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World War II Veteran Honors Citrus College Counselor for Military and Community Service

GLENDORA - Citrus College alumnus and current academic counselor David Rodriguez recently received the Carl Harstine Patriot Award for his military service and contributions to the Citrus College Veterans Success Center.

In a touching ceremony facilitated by America's Christian Credit Union and hosted by Citrus College, Mr. Rodriguez was presented with the award by Carl Harstine, a soon-to-be 94-year-old World War II U.S. Marine Corps veteran and current resident of Glendora.

Mr. Harstine shared his experiences about surviving combat in the South Pacific before commending Mr. Rodriguez for his military service and commitment to the student veterans at Citrus College.

Mr. Rodriguez, who became an academic counselor to help students reach their educational, personal and career goals, was unaware that he had been nominated for the award until a few weeks before the ceremony.

"I was completely surprised and humbled to win this award," said Mr. Rodriguez. "Meeting Mr. Harstine was a tremendous honor, and I intend to continue his legacy of ser-



Photo courtesy Citrus College

America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) presented the Carl Harstine Patriot Award to Citrus College Counselor David Rodriguez on July 1. Back row pictured (L-R): Mendell Thompson, president and CEO of ACCU and city of Glendora council member; Maria Buffo, director of the Citrus College Veterans Success Center; Dr. Martha A. McDonald, vice president of student services; Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, member of the board of trustees; and Dr. Maryann Tolano-Leveque, dean of students. Front row pictured (L-R): Carl Harstine, World War II U.S. Marine Corps veteran; and David Rodriguez, Citrus College alumnus, academic counselor and U.S. Air Force reservist.

vice by supporting and guiding our student veterans on campus."

Presented annually as part of America's Christian Credit Union's Patriot Week celebrations, the Carl Harstine Patriot Award is given to service members in recognition and gratitude for their patriotism and faithful service to the country.

A reservist with the U.S. Air

Force, Mr. Rodriguez has been a service member since 2003. In his present role as a combat crew communications specialist, he supports KC-135 air-refueling missions and C-17 air-transportation missions. Mr. Rodriguez has deployed with combat air-refueling teams for

missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Inherent Resolve.

At Citrus College, Mr. Rodriguez has distinguished himself as an exceptional counselor with a special ability to relate to and motivate his stu-

dents to perform at their best. He earned his associate degree in business from Citrus College, his bachelor's degree in behavioral science from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and his master's degree in educational counseling from the University of La Verne. Mr. Rodriguez credits his academic counselor at Citrus College for showing him the importance of academic support and guidance, and inspiring him to become a counselor.

"As a member of the armed forces and a Citrus College alumnus, we could not be more proud of Mr. Rodriguez," said Dr. Martha A. McDonald, vice president of student services and herself a Marine. "David understands what our student veterans experience on a day-to-day basis and always goes above and beyond what is asked of him to support them. Most importantly, he is a role model - someone our students look up to - and he inspires them in ways others cannot. He is truly deserving of this award for his dedication to our student veterans."

Arcadia Unified Named to California Honor Roll for Second Year in a Row



Arcadia Unified elementary students eagerly awaiting the Arcadia High 2019 Grad Walk

ARCADIA - School may be out for summer, but the Arcadia Unified School District is still making the grade. For the second consecutive year, Arcadia Unified was named to the 2018 - 2019 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for its high achievement in student success. There are over 900 school districts in California, and Arcadia Unified is one of only 26 public school districts to receive this recognition.

This program, run by the non-profit organization, ERP, and sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence, is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and districts that are improving student outcomes. ERP maintains the nation's largest database on student achievement and employs data science to determine Honor Roll recipients.

"Every educator, staff member, and administrator on our team is dedicated to creating learner-centered environments, where positive educational outcomes can be a reality for every single one of our students," said

Dr. David Vannasall, Arcadia Unified Superintendent. "Being recognized by educational and business leaders as one of the best school districts in California helps us know we are on track to achieving our purpose of challenging and inspiring students to make a positive and profound impact on their world."

School districts that receive the ERP Honor Roll distinction have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For districts with high schools, such as Arcadia Unified, the ERP Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness. Each of Arcadia Unified's six elementary schools, three middle schools, and high school were also individually named as ERP Honor Roll schools.

"ERP is all about improving educational equity and promoting career readiness for all students, regardless of their family income, background or ZIP code,"

said James Lanich, Ph.D., ERP president and CEO. "These Honor Roll schools and districts are living proof that our students can succeed when schools are committed to removing educational obstacles and accelerating student success. By focusing attention on these bright spots among our schools, we hope to change the conversation from 'what's wrong' to 'what's working,' and encourage others to replicate their success."

In addition to this ERP Honor Roll recognition, Arcadia Unified achieved a rare feat of being named to the prestigious AP® District Honor Roll in consecutive years for 2017 and 2018. Likewise, Arcadia Unified was recently ranked by Niche.com as the District with the Best Teachers and the Best Place to Teach and landed in the top three best school districts in Los Angeles County. For more information about the Arcadia Unified School District, visit www.ausd.net, and for more information about the ERP Honor Roll, visit edresults.org.

Friday Night Twilight at the Glendora Village



Snow White and many other characters were present at the 2018 Friday Night Twilight events

GLENDORA - The Glendora Village Business Improvement District (BID) is excited to be hosting Friday Night Twilight events this summer from July 12th to August 23rd from 6-8 pm in the Glendora Village. These are free, family friendly events with live music and activities. Come stroll around the Best Downtown and enjoy a fun night out with your family!

This is the second summer of events. It was the brainchild of Michele Rivard, owner of knot too shabby; Patti Clow, owner of On the Avenue Boutique and Kristina Keener Ivy, Executive Director of Top Billing Entertainment Performance Academy. It was Kristina Keener-Ivy's honor to coordinate the bands and live entertainment which were new this year with funds provided by the Glendora Village BID. The most popular Friday Night Event was the Bubble Party with the Superhero and Princess Party Performers from Top Billing Entertainment on May 31 where kids were invited to dress up, meet, and play with their favor-

ite performers. There will be a fun, family photo scavenger hunt event with raffle prizes from the local businesses for the participants. People from Glendora and surrounding communities are invited to attend, and most of the events are intimate and laid back. Businesses in the Village are encouraged to stay open late and offer specials and discounts. Pets are always welcome and there will even be a dog obstacle course provided by Sit Means Sit.

July 12th: Pop Up Shops with Live Music by Rat Pack Ricky sponsored by Classic Coffee.

July 19th: Live Music by Storytellers Band sponsored by Southland Properties.

July 26th: Pet Adoptions sponsored by RescueWorks! and live music by Pedro Ferreira.

August 2nd: Back to School Book Fair with Live Music by Alana Banana sponsored by The Wishing Well.

August 9th: Weekend Village Clean-out Sale with Live Music by Paul Cavin & One Life Band.

August 16th: Trivia Night with King Trivia sponsored by Hill Top Real Estate.

August 23rd: Community Give-Back with Live Music by Real Life Church sponsored by Toms®, GlendoraVillage.com, @GlendoraVillageBID, @glendoravillage

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Walnut Valley USD Announces Leadership Team Appointments



Walnut Valley USD Board of Trustees has approved Dr. Danny Kim, Brandon Dade, Ryan Maine, and Denise Loera in new administrative positions.

WALNUT - The Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the following administrative appointments: Dr. Danny Kim - Administrative Director of Human Resources; Brandon Dade - Director of Pupil Personnel, Secondary Education; Ryan Maine - Principal, Walnut High School; and Denise Loera - Assistant Principal, Chaparral Middle School.

Veteran educator Dr. Danny Kim was appointed as administrative director of Human Resources. Dr. Kim has served as director of Pupil Services, Secondary Education for the past four years. With over 15 years in education, Dr. Kim brings a unique combination of experience to his new role. He has provided exceptional oversight in numerous areas, has a wonderful leadership style, and is well-versed across the District. He previously was an instructional dean and teacher at his alma mater, Walnut High School, and secondary level principal in the Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD). Dr. Kim holds bachelor of arts and master's degrees from University of California, Irvine (UCI) and doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California (USC). Dr. Kim also serves as an adjunct professor for the Mas-

ters of Arts in Teaching program at USC, and for the Division of Continuing Education program at UCI. He and his wife Linda, a Walnut Elementary teacher and their four children reside in Chino Hills. He succeeds Dr. Sergio Canal who accepted the position of assistant superintendent of Human Resources in the Upland Unified School District.

"I'm super excited about the learning and leadership opportunities in the Human Resources Division! It is a blessing to continue to serve our Walnut Valley community in this new capacity," he said.

Brandon Dade brings nearly 20 years of administrative experience to his new position as director of Pupil Personnel Services, Secondary Education. He joined the Walnut Valley team in 2015 as principal at Walnut High School. Dade's proven leadership and wealth of global experiences will contribute to the Pupil Services division. He previously served as middle school principal and assistant principal in CNUSD along with assistant principal and high school counselor in the Alhambra Unified School District. Prior to that he was a Los Angeles County social worker and is also fluent in American Sign Language. Dade received a bachelor's degree in social work from University of Montana and master's degree in

school counseling from University of La Verne. He and his wife, Clara, have three children and reside in Ontario. Dade succeeds Dr. Danny Kim who was tapped to serve as administrative director of Human Resources. He begins his new duties on July 1.

"I'm very honored and blessed to have this opportunity to serve Walnut Valley students and families in this new role," Dade said. Ryan Maine is a familiar face in Walnut Valley who is returning to take the helm as principal at Walnut High School. He is a proven administrator that possesses the vision, passion, and integrity to successfully lead students and school community.

"It is a dream come true to come back to Walnut Valley," Maine said after the June 19 Board Meeting. "This district shaped me into the person I am today. I am excited to get to sit down and meet with the Walnut staff as well as get to know the students. The goal will remain the same at Walnut High School, which is to offer THE best educational experience for our staff, students, and community."

A Brahma alumnus and star athlete, Maine graduated from Diamond Bar High, attended Chaparral Middle School, and Castle Rock Elementary. He went on to teach Social Studies and Video Production at his alma mater for seven years where he earned the

2007 Rookie Teacher of the Year title, launched the school's first weekly "Stampede" news broadcast, created an annual Film Festival, and advised the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club. As head varsity football coach for three years, Maine successfully led the team to their first playoff berth in a decade. He coordinated the C.H.A.M.P. (Creating Honorable and Aspiring Mentors with Purpose) program which was a cross-age mentoring program with his players and Castle Rock students and created the Secret Santa program to benefit fourth-grade students in Downtown Los Angeles.

For the past five years, Maine served as assistant principal, teacher, and coach at Santiago High School in CNUSD. He developed a culture of communication through a weekly newsletter and innovative "The Bite" news broadcast highlighting arts, athletics, activities, and academics. The tech-savvy administrator live-streamed school activities and maintained the school website, while overseeing a variety of programs such as Math, CTE, Visual & Performing Arts, Dual Enrollment, Educational Technology, and school safety.

Maine earned a bachelor's degree from University of San Diego, master's degree from Grand Canyon University, and will complete his doctorate in Educational Leadership at Azusa Pacific University in June 2020. He and his wife, Lindsay, have twin four-year-olds and are expecting their third child this month. Maine succeeds Brandon Dade who was promoted to director of Pupil Personnel Services. He will officially begin duties on the 2,600-student campus on July 1.

Veteran educator Denise Loera will return to Chaparral Middle School as assistant principal in July bringing over 20 years of experience to her new post. Last year, she was promoted to instructional dean at Diamond Bar High School and previously served 11 years as a mathematics teacher, department chair, Induction Mentor, and technology coach at Chaparral. Prior to that, she was a math teacher in MUSD at Eastmont Intermediate School and Schurr High School in Montebello. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from California State University, Los Angeles and master's degree from University of California, Los Angeles. Loera is married with three children, two that attend Walnut High School and one attending Evergreen Elementary School.

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served an amazing community at DBHS, and I'm looking forward to working with the Chaparral team in a new capacity," Loera commented.

4th of July Parade in San Marino



Bob Kenz drives his baby blue Chevrolet convertible with Kat, Austin and Kirsten Kenz and Aiki and Belle Djahanshahi as passengers.

By Jayam Rutnam

SAN MARINO - The Annual Fourth of July Parade on Monterey Avenue in San Marino, California has been part of a tradition for many years. The residents of San Marino as well as those from surrounding cities turn up to line the street and cheer with "Happy Fourth" greetings as the parade passes by. Many vintage cars take part, as well as newer cars and convertibles which carry dignitaries such as California Congresswoman Judy Chu, Los Angeles Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the San Marino Chief of Police, the Chief of the Fire Department and Rotary Members. Boy Scouts, a marching band, trucks full of soccer and baseball players, all made for a wonderful parade celebrating the Independence of America.

After the parade, as is tradition, Bob and Kat Kenz of San Marino, had their own celebra-

tion at their residence on Bedford Avenue, with a dinner of chicken tacos, macaroni and cheese and apple pie. There were sodas, root beer, and plenty of water. The Kenz's as always, rented a huge, double water slide for the kids who had a great time in the beautiful California weather.

Before dinner, there was a mini ceremony, where the kids marched in carrying an American Flag singing "She'll be coming round the mountain." The guests stood up put their right hand over their hearts and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and then sang the Star Spangled Banner. There was a quiz given to the guests who answered some trivia questions about the Presidents of the United States.

Kirsten Kenz and Samantha Djahanshahi performed an interesting dance. This was a true All American celebration of the wonderful country we live in.

Showtime with Pacific Animal Productions

ARCADIA - Summer at Arcadia Public Library continues with a special appearance by Pacific Animal Productions, on Saturday, **July 13** at 2:30 pm. Animals are acrobats, high flyers, and magicians—often all at the same time! Join Pacific Animal Productions as they highlight the natural stars and talents from across the animal kingdom. This pro-

gram is free and fun for all ages. Call the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room at 626.821.5566 for more information.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Arcadia's Summer Concert Series



ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia's FREE 2019 summer concert and movie series is here, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun! The summer concerts and movies are both on Thursday evenings. Concerts start at 6:30pm and movies at dusk on the west lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). This is fun for the entire family! Bring There is also a FREE fun zone for kids, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, there will be food and beverages available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department! Please note parking is provided at City Hall and Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 5 only. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Below is the lineup for July 11, 2019.

Mariachi Divas (Mariachi)
The Grammy award winning, multicultural, all-female ensemble continues to push and expand the scope of mariachi music. Since 2003, Mariachi Divas has been the official mariachi of the Disneyland Resort where they entertain audiences of all ages and back-

grounds on a year-round basis.

How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World - (PG)
The citizens of Berk face a

dragon trafficker who threatens their peace, dragons and friendships in the final installment of the fantasy trilogy.

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Baldwin Park Puts On Summer Concert Series And Downtown Street Market

BALDWIN PARK - The City of Baldwin Park continues to wow residents by holding its annual summer concert series at Morgan Park 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. Baldwin Park, CA 91706 at the Cesar E. Chavez Auditorium. The concerts are free and open to the public each Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. until August 1, 2019.

Opening night of the Summer Concerts series featured the tribute band, Queen Nation where 2,800 guests relived the magic of Queen; followed by a live performance by Stone Soul for week two of the series, playing homage to classic Motown sounds. Set to play

next are one of East LA's favorites, Thee Midnites on July 11th followed by Banda Maravillosa on July 18th, The Delphonics on July 25th and ending with Cannibal and The Headhunters on August 1st.

In addition the Downtown Street Market at Morgan Park will continue to provide residents with a wonderful shopping experience where you can purchase fresh food, arts & crafts and much more. The Downtown Street Market will take place at Morgan Park until August 1st then move to Maine Avenue from August 8, 2019 to September 12, 2019 each Thursday from 5 p.m. to

9 p.m.

Baldwin Park Mayor Manuel Lozano stated, "We take pride in providing world-class entertainment for our residents. People come from far and wide with their families to spend quality time. In this day in age of social media and family members working harder than ever our summer concerts provide folks an opportunity to live in the moment and enjoy their loved ones."

For more information please contact Baldwin Park's Recreation and Parks Department at (626) 813-5245 ext. 268 or email them at yuizusparza@baldwinpark.com.

Senator Chang Advocates to Ensure Funding from Lottery Sales Goes to Our Schools

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) issued the following statement after the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) approved her request for an audit of the California State Lottery, which will review the growing disparity between record-breaking revenues and the lottery's contribution to California's public education system:

"The lottery was created to fund schools and nothing more. Unfortunately, media reports over the past year have painted a

negative picture of the California State Lottery as an agency under fire for wasteful spending and nepotism. Meanwhile, revenues for the lottery have skyrocketed while funds to schools have remained flat.

"I'm deeply concerned after reading those media stories so that is why I requested for an independent audit of the California State Lottery. Every dollar wasted at the California State Lottery is another dollar taken away from students and from our public schools."

The lottery has not undergone a complete and independent audit by the State Auditor in 22 years.

In April, the California State Controller reviewed the California State Lottery's Office Revolving Fund (ORF) and Travel Expenses and identified more than \$300,000 in "prohibited and questionable costs." A comprehensive audit will finally provide some answers about how the lottery operates and whether it is putting students or its own bureaucracy first.

New Street Name Sign Coming to a Neighborhood Near You

DUARTE - Residents may have already noticed brand new street name signs popping up

around town proudly highlighting the Duarte 'D'.

After the award of contract by City Council in May of this year, Safety Network Traffic Signs began the process of removal and replacement of 701 post-mounted street name signs throughout the city.

Funding for the Citywide Street Name Sign and Installation Project is funded through Measure M in the amount of \$250,000. Safety Network Traffic Signs will be installing the post mounted signs in your neighborhood soon. For your added safety, be on the lookout for the contractor's vehicle pic-



tured in this article.

The project is scheduled to be completed by September 2019.

The old street name signs will be sold at the end of the year. The Public Works department is currently inventorying the signs as they come down. A list of signs for purchase will be made available to the public and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please wait for future announcements on price and availability after September.

Public Health Investigates Additional Measles Case

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is investigating an additional confirmed case of measles in a Los Angeles County resident. Public Health has not identified any public exposure locations associated with this case at this time. Public Health urges residents, especially those who travel internationally and those who have not been fully protected against measles, to get measles immunization to protect themselves and prevent the spread of measles.

Currently, there have been eleven measles cases among Los Angeles County residents in 2019, in addition to eight non-

resident measles cases that traveled through Los Angeles County.

"For those who are not protected, measles is a highly contagious and potentially severe disease that initially causes fever, cough, red, watery eyes, and, finally, a rash," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "Measles gets spread, by air and by direct contact, even before you know you have it. The MMR immunization is a very effective measure to protect yourself and to prevent the unintentional spread of this potentially serious infection to others."

This case is a reminder that

there is an increased risk of the measles at this time. Travelers taking domestic trips should follow the general Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) vaccination recommendations. Those traveling internationally should consider the expedited schedule, particularly for children and anyone who does not have evidence of immunity. Additional cases and exposures may occur here related to returning travelers, especially returning international travelers who are not already protected against measles. Public Health encourages everyone who can be up-to-date with their recommended immunizations.

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Los Angeles County Opens One-Stop-Shop For Second Chance Opportunities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County's first-of-its-kind Reentry Opportunity Center officially opened on Friday, June 28th, 2019 near Exposition Park, providing a one-stop-shop for thousands of Probation clients, as well as their families, to access a wide array of services that can facilitate a successful transition back into society.

"This groundbreaking Center reflects a new but proven approach to making justice more restorative and humane while keeping our communities safe," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who championed the project and led the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "This is an innovative one-stop shop where people can get help to find a job, go back to school, get connected to much-needed housing, get their record cleared, and receive healthcare, therapy and other services crucial to turning someone's life around - the essential ingredients to giving them a second chance."

Located at 3965 S. Vermont Avenue, the top floor of the 60,000-sq. ft., three-story modern building features a Developing Opportunities Offering Reentry Solutions Center (DOORS) - unique in the County - which will offer a range of services, including housing, legal aid, job training, education, civic engagement, and health and mental health services, all under one

roof.

Chief Probation Officer Terri L. McDonald said the Center represents one of Probation's strategic goals of delivering targeted, client-centered services through partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations. "The strategic expansion of our partnerships for targeted resources empowers our clients by providing critical services for opportunity and growth," she said. "We are certain that this teamwork will make a positive impact on the lives of clients who come through these doors."

The Center represents a key milestone in shifting away from a punitive to a restorative model that will eventually be replicated across the County. It is the product of close collaboration among the Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Probation Department, Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), and numerous community-based organizations and other County agencies.

"ODR is proud and humbled to be partnering with the Probation Department on LA County's very first community reentry center," ODR Executive Director Judge (ret.) Peter Espinoza. "The Center is envisioned to be a place of transformation and rehabilitation, bringing together County agencies and community-based organizations in a warm, welcoming and healing environment."

A New Way of Life, which has housed and supported more than 1,000 formerly incarcerated women, will be among the non-profit organizations to offer services at the Center. Its founder, Susan Burton, said, "For twenty years I have been doing the work of reentry for women. When they have needed services, they have had to trek to each individual service provider spread out across the County, which has been detrimental to their success. With this reentry center, the women I work with can go to one place and be connected to a wealth of resources. It was inspiring to be part of the vision and opening today."

Jonathon Rios expressed his appreciation for the new Center in a spoken word performance, and cited himself as an example of what could happen when people are given a second chance. After a stint in prison, he turned his life around, graduating from college and starting a family. He has worked for the last 10 years at a real estate investment company, is an active member of the Empowerment Congress, and has performed at USC's Theater for Social Justice and with KPCC's Unheard LA series.

Rios had a message for those who would be receiving services at the new Center: "Do not allow perceived limitations to anchor you. Refuse to let your past mistake define you. Choose to succeed."

Support the Glendora Public Library at Night on the Plaza!

GLENDORA - Night on the Plaza is the Friends Foundation's largest fundraising event and attracts more than 400 friends and community organizations that are committed to supporting the Glendora Public Library. This year guests will experience the sumptuous tastes and sounds of Havana, featuring culinary delights from Chef Henry at Spaggiari's and the rhythms of the band, The Answer. Night on the Plaza

is an amazing evening of fine dining, designer cocktails and dancing under the stars. With silent and live auctions offering unique gifts and adventure, from Dodger/Angel games and spa days to a trip to Costa Rica, we don't want you to miss this opportunity to be a part of this year's celebration!

Night on the Plaza will be held on **July 13** from 6:00 - 11:00 pm

at the Library Plaza | Glendora Public Library 140 S. Glendora Ave., Glendora.

Proceeds from this event support and enhance many Library programs - from children's reading programs and community cultural events, to adult literacy tutoring. Call 626-852-4894 or visit www.gplff.org to make your reservation or to learn more about sponsor opportunities.

Kamala Harris Initiates SG NRA

Democrat Rep. Judy Chu (CD-27) is back expanding the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and Recreation Area. This time she has Senator and presidential candidate Kamala Harris leading the charge with Sen. Dianne Feinstein co-sponsoring the effort.

Sen. Harris, with companion bill, S. 1109, is not only pushing for the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act but two other bills that cumulatively would add one million acres of public wildlands:

- Central Coast Heritage Protection Act with Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-24)

- Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act with Rep. Jared Huffman (CA 2)

Chu's H.R. 2215 is written like her 2015 NRA effort with protected areas and proposal to bus in those from "park poor areas" to experience open space and forests. Summary of H.R. 2215 from several Chu press releases:

- Expands boundaries of existing national monument to include the western portion of the Angeles National Forest, part of the first proposal but dropped. Adds 30,000 acres of protected wilderness.

- Establishes a National Recreation Area (NRA) along the foothills and San Gabriel River Corridor. Includes 45.5 miles of protected rivers and the Emerald Necklace, a 17-mile loop along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers.

- Protects 25.3 miles of forest watershed by designating the East, West, and North Forks of the San Gabriel River as Wild and Scenic Rivers. With the designation, adjacent land becomes protected.

- Protects 20.2 miles of Little Rock Creek, which flows from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Mojave Desert. Feinstein's California Desert Protection and Recreation Act (S.67) co-sponsored by Sen. Kamala Harris, includes 77 miles of Wild and Scenic waterways.

- Total SGV land and waterways is estimated at 109,143 acres.

In July 2018, GOP Rep. Rob Bishop, Utah, and Democrat Rep. Raul Grijalva, Arizona, House Natural Resources Committee, reminded us the National Park Service was still



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\$12 billion in maintenance arrears for existing parklands. The Daily Caller reported, "The Department of Interior brought in over \$7 billion in royalties from oil, gas and coal development on federal leases in 2017."

February 2018, President Trump's budget provided \$2.7 billion for National Park Service in FY 2019 including new funding sources from federal energy leasing and development to pay for repairs and improvements for parks, national wildlife refuges and Bureau of Indian Education funded schools.

Harris nor Chu show a cost to implement and maintain this new S.G. NRA 109,143-acre addition to the National Parks System. With two other proposals bringing one million total new land in for oversight and maintenance, I would hope team Harris and Chu have agreed to support Trump's plan to fund the Park Service maintenance with new energy development lease projects in California.

Wild and Scenic River protection was a concern in the San Gabriel Valley with Chu's last legislation creating the SG Mountains National Monument. Water Foundation says, "... Wild and Scenic Rivers Act initially protected free-flowing rivers along California's northern coast from development and preserved about a fourth of the state's undeveloped water. State-designated wild and scenic rivers were placed under the federal Act and today, California's act prohibits construction of dams or diversion facilities on portions of, or on entire rivers around the state, except to serve local needs.

Chu's staff is lobbying the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) and the San Gabriel Valley Water Association (SGVWA) to support

H.R. 2215. COG cities asked to review and discuss in July. SGVWA received communication from Hicks-Richardson regarding a question: "Does Wild and Scenic protection affect existing water rights?" The response, in part, was - "No ... but there is a federal water right conferred by designation ... but the managing federal agency must apply to the appropriate state water rights agency ... and decisions would follow existing state water rights procedure and established rule of law."

Water law is complicated, and we have the State Water Resources Control Board, appointed by the Governor, who states its objective is ... "to ensure that the State's waters are put to the best possible use, and the public interest is served" by:

- developing water resources in an orderly manner;
- preventing waste and unreasonable use of water; and
- protecting the environment.

Having been through the NRA proposal last time with Chu, we are well aware of how much she doesn't know about our mountains and our water. We wonder why her concern for inner city kids, not in her district, and promoting one-hour bus rides so they can experience open space and the forest always tops her list. Parks in their backyards is a better solution.

Kamala Harris has been tagged bright, intensely focused and aggressively pursuing the presidency but never considered the out-doorsy type interested in mountains and water. Remember 1980s and Willie Brown, powerful Speaker of California Assembly and two-term San Francisco Mayor? San Francisco Chronicle, January 26th Brown's column ... "Sure, I dated Kamala Harris. So what? ... Yes, we dated. It was more than 20 years ago. Yes, I may have influenced her career by appointing her to two state commissions when I was Assembly Speaker. And I certainly helped with her first race for district attorney in San Francisco." Brown also says he helped Pelosi, Newsom, and Feinstein. Jun 29th Brown Chronicle column - Bad News for Democrats - none of these candidates can beat Trump.

Major Changes Headed To A Product Label Near You

If you're like 90 percent of shoppers, you consult the Nutrition Facts panel on food packages before you buy. To make it easier to make informed food choices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has developed a new Nutrition Facts label. Here are the seven major new features:

1. Increased print size for "Calories."

Calorie counts will be easier to see.

2. Inclusion of "Added Sugars."

The FDA currently defines added sugars as "sugars that are either added during the processing of foods, or are packaged as such, and include sugars (free, mono- and disaccharides), sugars from syrups and honey, and sugars from concentrated fruit or vegetable juices that are in excess of what would be expected from the same volume of 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice of the same type." Sugar alcohols, or polyols, provide sweetness but aren't counted as "added sug-

ars" because they're not sugar. These low-digestible carbohydrates can replace sugar as a lower-calorie alternative. Common polyols include erythritol, maltitol, sorbitol, mannitol, xylitol, lactitol, isomalt and hydrolyzed starch hydrolysates.

3. Changing "Sugars" to "Total Sugars."

Sugar can be present in healthy foods. This change can help consumers understand the amount of sugar the product contains from any source.

4. Removal of "Calories from Total Fat."

Research shows the type of fat (for example, polyunsaturated) is more important than the total calories from fat. Labels still include "Total Fat," "Saturated Fat" and "Trans Fat."

5. Increased print size for "Serving Size" and "Servings per Package/Container."

Portion control remains a problem for many. Increased visibility of recommended serving sizes can help people make

better, more accurate decisions.

6. The amounts of vitamin D and potassium are now required, instead of vitamins A and C.

Based on research from the Institute of Medicine, the new labels will include this information to increase visibility of vitamin D and potassium requirements. Though voluntary, similar information for vitamins A and C may still be included.

7. Revision of "Percent Daily Value" Footnote.

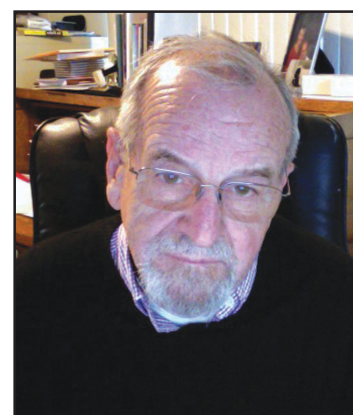
The new language will specifically state: "The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice." Experts at the Calorie Control Council, a nonprofit association that seeks to provide objective, science-based communications about low-calorie foods and beverages, suggest that this revision may help clarify the meaning of "Daily Value". (NAPSI)

Echoes Of Wisdom

Here they were, inscribed on the back cover of a memorial folder celebrating the life of a member of our community. I was reminded of these echoes of wisdom first penned by Reinhold Niebuhr, a 20th century theologian, who shaped my ministry as well the lives and ministries of a host of those whose theological postures were formed in the last two or three generations.

I encountered them again in the middle of the very next night! I could not sleep, and decided to sit up for a while and watch television. Flipping through the infomercials, the main TV diet in the wee hours, I ran across a biography of Reinhold Niebuhr which concluded with the very same words I had encountered just hours before! A coincidence? Perhaps, but this "coincidence" has caused me to write about how Niebuhr has spoken to me.

Over the years I have often recalled these words as I have sought to understand the implications of my deepest thoughts about life. That sort of inner contemplation is what I mean by



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prayer, that for me is not just chatting with somebody out there. These echoes of wisdom encompass what it means to live faithfully. They are not only the substantial articulation of Christian spirituality, but also might be central to any secular summary of the central message about life. I commend them to anyone who might be reading them here. Perhaps you could add them to your storehouse of memorized wisdom so they would be readily available whenever you contemplate what life means. So here they are:

Nothing that is worth doing

can be achieved in our lifetime;

therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good

makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;

therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous,

can be accomplished alone;

therefore we must be saved by love.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous

from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint.

Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love

which is forgiveness.

Reinhold Niebuhr 1897 – 1971

Anything I might add would be fatuous,

so I will just let them speak to you without further comment from me.

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"Time Jockey" - Fort Moore Celebration

By Joe Castillo

An Earth Moving Event...

The past week we celebrated the 243rd anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On July 4, 1776, American patriots from the original thirteen colonies met at the Continental Congress, declared their independence from England and established a new country to be named the United States of America. The Declaration laid the foundation for the future of the new country and its desire to be free from English rule.

The American Revolution began and it took eleven years for the British to finally be defeated and a new American government established. The events of 1776 would forever change the world and the advancement of the United States of America would alter world politics. As the country expanded westward, the United States took possession of territories from other countries through either treaties, purchase or conflict until its destiny reached to the Pacific Ocean.

The Mexican-American War was one such conflict and when the Bear Flag was raised on June 14, 1846 in Sonoma, California was declaring its own independence from Mexico. As U.S. troops were eventually brought in, and moved systematically throughout the state, the American Flag was raised indicating where the U.S. forces were tak-

ing over governance.

On July 4, 1847, the United States flag was for the first time raised in Los Angeles to mark the 4th of July celebration. The location of the flag raising was Fort Moore Hill, an Army-Marine outpost which was established to protect the residents of Los Angeles and the adjacent pueblo from marauding Indians. The celebration included a "fandango" with the people of Los Angeles mingling with the soldiers to form a grand celebration.

As the City of Los Angeles grew over the next century, Fort Moore Hill slowly disappeared from the lack of necessity when its protection was no longer needed. Preservationists sought to establish a memorial to honor the importance of the fort to the City of Los Angeles as well as the Mormon Battalion which had spent a significant amount of time encamped at the site. On July 3, 1958, the Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial was dedicated to honor the history of Fort Moore Hill, the Mormon Battalion and the growth of Los Angeles. The memorial consisted of a 50-foot high wall, with a cascade of water, and stone terra-cotta images engraved into the huge wall. A 60-foot flag pole was installed at the memorial site. The monument stood tall for years in honor of Los Angeles' history and then the water was shut off in 1977 and vandals starting leaving their

mark on the walls. The City lost interest in the monument and its significance.

Two and half years ago I wrote a story on the monument and how the City and County was about to approve a multi-million repair and preservation project to support the clean-up effort. This past week, the efforts of the City and County of Los Angeles were unveiled with a rededication of the Fort Moore Memorial and the next day, July 4, another celebration was held to commemorate the 172nd Anniversary of the First U.S. Flag raising in Los Angeles. The celebration event included re-opening the water fall and a group of re-enactors who fired off a round of 28 shots which represented the number of states in the union in 1847. The event showcased the preservation efforts of the memorial and was well-attended but mother nature interrupted the scheduled activities with a 6.4 earthquake which shook the crowd with rumbling action thought to be dormant. It seemed a fitting action to announce Los Angeles' newest historical monument and preservation effort and its successful completion ...

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MY TURN: There Is Really Only One Candidate In The Democrat Primary Race

by Charles Lopresto

The number of folks in the Democrat debates, which number twenty, should not fool anyone. But, there really is only one candidate in the race from the Left side. One candidate is there, not in body, but in spirit. More so than Donald Trump, who it has been said, is living rent free in all of their heads. No, this candidate is more influential than anyone in the Democrat party. His name is Saul Alinsky, the late activist author of "Rules for Radicals," that all the Democrats on the new radical Left subscribe to, but will never admit and with current mainstream media moderators, will never be asked.

One could observe much of his techniques displayed in the rhetoric, the debates and the speeches that the Leftist Democrats make. The first Presidential debates were no exception. The evidence is there if one knows what to look for.

In his book, "America, Imagine a World Without Her," author/historian Dinesh D'Souza recounted many of Saul Alinsky's

techniques. Part of what he said

includes: "Feign an interest in middle-class tastes, in other words, pretend to be like the people you hate. Speak their language, even to the extent of using colloquialisms or slang." This one is particularly important as we see current candidates like Joe Biden speaking to African-American audiences with a contrived Black dialect when he said "They're gonna put y'all back in chains." Hillary in her campaigning days had an even better one for her Black audience, "I ain't no ways tired." Then you have Beto O'Rourke who was speaking Spanish at the debate, which one can bet really "thrilled" Julian Castro.

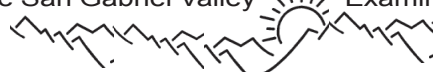
Alinsky continues: "Meanwhile, work creatively and even unscrupulously to build these people's resentment against the big corporations and the military and the power structure. Don't hesitate to tell lies, but make sure they can't easily be found out." One can only imagine Alinsky in the new, current world of social

media.

And here is the important part: "Create a sense of entitlement by making promises that cannot be delivered and then use the resulting frustration as a weapon to mobilize people into action. This strategy can be summarized as: polarization, demonization, organization and deception."

So a little knowledge of "The Rules for Radicals" could be just enough to make one look and listen to the far Left rhetoric, now becoming mainstream in the Democrat party, in a whole different light. But the real tragedy may not be in what they say but in what they are allowed to say with no followup questions, skepticism, or denials from the moderators and interviewers that used to believe in their role as the Fourth Estate. Those moderators hand picked by Tom Perez and the DNC, one would imagine, to insure a safer debate.

Unlike President Reagan, the mainstream media trusts but doesn't verify, and that suits Saul Alinsky just fine.



Stocks: Best First Half in Over 20 Years

The S&P 500 posted its best first six-month gains (17.3%) in any year since 1997, capped by the best June increase (6.9%) since 1955. Stocks were especially strong on the last two days of June, likely due to quarter-ending window dressing, which is a very good sign that institutional buying pressure will likely persist as earnings season heats up! Corporate share repurchases should continue, even though share repurchases for the first quarter of 2019 contracted slightly for the first time in seven quarters.

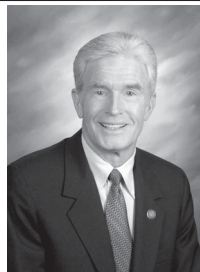
Stocks rallied going into the prior weekend's G20 meeting, based on the broadening notion that President Trump and President Xi would meet, claim what "great friends" they are, and then cut a deal that brings a whole new meaning to "kicking the can down the road". Because downbeat economic data from China as well as signs of slowing in the U.S. can be blamed on the trade war, some compromise was expected.

Opinions on this issue vary widely, but Trump isn't likely to let trade wars become a political narrative that risks his bid for re-election. As it stands, the current tariffs remain in place, but no new tariffs are being applied. U.S. suppliers may resume limited sales to Huawei, and China will resume purchases of American agriculture products. Whatever leverage Trump had in heading to Osaka may have been somewhat watered down by bending on the Huawei question.

After posing for staged photographs with his counterparts at the sidelines of the G20, Mr. Xi said, "One basic fact remains unchanged: China and the United States both benefit from cooperation and lose in confrontation... Cooperation and dialogue are better than friction and confrontation."

Translated, Xi seems to be

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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telling the world, "nothing has changed with how China will operate going forward." Both Xi and Trump bought time - time for Trump to win re-election, based on what he hopes will be a strong economy this time next year - and time for the U.S. economy to potentially sag, giving Xi hope that Trump will lose in 2020. My guess is that if Trump wins and China continues to conduct its affairs in the same egregious manner as it has in the past, Trump will take off the gloves (with China) in his second term.

Investors will now turn their full attention to second-quarter earnings reports and the Fed. The next FOMC meeting is slated for July 30-31 - a full four weeks away. Before then, much data about the economy and hundreds of S&P 500 earnings reports will precede what the market sees as a virtual lock on at least a quarter-point cut in the Fed Funds Rate. Stocks have priced in the "trade truce" and Fed easing, but they may still push higher on relief buying, now that the threat of further tariffs are off the table.

Recent economic data suggests that Q2 earnings may come in ahead of the FactSet forecast of a minus 2.6% earnings decline, but Q3 forward guidance could be guarded. In the past two weeks, consumer confidence hit its lowest level in two years, new home sales declined, durable goods orders fell, consumer spending fell, and the Chicago PMI declined to 49.7 (into con-

traction territory for the first time in two years).

It is becoming clear that the Fed is becoming increasingly anxious about persistently low inflation and sliding inflation expectations. The Fed has consistently failed to get inflation sustained at its 2.0% target despite a long-running stance of embracing some relatively accommodative monetary policy. Deflation is spreading around the world and, so far, equity markets are just fine with that trend.

According to a recent Bloomberg survey more than \$11 trillion (or more than one-fifth of all investment grade debt in world bond markets) currently trades at negative rates. This means that holders of these bonds expect to lose money; and, even more amazingly, these negative-yielding bonds continue to be issued in record amounts, and buyers continue to buy them. At present, there are no less than 14 European countries offering negative sovereign yields. Shouldn't we be somewhat frightened by all that negative thinking?

The normal tools of monetary policy - easing short-term rates and printing fantastic amounts of money - have failed to normalize longer-term rates and create inflation. But because creeping deflation has the Fed's full attention, it should have our attention also.

However, low inflation and low interest rates provide rich oxygen for equities! Why shouldn't we expect these unnatural conditions to generate new highs for major U.S. equities?

At the same time, investors shouldn't ignore what's happening across the pond.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

What's happening with mortgage interest rates?

It looks like mortgage interest rates are lowering, and the price of gold is rising. If you are thinking about refinancing, please also check with a non-bank, non-credit union, independent mortgage broker. They are quicker to make changes, and have access to many more loan programs with numerous lenders.

What can I do now so I don't run out of money when I retire in about 10 years?

According to the Employee Benefit Research Institute, nearly half of the boomers between the ages of 56 and 62 will not have enough funds to cover basic expenses and uninsured health costs in retirement. What can you do now? Max out your 401k contributions, but only up to your employer match. Invest in your own IRA, or Roth IRA. Pay off debt! Keep about 25-percent of your investments 'liquid' - accessible within six months without penalties. Plan ahead for potential health issues with appropriate insurance.

About five years ago, I left my employment, and my 401k. You say I can move that money - how? And, will I have to pay all the taxes on it?

It is possible to move the money to another qualified (pre-tax) investment product without triggering a taxable event. (Qualified funds are tax-deferred - you pay taxes when you take the money out.) "Moving" the money is not considered accessing the money. You can walk into your credit union or bank and they will



Julia Yoder

guide you into opening an IRA. It is best to make an institution-to-institution transfer. Once your money is in an IRA, you can 'roll' some or all of it into another qualified product like a fixed, or fixed-indexed annuity.

Will MediCal take care of my long-term care needs when the time comes?

If you qualify for MediCal, (aka Medicare) it will take care of some of your needs, for a limited time period, and possibly not in a facility where you'd like to spend your final years. Be aware of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, signed on February 8, 2006, which includes ways for the government to get reimbursed for the money they spend taking care of you. This includes putting a lien against your home and making you name them as beneficiary on your insurance and investments. To control seniors from 'spending down' their investment dollars at the last minute, this law also lengthened the look-back period to 5 years (it used to be 3 years). This means that any transfer of assets

in the past five years could disqualify the individual for nursing home care for a period of time. Keep in mind that many long-term care insurance claims are a result of long-recovery time for injuries suffered in auto or personal accidents which can happen at any age.

My banker wants me to move my CD money into a variable annuity so that I have a greater chance of higher returns. He says I cannot lose my money. Is that right?

In a variable annuity, your money can be at risk, and you are charged fees. I recommend fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. With those policies, your money is not in the stock market; it only 'mirrors' the index. Some offer bonuses, others credit your account with a good percentage of growth even if the stock market has even a fraction of growth, offers no loss to you if the stock market loses, gives accelerated benefits for specific needs, and guarantees lifetime income. (All guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.)

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Integrity

Do you have Integrity??? The dictionary states the definition of "integrity" is "the practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values". "In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions".

What the definition leaves out is the basis for integrity with the underlining ethics. What do I mean by this? Every culture and or county has its own standard of ethics that integrity is derived from. So what might be an acceptable standard of integrity in another county might not be acceptable in the U.S. and it would be perfectly okay for that individual.

I travel the world for business and find that the failures of American business professionals all too often puts their country's business template on other cultures and either loses the business or never gets it at all and wonders why. The same can be said for other country's business professionals that come to the U.S.

There is also another danger that has been working through the business community and our communities at large for decades now and is the blurring the line of what is acceptable behavior and what isn't forgetting altogether pro-



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Business protocol is an extremely important aspect of the formation of relationships within a company and between companies and countries. Protocol can be defined as the proper procedure of conduct. There are many different protocols necessary between different countries and similar care should be taken at all times in business. A good resource for that novice business traveler or dealing with other ethnicities within the U.S. is a product call Culture Grams <https://proquest.libguides.com/culturegrams>. ; There is also another site that provides free culture materials <http://guide.culturecrossing.net/>.

We see it in our own businesses across the country as to individual company culture that gets influences from our business professionals traveling to

other countries and bringing back with them ways of doing business that may not be acceptable to our norms forever changing our baseline of ethics and integrity.

Then there's the integrity matter that we are all more familiar with. The other day I was on a committee that was represented by several city officials dealing with a public matter that required a vote of public funds. To the surprise of many this individual voted contrary to previous stances and core principles. When confronted this person stated that they were pressured to change their vote for fear of losing a committee assignment. A prime example of the loss of integrity.

How does this relate to everyday business and your personal worth? Your customer base and your potential customer base demand your integrity and your company's integrity as a foundation of trust. Without trust your business will quickly erode and your person brand will be ruined.

We typically come into this world with a clean slate when it comes to reputation (except for those who grade you/us with the sins for your/our family name) and you must guard it with your life and not let anyone label or brand you with untruth(s). This comes full circle to integrity. No one can give it to you; you must earn it on your own. Once the lie has been told or an action unbecoming has been perpetrated it's next to impossible to un-ring that bell and can take a life time to undo the damage.

Be bold, act nobly and above all be honest in your dealings. This is the key to success and happiness with no regrets.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Is It Hot Enough For You?

How many times do you hear that phrase in the course of the summer? We hear about the importance of taking care of ourselves during hot weather on the news and read about it in various publications. We are told to drink lots of water to keep hydrated, especially when exercising or doing physical labor.

Take a moment and think about your car...it gets hot too! We often take for granted just how hard it does work for us in all kinds of weather. When you see a car sitting on the side of the road with steam rising from the hood, that is an overheated vehicle!

Many things will cause a car to overheat... a hose, radiator, head gasket, thermostat, water

pump or even the computer controlled electric fans may not be functioning. With so many critical components that have to work together to keep the engine cool, we recommend an inspection every 3 to 4 months of these items.

I keep repeating this statement and here it is again, it is always less expensive to maintain your car versus waiting for it to break and then fixing it. Most newer cars have a warning system to alert you of a failure. Please don't ignore these warnings. We have many customers who kept driving after a warning light came on and destroyed the engine.

If you think your car is overheating, get to the side of the road quickly and safely. Turn off

your radio and air conditioner, then turn your heater on to high while keeping the engine idling. If no heat comes out, turn the car off as soon as possible, no heat means no coolant in the engine.

It is never wise to try to drive a car with a problem, unless safety is a concern. Most drivers have a roadside assistance program... if you don't, ask us about our free assistance service with some purchases.

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OneLegacy to Relocate Corporate Office from Downtown LA to Azusa

AZUSA - OneLegacy announced it will relocate its corporate office from downtown Los Angeles to a new 4.45 acre property it acquired in Azusa, California. "The new property reflects the tremendous growth OneLegacy has achieved over recent years while providing the space and resources needed for us to continue to save and heal even more lives through donation," says OneLegacy CEO Tom Mone. OneLegacy is the largest organ, eye and tissue recovery organization in the world.

The Azusa property currently contains a 98,000 square foot three-story commercial building which OneLegacy intends to update to accommodate its administrative, foundation and clinical operational needs. Renovation

plans are anticipated to take up to a year to complete.

Construction of a new 50,000 square foot structure will connect with the existing building, and will house a state of the art transplant recovery and research center along with a 16,000 Sqft conferencing space. This facility will roughly triple the size of the company's existing Transplant Recovery Center in Redlands. Opened in February 2018, the Redland's facility was California's first dedicated Transplant Recovery Center. Last year alone the center performed over 1,000 donor recoveries which saved and healed more than 75,000 lives.

"We are proud of the partnership with the City of Azusa and excited to call Azusa our new

home. OneLegacy has been searching for over 5 years to find the right location for its headquarters, Azusa was a great fit for us and the City, along with the community, welcomed us with open arms," says Tom Mone. "We are excited to be the new home to OneLegacy. As the Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles County, OneLegacy's relocation to Azusa is a testament to our commitment to facilitating business entry and expansion. We look forward to our partnership and making an impact in our communities," said Azusa Mayor Joseph R. Rocha.

OneLegacy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and healing lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in seven counties in Southern California.



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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

Wanted: Men and Women who want to lose weight. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit group that encourages men and women to lose weight. TOPS is a hands on, Pounds Off approach to weight loss. No Quick Fixes, just helpful information you need to reach your weight loss goal. We offer the latest nutrition, fitness and medical information. We also have information on the latest Diabetes resources. Motivational stories from successful TOPS members. Our meetings are every Thursday at 9:30am to 11:00am at Azusa Memorial Park at 320 N Orange. For more information please call 626-967-8829

ARCADIA

Senior Seminars

Arcadia Senior Services is hosting FREE informational seminars on various topics concerning seniors at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. The topics and dates are as follows:

Thursday, July 18 at 1:30pm - L.A. Found - Project Lifesaver, Presented by LA County Workforce Development. Information on new voluntary system of trackable bracelets for at-risk individuals.

For additional information, please call 626.574.5130.

Saturday Adult Basketball League

Gather your friends, form a team and stay active in the adult basketball league. Whether it's casual or competitive, there's always an opportunity to stay fit and have fun. Games are played at the Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm, beginning Saturday, June 29, 2019. Saturday Open League is limited to six teams and is open to all levels of play. League fees are \$502 plus a \$40 forfeit deposit, which includes 9 league games, officials, scorekeepers, and championship award. Registration takes place on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

BALDWIN PARK

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

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.

Community Garden Parcels

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

Walk The Walk

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

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

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.

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.

Senior Lunch

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.

GLENDORA

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. For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

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.

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.

LA VERNE

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Blood Drive at

La Verne City Hall

Every year, City Hall holds a blood drive in the summer, which is when the Red Cross reports the need for blood is greatest and the supply is lowest. This year, our blood drive will be held Tuesday, July 16, in the City Hall Council Chambers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you'd like to donate blood, you can schedule an appointment at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>. This blood drive is open to employees, residents, friends, family—anyone who is willing to help.

Get About

Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free. To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at

909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

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

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

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San Dimas

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WEST COVINA

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 Holidays.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every week on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Cortez Senior Center, located at 2501 E. Cortez St in the back classroom building. Visitors are always welcome and your first meeting is free. Come now and learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, motivation, and more every week. This group has members from all over the San Gabriel Valley. For details, call Erika Hernandez at 6 2 6 - 3 8 4 - 0 5 0 2 (ehernandez57@aol.com).

Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center has an award-winning lunch program that provides a **daily lunch service** for seniors, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging.

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.

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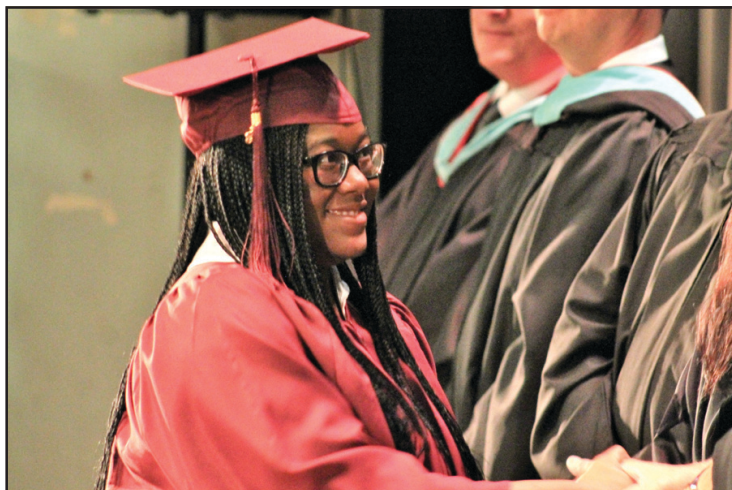
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Monrovia Unified Celebrates Adult School and Alternative Schools Class of 2019 Graduates



A graduate from Mountain Park School receives her diploma and is congratulated by the school's administrators during the commencement ceremony for Mountain Park and Canyon Oaks High School.

MONROVIA – Monrovia Unified celebrated 270 students who graduated from the District's Adult School, Canyon Oaks High School, and Mountain Park School during ceremonies that celebrated the achievements and successes of each student.

Monrovia Community Adult School held its commencement ceremony for graduates who had completed the graduation re-

quirements for the schools' programs. Students graduated with certificates in Career Technical Education (CTE) programs such as medicine, computers, and construction. They were also recognized for completing the requirements to receive their high school diplomas.

"There is no shortcut or easy way at our Adult School or Alternative Schools," Director of Alternative Schools Flint Fertig said. "These graduates did everything that was necessary and fulfilled all of the graduation requirements necessary to be here today. Congratulations to all of them for pushing through hardships and obstacles and achieving their goals."

Family and friends, teachers, and administrators filled the auditorium at Clifton Middle School, cheering as 47 graduates from Canyon Oaks High School and Mountain Park School made their way to the stage during the commencement ceremony.

Three graduates – Benjamin Cortez, Katherine Onofre, and Brandon Trujillo – graduated with California State Seal of

Biliteracy in Spanish – the first ever in the history of the District's continuation high school. Additionally, Ariana Brooks, Grace Golden, and Rebecca Lauver graduated with Golden State Seal Merit Diplomas – also a first for the continuation school.

"It is my privilege to congratulate this group of graduates for their accomplishments," Board President Ed Gililland said. "We know that each student has done the work necessary to be where they are today. We honor and wish them all continued success."

During the ceremonies, scholarships were distributed to students by community groups such as Monrovia Rotary Club, Monrovia Kiwanis Club, Monrovia Latino Heritage Society, Citrus College Bright Future. The scholarships totaled more than \$15,000, a jump from the \$8,000 distributed last year.

"Congratulations to all of our Adult School and Alternative Schools graduates," Superintendent Katherine Thorossian said. "Every single one of them is focused on the future and the promises it holds. They've shown that they have the will and will determine the way to achieve their goals following graduation."

Captain Richard Bell Appointed as West Covina Police Chief

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Bell as the City's Police Chief. West Covina has a proud tradition of a great Police Department. The City plans to maintain that reputation going forward.

Chief Bell has over 25 years of law enforcement experience having initiated his career with the Monrovia Police Department in 1995 and having served as a West Covina Police Officer since 1999. He has held the rank of Captain since 2013 and was appointed to serve as Acting Chief in May 2019.

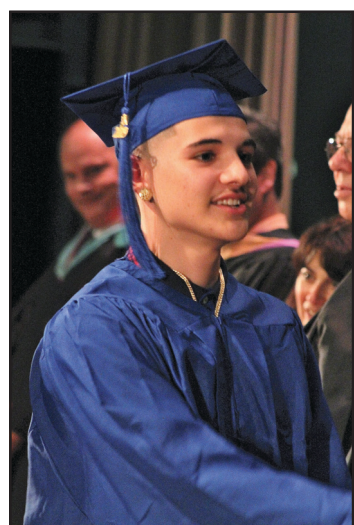
"Richard is the right person for the job as the Police Department continues to face higher demands with limited resources," said City of West Covina Mayor Lloyd Johnson. "I am extremely proud of the work Richard Bell has done during his tenure in the West Covina Police Department, and I look forward to seeing him lead the Department moving forward."

"Chief Bell has performed in an exemplary manner as Acting Chief and throughout his career in law enforcement. He has extensive knowledge about this agency and the community, along with the right experi-



West Covina Chief Of Police Richard Bell

ence and training to lead the department into the future," said Interim City Manager David Carmany. "This is a critical department - day in and day out our officers provide the essential services that define the community's quality of life. Chief Bell will provide needed leadership and will help the community define bold new horizons of community service," said Carmany.



A Canyon Oaks High School graduate is greeted and congratulated for his achievement in receiving his high school diploma during the school's graduation ceremony

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Missing Hiker Found Alive and Well After 7 Days



Photos courtesy of SMSR

Jo's footwear was being held together by their laces when search crews located him in Devil's Canyon.

By Carolyn Grumm

SIERRA MADRE - On Saturday June 22nd, 73 year old Eugene Jo went hiking out of the Three Points trailhead in the San Gabriel Mountains with 6 other hikers. Around 3:00 pm Jo became separated from the group. He was found 1 week later on Saturday June 29th after a massive search effort by search and rescue teams from across California.

The Montrose Search and Rescue Team received a report of a missing hiker around 7:00 pm on Saturday June 22nd. As they began their search, the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team and the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team were called to assist. Field teams searched the area through the night, watching the sunrise on their assignments.

On Sunday, fresh searchers from 7 of Los Angeles County's search and rescue teams deployed, and search assignments expanded. In the

daylight they searched the trails in the Mt Waterman area, as well as off trail areas near where Jo's hiking group had lunch. On Monday June 24th teams throughout California were called to join the search.

In the end, 25 teams responded from 10 counties including teams as far away as Marin and San Diego counties. Approximately 3,200 acres were searched by 327 searchers alongside LA Search Dogs, Special Enforcement Bureau's Unmanned Aircraft System, LA Sheriff's Department and LA County Fire Department helicopters.

On Saturday June 29th over 75 searchers deployed into the field. That morning Jo was located deep in Devil's Canyon by a field team from the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team. Jo was extracted by Air Rescue 5 and taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital where he was released later the same day.

Jo's family said that he would not give up. They were correct. Jo drank stream water, ate plants and tried to signal helicopters with his red vest. He was deep in thick brush in a huge search area though so he wasn't located until a ground team got close to him and heard his response to their voices.

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team (SMSR) fielded 23 team members who logged over 650 hours between time spent in the field and assisting the Montrose Search and Rescue Team with overhead management of the operation. In large scale searches Incident Management Teams play a critical role. Throughout the day, personnel in the command post manage radio communication with field teams, interview the friends and family, interact with the media, debrief search teams, and process GPS track logs. Based on information from each days' search assignments and new information, the Planning Sec-

tion works through the night to determine where teams will search the next day.

As for the reactions when Jo was located, one SMSR team member reported, "I was elated when the radio call came in," and another member shared that, "there were smiles, hugs, and tears of joy." For now team members have returned home to wash off the dirt, tend to their bruises, and catch up on some much needed sleep. For SMSR it was a week spent in the service of their motto, "Anywhere in the wilderness someone needs help. . ."

Since 1951, the all-volunteer Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team has responded to calls for help in the local mountains and beyond. SMSR also provides a range of wilderness safety programs. The Team never charges for any of these services, and is funded entirely by charitable donations. For more information, to donate, or to arrange a wilderness safety demonstration for your school or group, visit www.smsr.org.



A crew from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team searches some of the rough and rugged terrain in the Mt. Waterman area.

Church of the Good Shephard Welcomes New Senior Pastor



Reverend Eva Thai-Erwin

ARCADIA - The congregation of the Church of the Good Shephard, United Methodists, in Arcadia is pleased to welcome Reverend Eva Thai-Erwin, Senior Pastor, who will fill the vacancy left by Reverend George Hooper. Reverend Hooper has been reassigned to Huntington Beach Community United Methodist Church.

Although she is of Chinese heritage, Pastor Eva, as she prefers to be called, was born in Vietnam and grew up in Long Beach, California. As a child, she was an active member of Long Beach First United Methodist Church and also attended Buddhist Temple services with her grandparents. However, her love of Biblical Scripture, United Methodist Traditions, the practice of Reason in faith, and her many wonderful church experiences led her to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior while in high school.

Pastor Eva began the Masters of Divinity program at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, then transferred and completed her degree at Claremont School of Theology. She was commissioned in 2011, ordained Elder in 2014, and began her career at Chinese UMC in Los Angeles as Associate Pastor in 2011 advancing to

Senior Pastor in 2015. Pastor Eva's resume lists extensive youth and young family ministry work, leadership in bible studies, fellowship groups, and church committees along with roles in civic organizations such as the Chinatown Business Improvement District Board, Pacific Alliance Hospital chaplaincy and the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

Pastor Eva met her husband, Philip Erwin, while studying at Garrett Seminary. Both Phil and Eva enjoy sampling new and unique restaurants and experimenting with new recipes at home. And, while Eva is an LA Dodgers fan, Phil routes for the Chicago Cubs, making for an interesting baseball season at their house.

Pastor Eva states that she finds inspiration in the words of Christ in Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." She will preach her first sermon at the Church of the Good Shephard, on Sunday, July 14. The congregation warmly welcomes members of all faiths to join us as Pastor Eva leads us together to be the light of Christ for the world.

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