several vehicles to reach their goal, including a variety of educational programs, intergroup tension and conflict resolution, and support

for equality. They also work with local police in monitoring hate crime activity and offering support to victims.

- Mario Angel Escobar, Professor - Since the early 1990's he has worked on improving youth rights, immigration law reform, labor rights and equity in higher education. He has helped bring awareness of the plight of young immigrants who eventually benefited from California Assembly Bill 540, supporting Belmont High school students, fasting with other members of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights- Los Angeles (CHIRLA) on behalf of immigrants of various ethnic groups and with the Honorable Gil Cedillo while campaigning for the California Dream Act. He has also provided training and facilitation services for campaign organizations, helping to build strong multi-ethnic coalitions across our movements here in Los Angeles. More recently he has worked on the STEM Mentoring Program and the DACA Center to support low-income, first-generation community college students.

- Ronald Wakabayashi, Regional Director at U.S. Justice Department's Community Relations Service - Ron Wakabayashi was selected by the national board of the Japanese American Citizens to serve as the national director of the organization during the legislative campaign that brought about the community testimony to document the suf-

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Monterey Park Police Department Joins Fight Against Breast Cancer, Supports Pink Patch Project

Special edition pink patches, challenge coins and t-shirts now on sale to raise funds



Police department staff in uniform with pink patches.

MONTEREY PARK- The Pink Patch Project (#PinkPatchProject) is an innovative public awareness campaign that is designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and support cancer research organizations and support groups in combating the disease. In addition to raising funds to fight breast cancer, the project aims to raise awareness about early detection and treatment for breast cancer. It is estimated that approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. While the disease can have a profound impact on the patient and her loved ones, it is also one that can be effectively treated with surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy and chemotherapy.

The Pink Patch Project has grown into a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles

County Chiefs' of Police Association and numerous law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County and beyond, including the Monterey Park Police Department.

Each police department collaborating in this campaign has partnered with a cancer research organization or support group in their respective communities. As part of this initiative, each police department is selling their pink patches, pink patch t-shirts and other commemorative item directly to the community. In addition to our public education efforts, goal of the Pink Patch Project is to raise funds from the sale of these items that will go directly to fund the research, treatment and education needed to help find a cure.

The public can show their support for the Pink Patch Project by purchasing patches, challenge coins and t-shirts di-

rectly from the Monterey Park Police Department. For purchase information, please contact Captain Kelly Gordon at kgordon@montereypark.ca.gov or visit the city hall police department front counter.

The Pink Patch Project centers on vibrant pink versions of the police officer's uniform patch, which have been specially designed by each agency for the Pink Patch Project campaign. Police officers at each of the agencies participating in the campaign will wear these pink patches on their regular police uniforms for the entire month of October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The pink patches are intended to stimulate conversation within the community and to encourage public awareness about the on-going fight against this disease and importance of early detection.

Kiwanis Division 35 Begins a New Year with a New Leader

DUARTE- Kiwanis Division 35 clubs installed their new Lt. Governor on September 30, 2018. Lt. Governor, Gina Fanara has a passion for art, and a passion for kids. This new Division Leader has two main projects in mind:

1) A focus on the arts for kids with a campaign to collect crayons that will be melted down to make triangle crayons for kids in hospitals - Sparking recovery through art!

2) Working to create an inclusive environment for all kids from all walks of life, specifically those kids in the LGBTQ community. The mission is powerful and aligns perfectly with the Kiwanis International Vision - changing the world one child, and one community, at a time.

Kiwanis Division 35 currently has 14 clubs in the fol-



Kiwanis Cal Nev Ha Governor, Rocci Barsotti and Division 35 Lt. Governor, Gina Fanara

lowing cities:

- Arcadia
- Covina/South Hills
- Diamond Bar
- El Monte
- Glendora (2)
- Hacienda Heights
- La Puente
- Monrovia

- San Dimas/La Verne
- San Gabriel (Bi-Lingual Chinese)

- Sierra Madre
- Walnut Valley
- West Covina

Check out the Division 35 Facebook Page for further information.



Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary To Hold Holiday Open House

GLENDORA - To usher in the holiday season and to thank the community for its continued support, The Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary would like to invite you to attend their annual Holiday Open House and Sale to be held on Monday, **December 3rd** between 1 and 5 pm. The gift shop will be offering beautiful, unique items perfect for those important people on your list. There will be a 20% discount on all holiday items purchased that afternoon. Delicious goodies, along with warm beverages, will be served. Remember, the proceeds of this sale will go towards capital improvements of the hospital and our scholarship fund.



Auxiliary member, Dlorah Gonzales, and Lobby Shop manager, Kristine McLeod, welcomes holiday shoppers.

If you would like more information on this event or are interested in joining our wonderful group of volunteers, please call (626)857-3103. The Foothill Presbyterian Hospital is at 250 S Grand Ave, Glendora.

Azusans Gather to Meditate Under the Full Moon

AZUSA - Images of a full moon celebration may evoke themes of colorful festivities and excess, but on September 24th, 2018, peace seeking Azusans gathered instead for a peaceful meditation session under the light of the September full moon.

Dhammakaya International Meditation Center (DIMC) hosted its first outdoor full moon meditation event this year during the Harvest moon. The event was organized by DIMC's Peace Point Meditation, whose program focuses on providing secular meditation classes to the general public. The event coincides with the annual Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, a lunar festival often celebrated in east Asian cultures.

Buddhism considers the full moon to be of special significance. Buddhist holy days take place during the full moon and the historic Buddha was believed to be born, attained enlightenment, and passed away on full

moon days.

"The full moon is a powerful Buddhist symbol and even without religious connotations, we realized that coming together under a beautiful night is exciting and rejuvenating. We wanted to bring this energy to a wider audience, no matter what background or belief they may come from. Anyone can appreciate the mutual energy at such an event" according to Shawnee Younvanich, a spokesperson for Dhammakaya International Meditation Center.

The event attracted over 100 local participants and exceeded the planned capacity of the event. Attendees included the former mayor of Azusa Cristina Cruz Madrid, who delivered an opening statement.

"This place has always been one of spiritual significance," said Cristina Cruz Madrid, who expressed appreciation for the spiritual history of DIMC, formerly owned by a Jesuit retreat

center.

The 2-hour program included guided stretching exercises led by Dalia Haas, a professional yoga instructor, with a 45 minute meditation led by Venerable Andrew Tikkhaviro. The program ended with a tranquil candle lighting activity, where each participant received a candle light to place together, representing oneness under the moon and the light within.

DIMC plans to host a full moon meditation monthly, with dates falling in line with the lunar calendar. Future dates include October 24th and November 25th. Many participants noted the dropped temperatures of the evening, therefore attendees are advised to dress appropriately and bring blankets if needed.

For more information, contact Peace Point Meditation at peacepointmeditation.org, or email info@peacepointmeditation.org at

Women's Philanthropic Club Meetings

EL MONTE - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, and helping good causes? Do you want to make a difference in the community and enjoy networking? El Monte Women's Club is a local philanthropic service organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life.

On **October 23**, at 11:00, El Monte Women's Club will have a General Meeting and potluck lunch. This "meet-and-greet" will be held in the Grace T. Black Auditorium, part of the El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Avenue in El Monte.

The meeting is a great way to meet the members of El Monte Women's Club and learn about the club's wide variety of service and fun activities. Club members volunteer their time to improve the community while making new friends, learning new skills, and having fun.

Anyone interested in joining

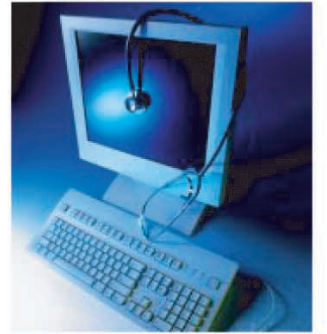
is welcome to attend. You can bring a friend along or just come and meet your future friends!

If you're interested but can't attend this daytime meeting, there is an evening meeting for you. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 24**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, in the conference room, #150, at the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School, 10807 Ramona Boulevard, in El Monte.

El Monte Women's Club is a friendly, caring group of women of diverse ages. This club has existed since 1902 and currently has 67 members.

You can choose to be as actively involved as you like, based on your time and interests. To learn more about El Monte Women's Club, contact Jackie via email at mzjackiem@sbcglobal.net or visit them online at www.elmontewomensclub.org and www.facebook.com/elmontewomensclub

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City Of Glendora Community Services Department October/Fall Special Events

Annual Pumpkin Festival
Families are invited to come to this family fun event on Saturday, **October 20**. The event will feature children's games, Pony Rides, Hay Jump, and a Petting Zoo. Visitors will have the unique opportunity to tour the Historical Hamilton House, Rainbird Shed, and Print Shop. The Western Antique Power Associates will be displaying stationary engines and other antique machinery.

The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Heritage Park located at 725 East Mauna Loa Ave., next to South Hills Park. Children up to 4 years old are free. Admission for all others is a \$3.00 donation. Proceeds benefit the Glendora Preservation Foundation. Residents are encouraged to ride the free shuttle from the Glendora City Hall parking lot located at the corner of Foothill Blvd. and S. Vista Bonita Ave. Shuttles will begin running at 10:00 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Glendora

Preservation Foundation and the City of Glendora, Community Services Department. For further information call (626) 914-2357.

Frankenweenie - Outdoor Movie At Finkbiner Park

The Community Services Department and the Glendora Rotary Club are planning a fun-filled evening in the park on Friday, **October 26** at the Larry R. Glenn Bandshell located at Finkbiner Park 187 N. Cullen Ave.

This year's FREE Halloween movie is Disney's Frankenweenie. Come early, bring a picnic dinner, or purchase refreshments. Seating is on the grass, bring your blankets or beach chairs. The movie will begin at sundown. For further information call (626) 914-2357.

Halloween Carnival

Goblins, Ghost and Ghouls are expected at the annual Hal-

loween Carnival. This spine-chilling event for youth ages 12 and under, will take place on Wednesday, **October 31**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Finkbiner Park. The carnival is a safe and fun alternative to trick-or-treating. There will be fun activities such as game booths, prizes, a costume contest, refreshments, and bounce houses. Games are available for a nominal fee.

Zombies are expected to perform the famous Thriller dance during the event. This Michael Jackson inspired performance is being organized by Top Billing Entertainment dancers. Zombies who are looking to participate in the performance, can register for the dance class at www.cityofglendora.org/register and search the keyword "thriller". Finkbiner Park is located at 160 N. Wabash Ave. For more information, please call (626) 914-2357.

Pros and Cons of November Ballot Measures

COVINA - The League of Women Voters of East San Gabriel Valley is presenting the Pros and Cons of the November ballot measures at the Covina Public Library on the following dates and times:

- October 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- October 24 at 6:00 p.m.

• November 3 at 1:00 p.m.
The program is free to attend and is part of our organization's voter education services.

Covina Public Library is at 234 North Second Street, Covina.

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'Best In Class' Recognized By Productivity And Quality Commission

Innovations Projected to Exceed \$145 Million in Savings and Benefits

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - County programs that achieve significant savings and benefits while pushing the bar of innovation and productivity took center stage at the 32nd Annual Productivity and Quality Awards (PQA) ceremony held at the Music Center on October 10. County Supervisors joined department heads, nonprofits and labor partners to recognize the very best in social service delivery to the County's 10 million residents.

Among the coveted "Top 10" winners was the Department of Parks and Recreation's Parks After Dark program which advances safety, health, social cohesion and equity in disadvantaged communities at 33 parks; also recognized was the County Library's Great Read Away, which reduces youth fines, encourages reading and increases library use; and the Department of Health Services' Homeless Task Force: Home is Where Your Health Is, a program at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

to identify and link homeless emergency patients to vital resources, such as supportive housing, was highlighted.

"These projects represent investments that transform lives, foster vibrant and resilient communities, and realize tomorrow's government today," said County CEO Sachi A. Hamai. "We can be proud of the work our departments are doing to innovate and deliver value to residents and taxpayers."

From the "Top 10" winners, three programs were singled out to earn the prestigious Gold, Silver and Bronze Eagle awards, the highest-level recognitions bestowed by Commission members.

Bronze Eagle Award "Hepatitis A Outbreak Response"

Department of Public Health with Departments of Health Services, Sheriff, Fire and Human Resources

Silver Eagle Award

"ADD to Improve Pre-Hospital Patient Care"

Fire Department Gold Eagle Award

"Parks After Dark"

Department of Parks and Recreation with Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Children and Family Services, Probation, Sheriff, and Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

CBS2/KCAL9 news anchor Suzie Suh served as master of ceremonies. The Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Office and the Quality and Productivity Commission jointly sponsored the event. Programs honored this year could result in estimated annual benefits to the County more than \$145 million. The Commission publishes the PQA projects in its annual "Best and Shared Practices Report," which is distributed to County departments and related agencies." See the report at <http://qpc.lacounty.gov>.

Barger Proposes Public Health Effort To Address The Spread Of Disease Among County Homeless Population

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Supervisor Kathryn Barger has introduced a motion that brings forward a public health-centered effort to address the emergence of diseases that have impacted the County, especially among the homeless population.

The motion by Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn introduces a new concept that involves County partnership with cities to coordinate housing placement efforts and public health prevention efforts in areas where city sanitation resources are deployed. Typically, when unsanitary, high-risk areas are cleaned out by local agencies, the people occupying those areas temporarily move and come back when cleaning efforts are com-

plete
"This program seeks to put an end to this cycle. It is simply inhumane to stand by while people are living in dangerous conditions," said Supervisor Barger. "Our communities deserve better, and the time to act is now."

According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's data, there has been a fluctuating upward trend in annual typhus cases since 2009. In 2016, there were 47 confirmed cases of typhus. The following year in 2017, there were 67 confirmed cases. This year so far, 2018 has seen 63 confirmed cases. These numbers exclude Pasadena and Long Beach, as both cities have independent health departments which track and re-

spond to cases in their respective cities.

In 2018, Pasadena Public Health has confirmed 20 cases of typhus and the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services has reported 12 cases.

Flea-borne typhus, also known as murine or endemic typhus, is transmitted to humans by fleas that are infected with two bacteria *Rickettsia typhi* and *Rickettsia felis*. The most frequent hosts of infected fleas are rats, cats, and opossums. Symptoms of flea-borne typhus among infected humans include high fever, chills, headache and rashes. While typhus can be effectively treated with antibiotics, typhus can result in hospitalization and, in very rare cases, death.

Glendora Police Arrest Suspected Citrus College "Peeping Tom"

GLENDORA - The Glendora Police Department (GPD) announces the arrest of a subject that is suspected of entering a Citrus College campus women's restroom in an attempt to watch females while they were in bathroom stalls.

Glendora Police Department personnel were relentless in their investigation efforts and worked tirelessly in the days following the incidents. Throughout this investigation GPD Detectives worked closely with Citrus College and their staff in an effort to identify vic-

tims and the suspect.

Phillip Osuna, Male 25 years-old, Citrus College student, Covina resident was arrested on Friday, October 5, 2018. Osuna was arrested and booked on four counts of violating 647(j)(1) PC, Invasion of Privacy. This law applies to situations where a suspect peeks through a hole or an opening into an area someone is occupying in which a reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Osuna is on parole for an unrelated crime; a parole no bail hold was placed.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Glendora Police Department at 626-914-8250 or Detective Mike Howell at 626-914-8282 or via email mhowell@glendorapd.org.

Or you may report information anonymously by calling "Crime stoppers" by dialing 800-222-Tips (8477), using your smart phone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple APP Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

Vote by Mail Ballots Mailed for the November 6th General Election

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) began mailing 2,373,103 new and improved Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots for the November 6th General Election.

The new Vote by Mail ballots are easier to read, easier to understand, easier to fill out and

no postage is required. Get the facts and review the FAQs.

Request a VBM ballot online or by filling out and returning the back side of the sample ballot booklet. Track the status of your ballot online with the VBM status tool.

There are 150 VBM Drop-Off locations open across the County for voters to securely

drop off their ballot in-person.

Any voter can visit their Norwalk office on the 3rd floor and vote early.

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

Glendora Mayor Pro Tem Nelson Presents County Parcel Tax

By Lois M. Shade
Yes! Another Tax!!
Next Saturday, October 20, Glendora Mayor Pro Tem Judy Nelson will share with us the Los Angeles County Supervisors plan to lay an additional

tax on our property tax bill.
* a tax on impervious surfaces at your home and business
* how much additional tax will you pay?
* who will decided how

much tax you pay --- an elected board or political appointments?

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Cities Struggle With Homeless and Crime

This article is a modification and update of a previous article done May 2018.

Local government is now wrestling with a homeless population including the early released convicted criminals, most with no treatment or support services. Citizens are demanding, sometimes irately, local police solve the unacceptable behavior inflicted on their neighborhoods. The information below shows our local elected officials and local police did not create this problem, our state legislators did.

When you go to the polls November 6th, remember the elected officials in the San Gabriel Valley now seeking election to another seat are the ones who approved AB 109 starting early release of the criminals that may now be in your neighborhoods.

- Assemblyman Ricardo Lara, re-elected as Senator of 33rd Senate District and running now for Insurance Commissioner.

- Assemblyman Roger Hernandez running for West Covina City Council.

- Assemblyman Mike Eng, known to Glendorans as Cong. Judy Chu's spouse, is now running for Senate District 22 against Susan Rubio, ex-wife of Roger Hernandez.

- Senator Kevin De Leon is now running for U.S. Senate against Sen. Diane Feinstein. He is author of SB 1 restricting local police interfacing with ICE (immigration).

- Assemblyman Anthony Portantino now represents the 25th Senate District

Counties and cities are still dealing with Gov. Jerry Brown's "shortcut" to meet the demand of the U.S. Supreme Court to reduce prison population. His "shortcuts" were AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57 reducing felonies to misdemeanors, never adequately defined violent crime allowing reduced prison sentences, first putting, 45,000 criminals onto our streets and then another 30,000 violent criminals without regard to the damage done to the law-abiders.

Props 47 (2014) and Prop 57 (2016) allowed reduced prison sentences for illegal drug possession, hate crimes, assault on a peace officer, human trafficking of a minor, rape by intoxication, attempted murder, terrorist threats, lewd and lascivious acts with a minor, battery, domestic violence and other violent offenses. The top five supporting Prop 57:

- Brown's Ballot Measure Committee - \$4.138 million;
- California Democratic Party - \$1.174 million;
- Thomas Steyer - \$1.750 mil-



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

lion;

- Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook) with \$1 million;
- \$15 million was raised by PACS.

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) contributed \$3.5 million to the campaign supporting Proposition 47 in 2014.

Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, gubernatorial candidate, supported passage of Props 47 and 57. Opposing passage of Prop 57 were District Attorneys, peace officers with various contributions and Schubert for District Attorney 2018, Sacramento County, who contributed \$23,194.40. Unfortunately, a majority of the voters approved both propositions.

Assistant Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA) forewarned Brown of the flaws in Prop 57. Michele Hanisee, President, ADDA, released a voicemail message Gov. Brown left for Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims after she, and law enforcement leaders, put out a mailer. The mailer was regarding an inmate serving a 100-year prison sentence after being convicted in L.A. County of 10 charges involving horrific sex crimes and possession of a gun as a felon. Sims said under Prop 57, he would be eligible for release after serving 8 years.

Brown's voicemail message left for Sheriff Sims: "This guy was sentenced to 100 years, and he's a registered sex offender, and on both accounts would not be getting out."

Hanisee's response to the Governor's tirade: "Why is that comment disturbing? Because not only was Governor Brown wrong, it reveals he simply does not understand his own initiative, yet chooses to berate those who do." When confronted with the problems of Prop 57, Brown promised to take care of it and fix the problems. The promised regulations restricting parole for some sex crimes were published by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) but were challenged in court and never implemented.

Senate Bill 75, introduced by state Sen. Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel), would have reclassified more than 20 offenses as violent felonies, including certain forms of rape and crimes such as inflicting injury on a child and assaulting an officer with a deadly weapon. The legislation was voted down with a 5-2 vote along party lines on April 18, 2017.

A new initiative was proposed titled Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 and submitted on October 31, 2017 and, on February 7, 2018, the campaign reported collecting at least 25% of the required 365,880 valid signatures to get this initiative on the November 6 ballot.

July 7, 2018, ADDA Michelle Hanisee reported: "It is rather disturbing that the statewide ballot initiative called the "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018" will not appear on the November ballot, not because it lacked valid signatures, but because a number of County Registrar of Voters failed to validate signatures by the deadline. That failure has prevented this common sense initiative, which makes widely supported changes to Prop 47 and Prop 57, from appearing on the November 2018 ballot".

Hanisee wrote: "More than 100,000 submitted signatures were not counted because a total of thirteen Registrars did not conduct the random sample validation process in time. These counties include San Diego, Ventura, Contra Costa and San Joaquin. These four counties alone accounted for more than 95,000 signatures received but not verified by the deadline for the 2018 election... With a verification rate above 75%, there is no question that had the thirteen Registrars done their job, "Keeping California Safe Act" would have qualified for the 2018 ballot."

And, in Andrea Schubert's district attorney race. She won and was supported by three local Democrats - Sacramento City Council members Steve Hansen and Eric Guerra and Sacramento City Unified School Board Member, Darrel Woo - who were expelled from the central committee of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County for endorsing her.

The initiative proponents of "Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018" said they are ready to come back for the 2020 election. Will we all be ready to help them out this time around?

A Salute To Courageous Women

Ever since the day of the explosive Senate committee's interview with Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh, I have been bombarded with e-mails, phone calls and personal conversations asking when I was going to write about my take on the event, and how it relates to the larger explosive issue. I have made a half-dozen tries to put in writing what I feel. But each time I make an attempt I am overcome by anger, and now in light of the final outcome, a grey sadness for American women. And what could I say that has not already been spelled out? But Jan Linn, a ministerial colleague, has stated the situation far better than any of my efforts. So I have received permission to reproduce his blog as my week's column. It is not the first time I have relied on Jan's wisdom and ability to describe what I feel. So here is his analysis.

Courageous Women Changing America

October 2, 2018 by linnposts.com

The national debate sparked by last week's testimony of Christine Blasey Ford against Brett Kavanaugh reflects the fact that sexual assault and abuse are examples of the larger issue of male hegemony that has existed in our country - and the world - for too long.

Let's not forget that women only gained the right to vote in 1920, having been denied that fundamental right by men for 132 years.

Yet, little changed in America for women in real terms until Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment in 1972. That set off the kind of debate we are seeing now. By the way, the Amendment is still fighting for its life, needing only one more state to reach the 38 state threshold for ratification.

The #MeToo movement is a direct descendent of the equal rights amendment fight.

But the key point here is that the charges against Kavanaugh cannot escape this historical context, try as he did last Thursday to make it all about politics.

Of course, it is about politics because he was appointed by a political leader, is seeking confirmation by other political leaders, and being opposed by still others.

But it is about much more than politics. It's about the way he and



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most men were raised to view women.

His mother may have been a competent professional who stood out because she achieved success in a male dominated profession (law), but Kavanaugh's high school and college behavior showed that he was more influenced by the way the dominant culture views and treats women than he was by his mother's personal achievements.

The "boys will be boys" mantra we have heard as a justification for anything he might have done is a perfect example of why we know sexism, and in some instances outright misogyny, remain embedded in male attitudes and actions toward women.

Moreover, the Lindsey Graham tirades during the hearings proved that many men still do not understand the cultural shift the #MeToo movement represents.

Graham wasn't just protesting how he believed Kavanaugh was being treated. He was lamenting the loss of power he feels as a man because of the sins of our past.

I believe most women simply want equal rights and equal treatment under the law, but if some are angry at men, let's not forget that we men have earned it.

Social unrest doesn't erupt out of a vacuum. It is always rooted in injustice, in this instance, injustice women have endured.

That is what Kavanaugh is caught up in at this moment. He wants to blame some orchestrated left wing conspiracy for his troubles, but if he is a victim as he wants to believe, it is of his own making simply because he has enjoyed and taken advantage of the privilege being male and being white have afforded him.

The irony for me is that I actually believe Kavanaugh genuinely cannot remember what he did to Dr. Ford because drunk boys often don't remember the stupid and sometimes violent

things they did.

Every grown man today knows exactly why Kavanaugh cannot remember what he did in high school, and also why Dr. Ford paid the price for being a girl in a man's world back then.

I saw the behavior of drunk guys in high school. I got into a fight with one of them at a party because of a sexual slur he made about the girl I was with whom he had once dated. He laughed, too, when he made his nasty comment, until we went outside.

By the way, I don't remember lot of the details of that night. I don't remember the name of the girl whose house we were in, or the friends of the guy I fought, or anyone else who was there. I only remember the girl I was with, a friend of mine and his date, and the guy I fought. But not remembering much about that night doesn't change the fact that the fight actually happened.

If men today are angry because they don't feel safe because of the #MeToo movement, it is because there is no other way for our society to redeem the way men have treated women, sadly sometimes with the support of other women.

So this controversy is not going away regardless of what happens with the Kavanaugh nomination because it is a moment in a much larger social revolution now taking place.

I believe our society has always become better when we have had to undergo this kind of upheaval.

That will be the case again because of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's testimony that captured the nation's attention last week.

We are witnessing history in the making, always a messy, turbulent process when people have to confront ugly truths about themselves.

In this instance, we saw the agony on the face of a real person and heard the anguish in her words as she told her story of what happened to her because of the attitude toward girls boys in her generation learned from men.

That not only has to change, it is changing. It comes too late for Dr. Ford, and even for Brett Kavanaugh, but it is not too late for her children and his.

That change will help all of us be and do better.

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Just Having Fun, No Harm, No Foul

For those of you that know me, I am a prankster at heart. I tell stupid jokes and do so goofy magic. One may think this is a lot of fun to shock people and see their reaction. I have some special cars that I drive around. On this particular day, I took out the Ferrari F30 and went to the store. The car gets a lot of looks and people often take pictures of it. I sometimes find them standing next to the car and getting their picture taken.

I walked up on a guy while he was taking pictures of my car in a store parking lot. I told him to give me the cell phone (camera) and I would take pictures of him by "my" car. Then I told him, "go ahead, get in and I will get some more pictures with him sitting in it." The door was unlocked and he was reluctant to get in, but I told him go ahead. I took a few good pictures and then all of a sudden, I said, "Holy Crap! Here comes the real owner. He is the MMA Fighter guy," as I handed him his phone and quickly hurried away. This poor guy panicked and quickly got out of the car and stayed ducked down and tried to move around to the back while trying to look over the top



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

of the car to see where this guy was. Well of course there was no guy. He made it back to his parked car and got in and told him I was just kidding, it was in fact my car. Just to see the relief on this guy's face was funny. He thanked me for the pictures and took off. We had a good laugh.

Before I do my comedy show, I often stand in line as if I am going to the show myself. I listen to people talk in line to each other and on the phone. This is how I get some of my material. I then try to have them seated in the front tables and then they become my targets you could say. I will repeat some of the stuff I heard and start getting their reactions. An example, a girl had a dog and it pooped on her pillow and she could smell it but didn't

know where it was. She ended up laying her head in the poop. I tell the story and then let everyone know she is a guest on my show and she is right here and I go down to her and interview her about this episode in her life. Naturally I give her a nickname, "Hey everyone, meet a real PoopPooHead. We can get a hilarious 15 minute routine out of this.

I volunteer as a Bar Pretender at a local veteran's organization. I leave things laying around like "shock pens" and a stun-gun that actually shocks the user. Fake bugs... you know, all the stuff that could catch people off guard.

I have my card tricks and other little magic things that go along with jokes incorporated into the routine.

The main goal is to entertain and get a little laughter for these people at the bar. Maybe even WOW a few people in the process.

Life is tough enough with what is going on out there in the world and if we could all get together just a little bit to have a good time, then we should make that effort. Life is just too short.

"That's just the way it is!"

I Am Brett Kavanaugh!

I love the often and sometimes subtle ironies of life that play out, especially in our current events. There has been endless discussions of not only the circus surrounding the so-called "investigations" of Brett Kavanaugh in his big "job interview," as he seeks confirmation for his position on the Supreme Court, but also the many "U Tube" video moments the Senators provided once the first hearings began. One such highlight was when New Jersey Senator Cory Booker called this his "Spartacus moment." Likely for him, more a moment for his future presidential campaign.

The other part of the discussion is the similarities between this collection of Trump Derangement Syndrome antics being exhibited by the Democrats and the Never Trump folks, funneling their continued dislike of the controversial President through one of his picks, Kavanaugh. It is reminiscent of the old Hollywood McCarthy era "Black list" that has been predicated in a ideological reversal with this new blacklist that first began with Liberal film makers, stars and entertainers blacklisting Conservatives in Hollywood. And now, it is extending to anyone Trump



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appoints to his administration or the court vacancies that arrive under his term. Humorously, it is denied by them, but the similarities are difficult to avoid. Just ask Kanye West.

A prominent fighter in the original Joe McCarthy days was actor Kirk Douglas, who championed the plight of a Hollywood screenwriter caught up in the accusations of Communist ties. His name was Dalton Trumbo, who became a symbol of the blacklist victims. He was often the subject of many entertainers' acceptance speeches in awards shows, and he was the subject of a 2015 film biography starring Bryan Cranston.

But in the beginning, it was Douglas who not only insisted on using Trumbo in some of his productions but also would not allow credit omissions or

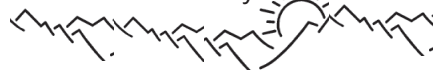
the use of a pen name to conceal his participation. One such Trumbo film with Kirk Douglas was a personal favorite of the actor called "Lonely Are The Brave." This 1962 classic was a story about an itinerant cowboy in contemporary New Mexico, who was, as the DVD liner notes say, "on a collision course with the modern world."

If one wants to appreciate Trumbo's work and Douglas' appreciation of the film, catch the fine performances by, not only Douglas, but Walter Matthau, Gena Rowlands, William Schallert, George Kennedy and a fellow named Carrol O'Connor, hauling a trailer truck of toilets cross country.

I love the often and sometimes subtle ironies of life when you consider another Douglas film, he personally liked that was penned by Trumbo. A little film called...wait for it... "Spartacus."

Now there is something I am sure the young Senator Booker was not aware of when he participated in this new blacklist.

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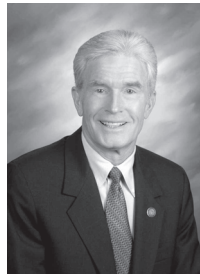
Predicting The Road Ahead

The USA's economy seems to be on speed control. The Fed is on the right track, and Wall Street traders have it all figured out - at least they think they have! The economy is strong. FOMC participants stand united in their commitment to continue gradual rate hikes into 2019. Indeed, the committee is the most hawkish since mistakenly raising rates too far in 2006. Street economists agree with FOMC participants in thinking inflation is the primary risk facing the economy. Very few think the Fed has already taken rate hikes too far, too fast. However, there are those who believe more tightening may create a very fragile economic environment.

GDP grew at a 4.2% annual rate in Q2 and is tracking better than 4% in Q3. The best word to describe current conditions is "strong." Strong growth, strong business investment, strong consumption, strong employment growth. Inflation appears to be tame now, but rose from 1.5% to 2% in the past six months. The unemployment rate is remarkably low. However, the combination of strong growth, 50-year low unemployment and on-target inflation is giving the Fed fits. Every instinct in their forecasting arsenal suggests this is a recipe for runaway inflation.

But, there are a few signs the economy is already slowing. ISM manufacturing and nonmanufacturing numbers suggest growth is likely to cool. Slower may mean 3-3.5%, still too fast for a nervous Fed. However, it's a start toward normalcy. And, given the Institute for Supply Management's sensitivity to long-term interest rates, business levels may slow further now that the 10-year note is trading above 3%. The quality of job growth is changing, too. After a year of fantastic goods-producing employment growth between the summer of 2017 and the summer of 2018, some of these high-paying jobs are no longer booming. Industrial jobs are more sensitive to Fed policy than service jobs, so a goods-producing slowdown may be evidence of tightening beginning to bite. The Fed has a

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track record of overshooting. Participants will want definitive evidence that inflation is contained before backing off. They always do.

Why is the Fed so certain the economy will overheat? Even the doves on the FOMC believe a tight US labor market determines the course of US inflation. They believe a shortage of workers - signified by an unemployment rate lower than the Fed's 4.6% natural unemployment rate forecast - will lead to ever-accelerating inflation. They believe the process is inevitable, though it can be occasionally delayed by "transitory factors," which is what the Fed labels the myriad of factors acting on inflation that don't fit into their single-factor model.

If you believe, as the Fed does, that tight labor markets solely determine inflation, then the transmission mechanism has to be wages. Never mind that wages have accelerated plenty of times in the past thirty years without excessive inflation.

A recent pickup in wage inflation reinforces FOMC participants near certainty that they must continue tightening. Wages don't appear to be keeping up with inflation, but nominal wage growth is trending higher and has already reached a cycle high.

Given the labor market is tight enough to cause wage inflation, it is hard for anyone who thinks in terms of the Fed's economic framework to imagine inflation will not accelerate with wages. The Fed's forecast framework is built around the assumption that a tight job market leads to wage inflation which leads to price inflation. This time wage inflation might not lead to price inflation.

When the Fed raises rates, it

has the greatest impact on the weakest borrower, who has a hard time servicing high-cost debt and a harder time accessing credit. In the US, credit card borrowers are already suffering higher delinquencies. Sub-prime auto sales are down 10% year-on-year, while prime financing is flat. There's not much sub-prime lending in the US since the financial crisis, but it's a different story in the emerging markets.

As it is, the emerging market mess is barely on the Fed's radar. That mess will bring lower inflation, but it only warrants a change in policy if, as Chairman Powell and others have explained, the "contagion" spills into US markets and the US economy to the extent it affects their forecast.

The Fed will raise rates again in December. The market expects another two rate hikes next year in March and June, mostly because FOMC participants are quite certain they will hike and have not been shy about sharing their forecast. Wall Street thinks inflation will slow sufficiently by March, however, which may prevent both of these hikes.

Recession is already certain in Argentina, Turkey, and South Africa. It is likely in Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Russia (assuming oil prices break), and at least some OPEC nations. A slowdown is already underway in China. It will deepen. The EU, given its deep exposure to emerging economies both in exports and finance, will be sucked in, too.

Many of my colleagues on Wall Street share the hope the Fed will figure out it has tightened excessively by next March. They should get it right because inflation likely will be in retreat by then, because US economic data will start to show cracks. Contagion is bound to start weighing on US equities, and the 2s 10s curve might flatten enough to prompt a policy reassessment within the next nine months.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Can I move the funds from my old 401k to a CD so it's safe and easily accessible?

Only if you pay all the income taxes (plus a 10-percent penalty if you are younger than 59 1/2) on the entire 401k balance. The money in your 401k is considered "qualified," meaning that funds went into that account before you paid taxes on them, and any growth was tax-deferred. Again, when you take money from a qualified account, you must pay taxes on every penny plus a 10% penalty if you are younger than 59 1/2. A CD is non-qualified since you already paid taxes on the money before you put it into a CD, and you pay taxes every year on the growth. You do have other options that would allow you to move those funds, not have to pay taxes (and penalties) now, with guarantees that your money would be safe from losses. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the company.)

Am I allowed to just stop contributing to my 401k? What else is there for retirement savings?

Contributing to a 401k is optional. When you take money out of your 401k during your retirement years, you will be required to pay taxes. You will be required to start taking money out when you reach 70 1/2 years of age. You do have choices. Instead of contributing to your 401k, you could pay your taxes as you earn the money. Then, take some of that money and invest it into an IRA (Individual Retirement Account). (Check with your CPA about the tax deduction in your specific case.) Although you will still be required to take income payments when you reach 70 1/2 years of age, you will only have to pay taxes on the earnings your invest-



Julia Yoder

ment dollars have accumulated over the years. Or, you could invest into a Roth IRA, never be required to take income payments, and pay no further taxes on earnings. Another choice would be to invest in a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy which could provide not only life insurance benefits, but also living benefits like retirement income.

I pay \$2,400 a month rent, plus utilities. Would I be better off buying a house?

Using an online calculator (like BankRate.com), a loan amount of \$350,000, 30-year term (length of loan), shows monthly principal, interest (5-percent), taxes (1.25-percent) and insurance (.75-percent) payments of approximately \$2,463.00. You'll still have utilities, plus home maintenance. With first-time buyer incentives and low mortgage rates, renters can more easily buy now. It is a myth that you need a 20-percent down payment; there are loans requiring a single-digit downpayment. Of course, with less than a 20-percent down, you'll have monthly mortgage insurance, and various other qualifying requirements. Besides the down pay-

ment, you need to save for closing costs and moving expenses, and some extra to ensure you can make your first few months' payments. Download "Your Home Loan Toolkit" at: http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201503_cfpb_your-home-loan-toolkit-web.pdf

We've been talking about selling our home and buying a larger home, but now we're thinking about waiting until after the holidays. What do you suggest?

The Feds have said that they will probably raise rates in December. That will make it harder for some home buyers to qualify for a mortgage loan. Housing inventory (the number of homes for sale) is very limited. If your home is in good condition and you price it right, you could receive multiple offers and it could sell very quickly. Serious buyers are looking to make their move now so that they can be in their new home for the holidays. Having your house on the market when it's filled with delicious smells and decorated for the holidays is a big plus!

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Change Management: The Role of a Catalyst

The other day I was called out for being the "Catalyst" that fostered a badly needed change?? I pondered this for quite some time trying to understand the meaning and the energy that was put on this comment. In the end it simply reinforced how some people just resist change for a multitude of reasons such as fear, comfort level, friendships, alliances and don't understand the simple reality "grow or be irrelevant". Needless to say, I wore this comment as a badge of honor.

There are many examples of failed changes in the corporate world. In modern day management, an organization spends a great number of people (politically correct) hours in an effort to devise strategies that would lead to better and efficient utilization of resources. In spite of careful and well-planned research in increasing the output, it is never guaranteed that the proposed change will be implemented successfully.

It's nearly impossible (not completely) for one man or woman to initiate a change. Many times, organizations resort to the creation of a task force that is comprised of people with good leadership qualities to act as catalysts. Sometimes such people also command an authority over a major section of organization.

The above points lead us to two questions: 'What is a catalyst?' and what is the possibility of successful implementation of a change with the help of a catalyst? Generally, a catalyst means anything that generates circumstances in which a change can be



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successfully or unsuccessfully implemented.

Due to our human nature and upbringing, different people act differently when a change is implemented or is about to in an organization. With the possibility of resistance and or apathy cropping up amongst stakeholder(s), the role of a catalyst is to put in order and to implement an efficient and successful plan for change which is imperative for a positive end goal. Let's take a close look at some of the catalysts important roles and objectives:

One of the important roles of a catalyst is to make things occur. Many people only watch the change but don't acknowledge or react to it; one of the important jobs of a catalyst is to help such employees or interested parties in an organization. In an organization there are people from various backgrounds. For mature and/or experienced staff, change is simply too much to handle. A catalyst helps such folks by listening to their grievances, fears and concerns and helping them in

aligning themselves with the upcoming environment.

Another key responsibility of a catalyst is to answer to or explain the need and consequences of a change in the organization to its employees and other stakeholders. Their feedback, questions and worries should be properly listened to and answered to their satisfaction. Doing this will help them in the transition to the change and would create their trust in the catalyst.

Reason and logic are some of the most important and easiest things to understand, however, emotion often gets in the way. In an organization a catalyst can present logical explanation towards the change. The positive as well as negative aspects of a change should be explained to employee(s) by the catalyst. Here, it is important to be as truthful as possible regarding the different aspects of the change. By sharing his/her view, a catalyst can make it easy for others to connect with the problem and thus result in an efficient implementation of the change.

When in a difficult or unexplainable situation a catalyst can work using the divide and conquer method to solve the problem (i.e., breaking the bigger change into a series of smaller and continuous changes that lead to the fulfillment of the overall change). Smaller changes are less expensive and easier to understand. This makes it easier for others to comprehend the change. Divide and conquer has many negative connotations attached to it. A better way to look at the situation would be to work with smaller groups to build consensus and work through issues.

The role of a catalyst is an exciting as well as a rewarding one. Successful implementation of change not only helps an organization, it also works in improving the life of the employees and stakeholders alike if done successfully. "Be Bold and Act".



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- You notice a different smell (moisture or antifreeze odor inside the car)

- You see a small leak or a puddle from under the car (antifreeze, oil, brake fluid)
- You see lights illuminated on your dashboard (check gauges, check engine light)
- You hear nothing at all (dead battery)

Your mind immediately goes into panic mode! You wonder how long it will take to fix the problem? How will you get to work? How will you pick up the children or get them to school or practice? How will you run errands? How much

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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 **Orchid Hobbyists** **Meeting**

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our **Oct. 18, Monthly Meeting**, at the L.A. County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our Program will be an American Orchid Society Webinar "Green with Envy", in reference to green colored species and introducing the green spectrum into hybrids. Our members relish the Webinars. Refreshments. Welcome all!

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 **Senior Citizens** **Health Fair**

Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education will host its annual Senior Citizens' Health and Safety Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, **Oct. 22** at the Esther Snyder Community Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park. The event will feature free flu shot, health screenings and health resource information.

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. Nutri-

tional 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 **Plant Sale**

The Friendship Garden Club will host its semi-annual plant sale at 11:00am Thursday, **October 25th** at The Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose Avenue, Covina. Cuttings, rooted plants, and containers will be available for sale. Following the plant sale, the Club will hold its monthly meeting at Noon. The guest speaker, Gisele Schoniger of Kellogg Garden Products will give a presentation on home garden fertilizing. A tea will follow the presentation. All interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, call 626-422-7904.

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.

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 **Duarte Museum** **Needs Docents**

It's fun and educational! Volunteer to serve as a docent at the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park. You will serve about every other month on a Wednesday (1-3 p.m.) or Saturday (1-4 p.m.) with a seasoned docent who will train you. Greet visitors, show them around the museum and learn about local history. Training sessions are available. Call Claudia at (626) 358-0329 for more information.

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 **A Salute To Veterans Luncheon**

Join us for a special luncheon with entertainment to honor our Veterans on Thursday, **November 8, 10:30am - 12:30pm**. Veterans entrance is free for this event. Tickets are \$6 per person. Purchase tickets online at www.cityofglendora.org/register or in person at the La Fetra Center.

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75

deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds. This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

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

LA VERNE **Get About** **Transportation**

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

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

MONROVIA **Evensong Invitational**

St. Luke the Physician Episcopal Church in Monrovia will present its 15th annual Men's Evensong Invitational on Sunday, **Oct. 21**, at 4 p.m. The church is located at 122 South California Avenue at Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia. A freewill offering will be taken, and a wine and cheese reception in Guild Hall will follow the program.

Library Dedication to Long-time Teacher

Monrovia High School will dedicate its library in honor of former English teacher Frank Jansson on Friday, **Oct. 26**. The event begins with a 3:30 p.m. reception followed by the formal program at 4 p.m. Jansson, who taught at Monrovia High for more than 43 years, has been lauded for connecting students to literacy. He passed away in 2003. Monrovia High is at 845 W Colorado Blvd., 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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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

Healthy and Nutritious **Holiday Cooking**

ARCADIA - Arcadia Senior Services in partnership with Methodist Hospital will have a special health lecture featuring Victoria Buxton-Pacheco, Methodist Hospital's Registered Dietitian. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive on Tuesday, **October 23** at 1:30pm. She will be speaking on, "Nutrition and

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.

Glendora Genealogy **Group Meeting**

GLENDORA - The Glendora Genealogy Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, **October 23** in the Elm Room of the La Fetra Senior Center, 333 East Foothill Blvd, Glendora. There will be a refresher class led by Pat Chavarria from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This will be followed by our business meeting at 7:00 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Julie Huffman. Julie will be presenting "Genealogy Resources at the Los Angeles Public Library."

Julie Huffman has been the genealogy librarian at the Central Library of Los Angeles Public

Library for four years. The Genealogy and Local History Collection at the Central Library is one of the largest on the west coast, numbering more than 45,000 volumes, including over 10,000 family histories. LAPL also has many city directories, local histories, database subscriptions, and unique indexes.

Julie's heritage is Swedish, English, Scottish, German, Swiss, and Canadian, but she is always striving to learn about all genealogical interests.

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



Celebrate Popcorn: October Is National Popcorn Poppin' Month

Popcorn lovers rejoice: October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month, a seasonal celebration of one of America's oldest and most beloved snack foods. As farmers head into the fields to harvest crops, families and friends gather to honor this ever-popular treat. Whether stovetop, microwave or ready-to-eat, we consume 13 billion quarts each year of this wholesome, whole grain.

Having been long regarded as a sign of good times, popcorn has found a new appreciation by today's lean and green consumer. Celebrated for its seed-to-snack simplicity, popcorn is also non-GMO, vegan, gluten-free, sugar-free and naturally low in fat and calories, which makes it an easy fit for the dietary conscious. And it's budget friendly. A quart of popped popcorn costs as little as 15 cents.

Add in popcorn's irresistible smell, taste and versatility and it's easy to understand its popularity. With so many different ways to eat it—plain, buttery or loaded with goodies—popcorn always fits the mood or occasion.

Pop up a bowl and join the Popcorn Poppin' Month celebration. For a special seasonal



Give your next party extra pizzazz with this sweet and salty Harvest Munch.

snack, try the following recipe courtesy of The Popcorn Board. Learn why popcorn pops, the history of popcorn, corny facts, recipes and more at www.popcorn.org.

Harvest Munch (Monster Munch)

Sweet and salty, this party snack mix can be altered with healthier mix-ins like raisins and nuts. Or for a Halloween bash, add edible eyes and call it Monster Munch!

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 5 minutes

Total Time: 20 minutes

Makes: 12 servings

Ingredients:

8 cups air-popped or stovetop popcorn

4 cups mini pretzel twists

¼ cup butter

½ cup packed brown sugar

2 Tbsp corn syrup

1 cup marshmallows

¼ tsp salt

2 cups mini chocolate peanut butter cups

1 cup candy corn

Instructions:

1. Toss popcorn with pretzel twists; spread out on large parchment paper-lined baking sheet; set aside.

2. In saucepan set over medium heat, combine butter, brown sugar and corn syrup; cook, swirling pan, for 3 to 5 minutes or until brown sugar dissolves and mixture is bubbling.

3. Stir in marshmallows and salt; cook for 30 to 60 seconds or until marshmallows are melted. Pour evenly over popcorn mixture. Sprinkle with mini chocolate peanut butter cups and candy corn. Let cool completely and break into clusters. (NAPSI)

Auxilian of the Year 2018-2019

COVINA - Citrus Valley Inter-Community Auxiliary in Covina has named Marge Moller Auxilian of the Year for 2018-2019. Marge is a native of Massachusetts but moved to California in 1952. Marge and Robert Moller married in 1958 and are the parents of two daughters and a son. She retired in 1996 and decided to become a volunteer at Inter-Community Hospital Auxiliary in Covina. Marge has volunteered her time for 22 years in various departments of the hospital; the Recovery Room, Telecare, Bargain Box, as well as Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary Board. She has completed 5651 hours of service. Her countless hours of service and the many years Marge has given to the auxiliary earned her the honor to be selected Auxilian of the Year. Marge is also active in her church. She joined Covina United Methodist Church in February 1971 where she sang in the choir for many years. She is currently part of the United Methodist Women and Methodist Mates and Friends.



Marge Moller - Auxilian of the Year

Disabled Parking Placard Enforcement Catches 491 Abusers in September

SACRAMENTO—Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) caught 491 people misusing disabled person parking placards during 14 enforcement operations in September. The majority of those offenses took place during five enforcement operations held at the Los Angeles County Fair that resulted in 443 citations. Offenders had their placard confiscated and face fines that range from \$250 to

\$1,000.

Since July 1, 2018, DMV investigators have verified 5,422 disabled person parking placards and found 640 of them being misused.

The DMV holds as many as 24 enforcement operations each month throughout the state targeted at curbing disabled person parking placard abuse. "We ask you to save the space for those individuals who legitimately need a disabled person parking placard

that is issued specifically for their use," said DMV Director Jean Shiimoto.

Anyone who suspects a person might be misusing a disabled person placard is urged to report it using an online complaint form or by contacting a local DMV Investigations office. Submissions are confidential. It is important to note that some qualifying disabilities are not visually apparent and allegations of misuse might be unfounded.



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Awards

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fering and injustice and culminated in the legislation signed by President Regan. The Los Angeles testimony took place in the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hearing room.

• Mary Louise Longoria - She led an alliance of professional media associations, civil rights groups, human relations organizations, entertainment industry labor unions, religious organizations academicians and concerned individuals. She advocated for the media industry to provide balanced portrayals and inclusion, both in front and behind the camera, of people with different racial, ethnic, religious backgrounds and sexual orientation, and persons with disabilities.

“At a time when there is a sense of heightened discrimination and polarization, it’s important for our Commission to lift up the often unsung heroes who are advancing justice and building bridges of understanding,” said Robin Toma, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

Commission President Jarrett Barrios noted that “For all the good work that our Commissioners and staff do, we deeply appreciate these amazing peacemakers, educators and advocates whom we need to meet the numerous intergroup relations and human rights challenges we face in our County.”

The awardees have made tremendous steps toward impacting the County in a way that creates positive social change now and for the future. The Commission on Human Relations, as part of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, is proud to acknowledge and recognize the great work and programs of the awardees.

California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley Acting Conservatory brings the South to SoCal during the fall production of ‘Steel Magnolias’

Performances take place Oct. 19-21 and Oct. 25-27 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse

DUARTE – California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley (CSArts-SGV) Acting Conservatory students bring southern charm to Los Angeles County in their upcoming production of “Steel Magnolias,” a story about dealing with loss through love and friendship. Taking place at the Sierra Madre Playhouse in October, this production is the first of the 2018-2019 school year for the Acting Conservatory, and stars an all-female cast of students in grades nine through 12.

Jay Wallace, CSArts-SGV Chair of Theatre, said “Steel Magnolias” is different from last season’s productions (“The

Yellow Boat,” “Elephant’s Graveyard”), which were more stylistic and experimental. “It felt right to start the season with a play that was filled with good-natured humor, delightfully spirited characters and a dose of heartbreak. This will help round out a season that will be full of surprises as well as commercial fare,” Wallace said, adding that the goal of the Acting Conservatory is to provide students an opportunity to explore theater through a diverse range of styles and genres.

Written by Robert Harling, “Steel Magnolias” is a dark comedy set in a beauty salon and follows a tightly-knit group of women who share an un-

breakable bond, even in the midst of tragedy. The play illustrates the power of generosity and humor while acknowledging the hardship that is inevitably part of life. “Steel Magnolias” celebrates friendship and the empowerment of women.

“This particular piece is intended to be authentic, ripe with humor and full of love. Our goal is to drop the audience right into Truvy’s Beauty Salon and douse them with the banter, jibes and the sheer heart of this group of women,” Wallace said.

“I’d also like to offer a special thanks to the Sierra Madre Playhouse,” continued

Wallace. “For a second season, they have welcomed us in to their charming theater with open arms. This partnership is the beginning of a greater mission to build a strong community arts alliance throughout the greater San Gabriel Valley region. I look forward to future collaboration.”

“Steel Magnolias” is the first production in a long list of exciting performances by CSArts-SGV’s School of Theatre. This season, the Musical Theatre Conservatory will present the all-school musical “Newsies,” as well as the world premiere of “The Merry Lives of Windsor High,” a rock musical inspired by William

Shakespeare’s “Merry Wives of Windsor.” During the spring semester, Acting Conservatory students return to Sierra Madre Playhouse to present the dramatic comedy “She Kills Monsters,” which is about a young girl who grows closer to her deceased sister through the fantasy game “Dungeons & Dragons.”

“Steel Magnolias” takes place Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21 at 2 p.m., Oct. 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at sgv.csarts.net/boxoffice for \$20, or at the door for \$25.

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