

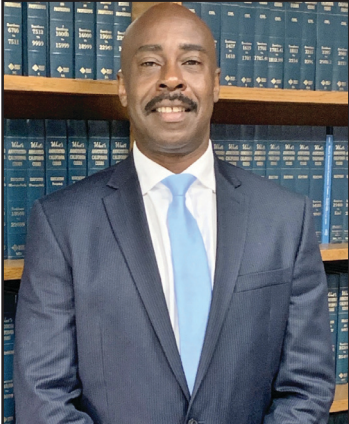


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# America's Christian Credit Union Celebrates National Foster Care Month

**GLENDORA** – America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU), a faith-based financial institution, celebrated National Foster Care Month with gusto. While sponsoring events in line with its call to Missional Banking, the credit union also reinforced its core value of Building Stronger Families.

On Saturday, May 18, ACCU's premier foster care partner, Olive Crest, hosted a Foster Champions breakfast at Eagle Rock Baptist Church. The gathering included about fifty champions from all over Los Angeles County, representing churches, nonprofits, and individuals passionate about this ministry. The keynote speaker was Jason Johnson, a prolific blogger and mobilizer who has been spearheading foster care ministries across the country.

"We need to aim for long-term sustainability," said Johnson. "Sustainability is built on the back of ministry." He shared insights and strategies, and suggested ways in which everyone can do something, even those who cannot commit to bringing a child into their household.

The following Saturday, May 25, ACCU participated in the 12th Annual Foster Youth Townhall, keynoted by state senator An-



ACCU's Fawn Imboden with Carrie Galvin of Olive Crest, Pastor Max McGhee of Saddleback Church, and Pastor Curtis Drever of Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian, at the Zero by 2020 Vision meeting, Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian Church.

thonny J. Portantino (D-La Canada Flintridge). About 60 foster youth, group home parents, and sponsoring agencies gathered for the townhall at Pasadena City College. ACCU was honored with a certificate of recognition from the State Senate, in recognition of service to foster youth.

"Through America's Christian

Credit Union's investment in the community and partnerships," said Sen. Portantino, "you have assisted families who have opened their own hearts to young children and foster youth. Your support will go a long way in ensuring foster youth have the support they need to finish high school, apply for college and pay for college."

ACCU President/CEO Mendell Thompson reiterated the credit union's commitment to helping foster youth become financially literate and increase their chance for greater success in independent living. To this end, VP/Chief Development Officer Fawn Imboden shared three initiatives being offered by the

credit union: a 3-week financial literacy program; internships for qualifying foster youth; and a mentorship program run by ACCU staff.

Last but certainly not least, three ACCU staff took time on a Sunday afternoon to attend an adoption meeting at Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian Church, Irvine, CA. Hosted by Zero by 2020 Vision, the meeting was being held to spread the word about foster adoption to some 20,000 Christian congregations in Orange County, CA. Pastor Max McGhee of Saddleback Church, Zero by 2020 leader and himself an adoptive father of a Rwandan son, mentioned ACCU's Adoption Loan services, which have helped over 1,850 families responding to the call to adopt.

The nation has more than 440,000 children in the foster system, and 35,000 of them are in Los Angeles County alone. This crisis demands that the church seek ways to realize the promise in Psalm 68:6, that God sets the lonely in families. Even though National Foster Care Month is over, the need remains. Will you join us in this important mission to ensure that the foster children in our midst have a family to call their own?

## Elected Officials & Community Leaders Celebrate Grand Opening of America's Job Center of California (AJCC) and Community Resource Fair



Photo by Benny Ly

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – Hundreds gathered for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Slawson America's Job Center of California (AJCC). The AJCC opened at the Richard N. Slawson Southeast Occupational Center in Bell, CA. The AJCC is a one-stop shop for workforce services, and will provide a comprehensive range of no-cost employment and training services for employers and job seekers.

"Recent data shows that the communities surrounding Slawson Occupational Center have some of the lowest median earnings in the County, ranging from just over \$19,000 to \$23,000," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who represents Southeast Los Angeles. "Through collaboration and co-location of service providers, we can equip prospective workers with the tools to grow their careers. As a former Secretary of Labor, I am fully committed to providing job training services to those who are most in need—from our immigrant residents, people experiencing

homelessness, dislocated workers, Veterans, justice-involved residents, and transitional-age youth. Today's grand opening is an important step to matching workers with good jobs, which will help families thrive."

The Slawson AJCC will specifically provide job seekers with assistance in assessing skills, finding job opportunities, help preparing a resume, accessing academic support and more.

"The Richard N. Slawson Occupational Center is unique and in addition to providing opportunities for students to earn a high school diploma, students have the opportunity to learn English and other skills to prepare them for new careers or upgrade their skills," said Jackie Goldberg, newly elected board member of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). "Having the AJCC located within an LAUSD school provides an additional on-campus resource for our students, and it will provide job seekers and employers who utilize the AJCC greater accessibility to the training and resources

available at our school."

Otto Solorzano, Acting Director of Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services said, "The Slawson AJCC will provide job seekers with opportunities to launch careers or upgrade and improve their existing skillset, while engaging employers to provide experienced workers and other training services they need to grow their business. Through the Slawson AJCC, we can introduce students in programs such as accounting, medical coding/billing, electrical, construction, and more to gainful employment upon completion of their programs."

Attendees had the opportunity to tour the AJCC facilities and participate in a community resource fair that included Los Angeles County Departments such as the Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Social Services, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, and more.

## Andrew Amezcuita's Troop 491 Eagle Scout Project along Glendora's South Hills Park Trail



Left to Right: Phillip Tran, Greg Healy, Srinivas Chennamaneni, Andres Vasquez, Maurizio Vasquez, Adam Erickson, Tyler Tran, Jaden Pirog, Eagle Scout Project Leader Andrew Amezcuita (right of the sign), Jose Vasquez, Scoutmaster Michael Moya, Prajeet Chennamaneni, Ryan Healy, Spencer Moya.

**GLENDORA** - On The morning of May 18th, Andrew Amezcuita, then age 17, of Troop 491 Glendora, lead over 18 fellow Scouts, adult Scout leaders, and other volunteers on his Eagle Scout Service Project along a steep and winding East View North Fork Trail in the South Hills Wilderness Park in Glendora. Together they adjusted a misaligned trail sign and used "fire-style" rakes called a "Mcloeds" to both cut back the overgrown brush, and widen and level uneven ground created by recent rains. This service project was part of Andrew's requirement to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Andrew chose to work on the trail following a talk with Dick Swinney, Chairman of the Glendora Trails Council. "I really enjoy the outdoors so it was an easy choice," said Andrew. The third of a mile trail is part of the trail system in the South

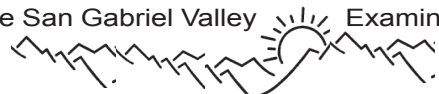
Hills Wilderness Park and begins at Elwood Avenue as part of the Alosta Canyon Trail and connects with other trails in the park. After hiking the trail with Mr. Swinney and listening to his concerns, Andrew formed and executed his plan to restore the trail in accordance with the Eagle Scout Service Project requirements for leadership, safety, local impact, hours of work, materials needed, and call for volunteers. The Glendora Trails Council provided the heavy hand rakes used and Pizza Hut donated the lunch for the volunteers.

The day of the project was sunny and cool, much to the relief for Andrew and the volunteers, who spent from early morning until the early afternoon clearing and shaping the hilly trail with hand tools. The day's hard work and the number of volunteers relieved a vis-

ibly concerned Andrew with "how fast everything got done and the project was completed." At the conclusion of the project, the trail had been widened an extra four feet, which made for an easier and safer walk for hikers.

A Scout since 2011, Andrew Amezcuita recently graduated Gladstone High School in Azusa and plans to enlist in the United States Army after graduation.

The Eagle Scout Service Project, or more simply the Eagle Scout Project, provides Boy Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills while performing a project for the benefit of his community. This is the culmination of the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part.





# Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Officers and Board



Glendora Community Coordinating Council's 2019-2020 newly installed Officers and Board

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is proud to announce it's 2019-2020 newly installed Officers and Board on Monday, June 10, 2019. We meet the sec-

ond Monday of each month at the Continental Restaurant for lunch and are always looking for new members and volunteer award recipients. Please visit our website

at [www.glendoracoordinating-council.org](http://www.glendoracoordinating-council.org) for information on joining our organization or nominating a person for award recognition.

# Duarte Summer Concert Series Lineup



**DUARTE** - Come enjoy fun-filled nights with live entertainment, dancing, food, and games for the entire family at the free annual City of Duarte 2019 Summer Concert Series, Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park (1344 Bloomdale St.). The series launches on June 26 with a performance by classic hits rock band Smokin' Cobras, sponsored by California American Water. Groove to Latin, funk

and R&B beats by SOTO Band at our July 3rd Independence Day Celebration. Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger is sponsoring the Motown and R&B hits from The Blue Breeze Band on July 10. The 2019 Summer Concert Series concludes with the mariachi music from Grupo Tradiciones on July 17. This event will be sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries.

Concession stands will be open at 6 p.m. Don't forget your lawn chair or a blanket! Concert parking will be available on the south side of Bloomdale St. and the DHS Sports Park parking lot. Additional parking will be available for the July 3rd Independence Day Celebration at the CSArts-SGV Performing Arts Center (1401 Highland Ave.).

For more information, please contact Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931 ext. 260.

# Citrus College Automotive Instructor Honored by Statewide Organization



Citrus College Automotive Technology instructor Mariano Rubio poses with his 'College Teacher of the Year' award from the California Industrial and Technology Education Association in one of the college's state-of-the-art service bays. (Photo courtesy Citrus College)

**GLENDORA** - Citrus College Automotive Technology instructor Mariano Rubio was recently recognized as the "College Teacher of the Year" by the California Industrial and Technology Education Association (CITEA).

Nominated by his former high school automotive teacher, Brad Walsh, Rubio was honored at the Los Angeles chapter of CITEA's annual awards banquet in front of nearly 60 educators, students and industry professionals.

"I was completely surprised and humbled to win this award from CITEA," said Rubio. "It felt great to be recognized by my peers, especially with my former high school instructor in attendance. I am mostly glad that news is spreading about the success of the automotive program at Citrus College."

Rubio's teaching career began when his former Citrus College instructor, Dennis Korn, invited him to return as an instructor. In the nine years since he began teaching, Rubio has played a significant role in

advancing career technical education at the college, including successfully reinvigorating the medium and heavy diesel truck technology program, creating a new stationary power generation program, and increasing employment rates among former students.

"Mariano Rubio's contributions to Citrus College are significant and diverse," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "His dedication to student success is exemplary, and many graduates are now gainfully employed in the automotive industry due to Mr. Rubio's extensive industry knowledge and expertise. Congratulations to Mr. Rubio for winning this award!"

Previously, Rubio had a distinguished 13-year career in the automotive service and repair industry before switching lanes to education. As a service technician for Toyota, Rubio was inducted into Toyota's International Assembly of Customer Service Champions for scoring a "perfect" on every Toyota

test given, including the master skills competition. He also received a Congressional Certificate of Recognition from U.S. Rep. Judy Chu for his outstanding performance in customer service, and a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Citrus College Automotive Technology Program.

"Mariano Rubio's passion for teaching is contagious, and he inspires everyone around him to excel and be their best," said Michael Wangler, dean of mathematics and business, and interim dean of career, technical and continuing education. "More than simply preparing students to excel in their chosen field, he instills a passion for learning that leads many of his students not only to become



# West Covina JrROTC Awards Dinner

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - West Covina VFW Post 8620 hosted the West Covina High School's Jr. ROTC banquet and Awards Ceremony. This was well attended including Mayor Lloyd Johnson, councilmembers Jessica Shewmaker and Dario Castellanos and to honor their achievements throughout the year.

Captain Perez spoke highly of the cadets and he had seen how they improved over the years. He is honored to be able to be their mentor and teach them. There were nearly 30 awards given to the cadets which came with cheers from those attending.

During the event, they had a ceremony that put this team on the map. The event honors soldier who have not returned. A few years ago, the California State Commander was present at this same tribute and sent a three-minute video that stated



A dedication Ceremony for all Military.

"he had been with the VFW for 38 year and this was by far the BEST CEREMONY ever presented by any Jr. ROTC that

he has ever seen."

Guests were treated with dinner and dessert. At the end, it was a job well done.



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# The Orchard To Break Ground In Downtown Azusa

Ceremony Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019

AZUSA - "The Orchard," a new and exciting mixed-use project, is coming to Downtown Azusa. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the future site of The Orchard located at 626 N. Azusa Avenue, Azusa, California 91702. City Council & Staff will be joined by representatives from Serrano Development Group and Azusa Block 36, LLC, which are developing the project, to speak about the economic and social impacts this development will have on residents and businesses in the City of Azusa and the region.

"A healthy downtown is key to a strong community," said City of Azusa Mayor, Joseph R. Rocha. "For too long, downtowns have experienced a steady decline. However, today's ground breaking for this project will help to turn things around. Like many cities in the region, we know that downtowns are the heart of a city - and having a healthy heart is essential to having a strong city and

a vibrant economic base.' The Orchard will be developed on the southeast corner of Azusa Avenue and Foothill Boulevard on the site formerly known as "Block 36." This four-story mixed-use development will feature 163 residential units consisting of a mix of one-, two-, three-bedroom, and live/work units. Residential amenities at The Orchard include a swimming pool and spa, community room, fitness room, dog park, community garden, and rooftop decks. The ground level will include ap-

proximately 32,500 square feet of retail and restaurant space, which will be anchored by a 4-screen Laemmle Theatres. Laemmle Theatres is the premier exhibitor of art house cinema with several locations throughout the Los Angeles area.

The project aims to bring sophisticated transit-oriented living and engaging retail and restaurants to the Downtown area of Azusa. The Orchard is located just one block south of the Azusa Downtown Gold Line Metro Station.

## Parking Fee Instituted at Duarte/City of Hope Gold Line Station

DUARTE - Effective immediately, Metro Gold Line riders will now have to pay \$3 a day to park at the Duarte Park and Ride lot adjacent to the Duarte/City of Hope Gold Line station.

The station joins the ranks of other busy stations having to pay to park along the San Gabriel Valley route. The new \$3 daily parking fee also went into effect Monday at the parking structure in Arcadia. Transit riders looking to park at either of the structures will need their TAP cards as proof of ridership when they pay for parking at a kiosk outside.

The Gold Line has been expanding into the San Gabriel

Valley's foothill communities over the past few years. Metro officials say certain stations such as Duarte and Arcadia have gotten busier than others due to a mix of non-metro using car drivers utilizing the structures as free parking, in addition to an overall increase in ridership.

Paid parking is already part of the routine at other Gold Line stations, including APU/Citrus, Irwindale, Monrovia, and the Del Mar parking garage in Pasadena. Parking is still free at the Sierra Madre station. For additional information about the Metro Gold Line Duarte/City of Hope Station, call Metro at (323) 466-3876.

# Los Angeles County To Launch Typhoid Prevention Plan

Supervisor Barger's Motion Directs Public Health Department to Report Back on Efforts to Eliminate Risk for Law Enforcement and the General Public

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In light of a recent case of typhoid fever contracted by an LAPD officer, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger to direct the Department of Public Health to investigate and report back with a countywide communicable disease prevention and intervention plan.

"Under this plan, the Department of Public Health will examine the root causes of the communicable diseases associated with trash and rodent infestations and develop a comprehensive plan to protect the health and safety of our residents and law enforcement personnel," Supervisor Barger said.

While there is not presently an outbreak of Typhoid Fever in Los Angeles County, there are other

cases that have been reported separately from the case reported by LAPD. In 2018, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported 14 cases of Typhoid Fever and in 2019, has received reports of five cases to date. These cases are almost always travel-related. All cases are reported to the Department of Public Health, which conducts thorough investigation of each case.

Typhoid fever can be a life-threatening illness caused by the bacterium Salmonella Typhi. Typhoid fever is more common in areas of the world where water may be contaminated with sewage or where sanitation is poor. Typhoid is typically spread through eating food or drinking water that has been contaminat-

ed with fecal material from an infected person. The disease is not common in the United States, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that only 350 cases of Typhoid fever occur throughout the nation each year.

The motion directs the Department of Public Health, in coordination with local health departments, city sanitation departments, and other pertinent stakeholders, to develop a countywide communicable disease prevention and intervention plan that identifies areas that are at an elevated risk for disease transmission due to unsanitary conditions, and provide recommendations to mitigate disease transmission risk in these areas with a report to the Board in 60 days.

## DPSS to Replace MTA Metal Bus Tokens with New Transit Access Pass (TAP)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Effective July 1, 2019, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) will discontinue the issuance of the metal Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) bus tokens and transition customers into using a new stored-value Transit Access Pass (TAP) card that will enable simpler and safer travel throughout Los Angeles

County. DPSS currently issues MTA bus tokens to help meet the emergency transportation needs of customers participating in various assistance programs administered by the department.

The new TAP card contains a pre-set value and one-year expiration date. The cards will be issued in three values:

(\$3.50, \$7.00, and \$10.00).

Bus tokens will no longer be sold by MTA or issued by DPSS beginning June 28, 2019, but will be accepted as MTA fare until November 29, 2019.

For additional information, please call the DPSS Customer Service Center Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at (866) 613-3777.

# County To Examine Pilot Program Offering Storage For Homeless Individuals

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger directing county agencies to explore a pilot storage program for homeless individuals, similar to Orange County and San Diego.

"Having a place to store their belongings reduces public health and safety risks by reducing the amount of materials filling sidewalks or public

spaces," Supervisor Barger said. "Having secure storage may also improve an individual's chance of finding shelter, landing a job, or keeping appointments for treatment or permanent housing."

The Chief Executive Office will work on a plan for implementation with the Departments of Public Health and Public Works, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority,

and other agencies and report back in 90 days with additional recommendations.

In addition to the programs cited above, the City of Los Angeles runs a Safe Storage Program at El Pueblo that utilizes a similar model. At least two other cities, Paramount and Burbank, are proposing safe storage programs to be supported by their Measure H allocation.

## West Covina Police Department Looking for 3 Armed Carjacking Suspects

By George Ogden  
WEST COVINA - Officers from the West Covina Police Department are asking the public for help in identifying the suspects who carjacked a driver at gun-point and stole his black Mercedes-Benz outside of the Edwards movie theater in West Covina Saturday night, June 8th.

The suspects approached the driver just before 9 p.m. and demanded the vehicle accord-

ing to the West Covina Police Department. Although the driver was threatened at gun point, indicating they would kill the driver, the driver was uninjured.

The police want information that would help get these suspects off the street and jail them before they kill someone. The police describe the three suspects as male Hispanics in their late teens and wearing

dark clothing. The vehicle was last seen heading west on the I-10 freeway. Police are hoping that people in the area saw these three individuals and might be able to add to their description and might be able to help identify who they are.

Anyone with information on the suspects or who witnessed the carjacking is urged to call the West Covina Police Department at 626-939-8500.

# City of Walnut Fourth of July Event and Fireworks

WALNUT - The City of Walnut's annual Fourth of July celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Suzanne Park (625 Suzanne Rd, Walnut CA). This FREE event will feature live music by the Blues Breeze Band, a Patriotic Pooch Parade, face painting, a pie-eating contest and food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, canopies and picnic baskets and enjoy the festivities with us.

Sorry, but alcohol, smoking, drones, personal fireworks, BBQ's grills or other cooking appliances are not allowed.

The Fireworks Show will begin at approximately 9:00 pm. The best places to see the fireworks are at Suzanne Park and Suzanne Middle School Soccer Fields. Please note that the Walnut High School parking lots will be closed due to construction, so plan to come early. There will also be local road closures around the park beginning at approximately 8:45 pm. For more information, please call 909-598-5605.

**Fireworks Prohibited in Walnut**

The City of Walnut reminds residents and guests that fire-

works are prohibited within the City of Walnut. It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, assemble, store, transport, receive, keep, offer to another or to otherwise have possession with the intent to sell, use, discharge, cause to be discharged, ignite, detonate, fire or otherwise set to action any fireworks of any description within the City's municipal boundaries. The use of fireworks can result in fines of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in County jail. Please report any use of fireworks to the Walnut-Diamond Bar Sheriff Station at (909) 595-2264.



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## Tariffs Gone; Drug Cartels Thrive

Vice President Mike Pence met with "top Mexican Officials" this past week to convince them Mexico has a responsibility to stop the massive human flow to and across our southern border. The impact of literally thousands of human beings at the border and crossing without interdiction is an incredible strain on our resources, and, more than that, presents a harrowing threat to the health and safety of our legal residents and the security of the entire country.

Talks with Vice President Pence, Secretary of State Pompeo and Mexico's Foreign Affairs Secretary Marcelo Ebrard initially netted no results, but under threats of President Trump's increased tariffs, Mexican officials came around. Reports from President Trump indicate Mexico has agreed to send thousands of troops to the border area to stem the flow to and across our border. But that doesn't solve all our border problems.

The re-incarceration of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, head of the powerful Mexican Sinaloa Drug Cartel, gave us all the feeling of victory over the illegal trafficking occurring over the border from Mexico into Southern California. However, like bacteria growing in a jar, new leadership has sprouted up. Ismael ("El Mayo") Zambada Garcia, with "El Chapo's" sons, will continue to do the cartel's business operating in 17 of the 33 Mexican states. The big business of smuggling in and distributing their products throughout the U.S. -- like Colombian cocaine, Mexican marijuana, Mexican and Southeast Asian heroin, methamphetamines and fentanyl -- will continue unless and until a united strong message reverberates out to our leadership in D.C. and all our governors.

Derek S. Maltz, a narco-terror expert and former Drug Enforcement Agency Senior Officer, says, the Mexican drug cartels have established headquarters throughout the U.S. and pose one of the country's "greatest criminal, national security and public health threats" we've ever known. Maltz, before retirement, establish the Counter Narco-Terror-



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

ism Operations Center (CNTOC) that has taken out bigtime narco-terrorism operations, including a money-laundering scheme supporting the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah."

Maltz testified May 30th before the Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee about the infiltration of the Mexican drug cartels into Ohio. He told the Committee on April 12th Indiana State Police had intercepted 6 kilograms of fentanyl transported from California headed to Ohio. Medical experts and DEA said that amount of fentanyl had the potential to kill up to 3,000,000 residents of Ohio or 25% of their population.

Fentanyl is one of the most powerful synthetic opioids on the street today and is 80-100 times stronger than morphine. One grain, the size of a grain of salt, can do severe damage or cause death. Naloxone spray or injection provides only temporary relief to restore breathing before the drug takes over the body again.

Testifying with Derek Maltz before the Ohio Criminal Justice Committee was Sara Carter, investigative reporter, and Heidi Riggs, a mother who lost her daughter to heroin addiction. All three are supporting Ohio's House Resolution 10 calling for the federal government to designate the Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO).

Within that Resolution, is the statement of U.S. DEA Acting Administrator, Uttam Dhillon, declaring "Mexican drug trafficking organizations are the biggest criminal threat the United States

faces today".

Judicial Watch, Inc., a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation, has written a white paper on Designation of Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) and Reassessing the Mexican Government under the "Trafficking Victims Protection Act" (TVPA). A three-part assessment is required to qualify as an FTO:

- Organization is a foreign organization
- Engages in terrorist activity
- Activity is unlawful and threatens the security of the United States nationals or the national security of the United States.
- Currently there are 67 FTOs according to the white paper.

The process of enacting these designations begins with the Department of State and Secretary Pompeo, is then handed off to Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador Nathan Sales, appointed in 2017, responsible for preventing and countering threats to civilian security, including terrorism, mass atrocities, and violations of human rights and the rule of law. There is a set procedure and allows for the organization to appeal the designation of TCO. All assets of the organization may be frozen.

The discussion put forth by Judicial Watch in their White Paper and Ohio's House Resolution 10 are not the first attempts at quashing the drug cartels. In 2012, Texas Congressman, Michael McCaul, introduced legislation, H.R. 4303, that would have directed the Secretary of State (Hillary Clinton) ... "to designate as foreign terrorist organizations certain Mexican drug cartels and submit a report on the activities the Department of State is taking to assist Mexico with drug cartel violence, and for other purposes."

We now have a President who doesn't back down and is determined to deal with this quiet assault on our country. It is time to put forth McCaul's legislation and support Judicial Watch's White Paper and Ohio's House Resolution 10.

They now have teacher's assistant. Nobody could explain why. A lot of you went to college, how many did you have in those classes.

Smaller classes solved NOTHING. I feel this is a way the teacher's union try to get more people working so they can get more union dues from more teachers and take their hard-earned cash.

I need to know why I am discriminated against. Just because I own property you want to tax me some kind of school tax and you're not going to tax others? I had one child and she went to a private school and sadly she died when she was twelve, so I had no kids in our public schools. So, let me ask this, why should I pay taxes on something I get no service from. Tax those who have all these kids... why am I burdened with supporting their kids with my money? I don't get it.

An education is nothing to be messed with and to use education as a POLITICAL TOOL is just wrong in my opinion. Let's get back to basics and educate and not rip-off people.

**"That's Just the Way It Is!"**

## Those Terrible Regulations

In any recitation of what will make America great again, Trump will focus on the damnable "regulations" that have choked the nation. He has vowed to eliminate thousands of these toxic inhibitions to American business. So far in his reign he has indeed gotten hundreds of these nasty inhibiting rules off the backs of the nation's helpless commercial victims. Since we have been repeatedly told how previous Congresses and Administrations have been delighted to throttle both our freedom and our safety by producing these useless rules, I thought it might be interesting to take a look at just a sample of what comprises a few of the terrible devices that have put a choke hold on our freedom.

I offer a sample of these reversesooking at a few of the 78 regulations that deal with the environment, and thanks to President Trump have now been eliminated. Here are a few that have now been wiped off the books.

\*A requirement for oil and gas companies to report methane emissions.

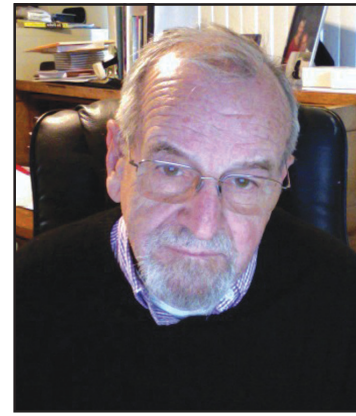
\*A rule limiting methane emissions on public lands, including intentional venting and flaring from drilling operations.

\*A rule designed to limit toxic emissions from major industrial polluters.

\*A rule that prohibited the use of hydrofluorocarbons (powerful greenhouse gases) in air conditioners and refrigerators.

\*A rule calculating the "social cost of carbon" used to estimate the long-term economic benefits of reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

\*A clean power plant rule that



**Charles H. Bayer**

set strict limits on carbon emissions from coal- and gas-fired power plants.

\*A rule requiring newly built coal power plants to capture carbon dioxide emissions.

\*A requirement that companies monitor and repair methane leaks at oil and gas facilities.

\*A freeze on new coal leases on public lands.

\*An executive order designed to preserve ocean, coastal and Great Lakes waters.

\*A rule that required mines to prove they could pay to clean up future pollution.

\*An order that had set a goal of cutting the federal government's greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent over 10 years.

\*A rule that required braking system and other upgrades for "high hazard" trains hauling flammable liquids, like oil and ethanol.

\*A program designed to limit exposure to lead, which is known to damage brain and nervous system development.

\*A rule that prevented coal companies from dumping mining debris into local streams.

Payments to the Green Cli-

mate Fund, a United Nations program to help poorer countries reduce carbon emissions.

Here is how the Trump Administration seeks to deal with the safety of the air we all breathe and the water we all drink. Other now obliterated regulations previously protected the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the rights of labor unions, the safety of public transportation, the protection of animals (particularly those raised for our consumption), the sanctity of what is left of America's wilderness, the safety of retirement funds, transgender rights--on and on and on.

Who is negatively affected by the jettisoning of these regulations? Consumers, the environment, the fragile American infrastructure--just to name a few. Who benefits? The industrial polluters as well as any firm "inhibited" by rules that safeguard the rights and safety guaranteed by these regulations.

I wonder whether the tiny group of voters in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin who provided the necessary Electoral College margins to guarantee President Trump's victory will discover how their lives and their communities have been devastated? Along with the rest of us it is their air, water and safety that is being risked. And all for the broken promise to open the scores of closed factories in these states and reemploy the thousands whose jobs have been shipped overseas never to return. It is a rotten deal for those citizens as well as for the rest of us.

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## Congressional Oversight - Just What Does That Imply?

By D. B. Shimel, My Perspective

Our Democracy in under attack" is the cry heard from leaders of several of the numerous oversight committees in the House of Representatives. They continuously bemoan that the Executive branch refuses to give them documents and allow staff members to testify before their committees. Where did the Congress get this power of oversight?

If one does a word search on the Constitution of the United States looking for the term Congressional oversight one will not find either of these words as they are not in the Constitution. Then how did the current numerous oversight committees in the House and Senate come into being?

Oversight is an implied power - not a stated power.

Originally, 'oversight' was intended for the elected officials to make sure that the once laws were passed that the intent of these acts were implemented by the appropriate departments of government. When oversight is used for that purpose this is a necessary function of congress. However, what has happened is that congress has slowly passed laws - sometimes over the veto of the president - that have eroded the power of the presidency.

In 1978 a Workshop called; Congressional Oversight and Investigations, was created, the product of which was a manual on the oversight process. The following has been taken from this document:

"Throughout its history, Congress has engaged in oversight--broadly defined as the review, monitoring, and supervision of the implementation of public policy--of the executive branch."

... "Woodrow Wilson wrote in his classic Congressional Government (1885): "Quite as important as lawmaking is vigilant oversight of administration." Today's lawmakers and congressional aides, as well as commentators and scholars, recognize that Congress's work, ideally, should not end when it passes legislation. Oversight is an inte-

gral way to make sure that the laws work and are being administered in an effective, efficient, and economical manner. In light of this destination, oversight can be viewed as one of Congress's principal responsibilities as it grapples with the complexities of the 21st century."

Additionally, this document identifies the formal source of this congressional power as: "Despite its lengthy heritage, oversight was not given explicit recognition in public law until enactment of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. That act required House and Senate standing committees to exercise "continuous watchfulness" over programs and agencies within their jurisdiction."

Also from this document comes the following: "The power to organize the executive branch. Congress has the authority to create, abolish, reorganize, and fund federal departments and agencies. It has the authority to assign or reassign functions to departments and agencies, and grant new forms of authority and staff to administrators. Congress, in short, exercises ultimate authority over executive branch organization and generally over policy."

If one takes this paragraph literally it gives congress the total power to abolish any part of the Executive branch of government effectively disabling the presidency. Is it any wonder that congress is in such disarray? Was this the intent of the founders with their concept of 'separation of powers' and checks and balances? This document was obviously written by a group of power hungry oligarchs in congress.

To them there is only one branch of government and they are it.

The Congressional Oversight Manual - is a guideline not a law.

Partisanship in Washington is not new but when partisanship is used to overthrow a duly elected president because these elected officials feel he was not supposed to win seems to be the objective of the Democrats in the House of Representatives. This is nothing more than a political coup that one might expect in a banana republic.

If the Constitution and the separation of powers granted therein is under attack it is by the Democrats in the House of Representatives.

Ultimately, it is up to only the truly sovereign group in this process - the citizens of this country - to decide if we have a government based on the Constitution and the rule of law or do we have a country based on the whim of the elected demigods in Washington D. C. spurred on by a document that has no legal standing.

"It is the duty of all patriots to defend their country from its government" - Thomas Payne

Due to legal actions, L. A. County and the State of California are undergoing a scrubbing of the voter rolls. Every voter should check their voter status before the next election. The Republican Center in Covina provides the service of registering people to vote and answering questions about the voting. Regardless of your party affiliation, please go in to check your registration status. The Center is located at 200 East Rowland St. Covina, Ca. Hours of operation are; Tuesday through Saturday form 11 Am until 2 Pm.

## Measure EE... and REALLY!

Some of you may know that they had a measure on the ballot in Los Angeles. It was Measure EE. This was known as Los Angeles Unified School District, California, Measure EE, Parcel Tax (June 2019).

This is what they said it was for: *To retain/attract quality teachers; reduce class sizes; provide counseling/nursing/library services, arts, music, science, math, preschool, vocational/career education, safe/well-maintained schools, adequate instructional materials/supplies; support disadvantaged/homeless students; shall Los Angeles Unified School District levy \$0.16 per square foot of building improvements annually, exempting seniors/certain disability recipients, providing approximately \$500,000,000 annually for 12 years, requiring annual audits, oversight, and funding local schools?*

I somehow walked into a debate that was going on and they asked me about it. Well, I gave them my opinion. I thought it was a bunch of bull just to rip us off for more of our hard-earned money.



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

Well right away, some of the Pro EE supporters got into my face. However, there were more non-supporters there by about 2 to 1.

I reminded them about what happened to our Lotto Money that was supposed to go to the schools. Now where is it? It ended up in the California general fund most likely paying for some stupid "Choo Choo Train" that goes to "nowhere-land" and for a bunch of other stupid things and possibly in the pocket of???

Teachers complain that they need smaller classes. REALLY? When I went to school, we had 65 kids in my class. It was a Catholic School. When I was in a public high school, we had about 50. If you speak to one, you

a motivator to becoming a volunteer. Volunteering is not only good for your health but it gives you a sense of purpose. It builds and strengthens relationships. Being involved as a volunteer is a great way to be engaged and energized. Volunteering is a non-prescription mood enhancer that keeps you alert and motivated.

Citrus Valley Inter-Communi-

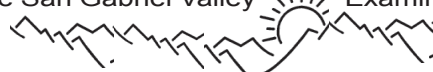
ty Auxiliary is always in need of volunteers.

Contact Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 915-6237 or email her at [tramirez@mail.cvhph.org](mailto:tramirez@mail.cvhph.org) to start the volunteer process. Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Hospital is located at 210 W. San Bernardino Rd. in Covina.

## Volunteers are the Connection

Volunteers are service oriented. They give time and energy without expecting anything in return. The only requirement is a need to care not just a need to keep busy. It's a feeling that comes from within. It's a connection to the needs of those around us and giving back.

Volunteers come from all walks of life. Post retirement is





# Bears Endlessly Tout Myth of America's Decline

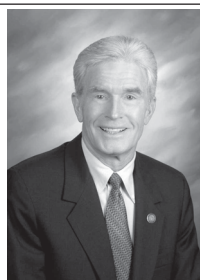
On May 31st the 10-year Treasury bond yield collapsed to 2.13% (a 20-month low) after the stock market sold off in the wake of the surprise threat of tariffs to be imposed on Mexico (to be enacted on June 10th if the Mexican government does not sufficiently cooperate with the Trump Administration to help stop the flood of illegal immigrants into the U.S.). I expect that Mexico will find a way to cooperate to avoid the tariffs, since Mexico is led by savvy business people who do not want to jeopardize their lucrative trade deals with the U.S.

Sharply dropping Treasury yields in a good economy often means the market was worried that the economy will not be so healthy the following year. However, another big driver of falling yields in the U.S. is the situation in Europe, where the German 10-year bund closed on Friday at -0.20%, while the German 2-year federal note closed Friday at -0.64%.

However, the latest drop in Treasury yields is not all about negative rates in Europe. The failure of trade talks with China and new potential sanctions on Mexico, in addition to the impact of foreign buyers of auctioned US debt instruments, negatively impact interest rates. Trade frictions have not yet produced an "economic event", but they have the potential to become substantial disruptors to economic performance especially in Mexico and China. To a lesser degree the USA would also be negatively impacted - all three countries at the same time - should both trade fights escalate.

It should be noted that last Tuesday Federal Reserve Officials indicated that they were closely watching recent trade tensions. Chairman Powell was quoted as saying: "We are close-

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Economic Analyst  
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ly monitoring the implications of these developments for the U.S. economic outlook and, as always, we will act as appropriate to sustain the expansion. Cutting rates apparently is "back on the table"

The other factor that spooked the stock market a week ago Friday was China's National Bureau of Statistics reporting that its purchasing managers index (PMI) slipped to 49.4 in May, down from 50.1 in April. Since any reading below 50 signals a contraction, China's official PMI signals that U.S. tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods may be taking a toll. The Wall Street Journal recently had a great article on how "The Real Winners from Trump's Tariffs Are China's Neighbors," like South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, and other countries in Southeast Asia, which are taking business away from China.

Every credible market pundit being interviewed by the financial media is asked to provide a prediction of when the "coast will be clear" to allocate more capital. With the full understanding of the toll the sell-off has been having on stock prices, the market is getting to a place where some technical indicators, contrary indicators, and real-time data points seem to suggest that a selling climax may have already passed. While there is an intense focus on the major averages, more attention should be paid to the sectors that matter most - both to the

stock market and to the economy itself - namely, technology and the consumer.

If the consumer accounts for two-thirds of domestic GDP, then we should all take note of the spike in last week's Consumer Confidence report for May, which came in with a reading of 134.1, the highest reading since November 2018. In both of these months, the market was in full-throated decline! Adding to this data point, the Present Situation Index increased from 169.0 to 175.2 and the Expectations Index rose from 102.7 to 106.6. The key takeaway is that consumer confidence has not been impacted by increased trade tension between the U.S. and China or the implied threat of prices on imports being passed on to the consumer.

Are we seeing an "oversold bounce" or something in the tea leaves that suggests something better? It's very hard to say, especially when the negative noise level is turned up so high.

I'm not saying this compilation of data points is a green light for a major market reversal, but I'm simply taking note of historically pivotal market trends, both here and abroad, that have bent but are not broken.

Betting against America doesn't often pay. One of the world's richest men tells the America-in-decline crowd:

"For 240 years it's been a terrible mistake to bet against America, and now is no time to start. America's golden goose of commerce and innovation will continue to lay more and larger eggs." - Warren Buffett.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

## Happy Father's Day!

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

**How can I be better prepared for disasters like fires, floods, tornados, earthquakes, stabblings and shootings, and terrorist attacks?**

At this time in America, most of us cannot even image the intensity of the horror and destruction in the lives of those who are involved in a personal way by disasters or attacks. Nobody PLANS to be a victim. But you can be better prepared. FEMA now recommends having 2-3 weeks of emergency supplies, plus some supplies in a backpack in your vehicle. In general, have auto, home/renters, and health and life insurances. Organize your important papers and put them in a safe place. Write a summary page of your insurances, investments, wishes, trust, etc. Review and update your beneficiaries. Consider a Limited Power of Attorney for your finances and medical care.

*My brother-in-law is in his*



**Julia Yoder**

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

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

**Is there somewhere else to invest my CD money that's safe, will earn a little better returns, and I could get to some of it, just in case a need arises?**

Some of that money should be kept in an emergency fund. You have a couple of good choices for the other amount. One product line offers a start-up bonus, a

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

**What is an FHA Streamline?**

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

**Ask Julia by email:**  
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# Dress For Success

Having interviewed hundreds of people over the years as well as listened to countless sales pitches for business and other's trying to convince me of something, the way they would dress always told me a little something about themselves and not always good. The IBM look of a three piece suit and tie has been out of vogue for some time (I still love it, a man out of time); however, jeans and flip flops doesn't quite impress the potential buyer of whatever you are trying to sale either.

You'll find that your appearance means a great deal when it comes to the business world. In fact, the way that you dress may mean a sale or a walk. You'll want to keep in mind that if the people that you interact with see the way you are dressed is not up to standards they will think that you don't care, your boss will think that you're not interested and do not care about the sale and the client will think that you do not see them as a potential client that you respect and to "try" to make a convincing pitch.

The key word is "try" you need to try to impress your boss and the client because that means that you are thinking about them as well as show respect. You will find that there are many people who think that your creditability is based on the way that you can dress for success.



**Michael Allawos**  
Principal Consultant  
Global Management Consulting Services

You will find that there are a lot of assumptions that people can make just by looking at the way that you dress (this isn't right but it's factual). You don't want to be underdressed; however, you don't want to be overdressed. The better suggestion is to be overdressed for the occasion, you can always dress down if need be. They both can harm your potential of making a sale or impressing the folks that need to be impressed.

The first thing that you will want to think about when it comes to dressing for a sale is where you will be meeting. If it's in the office, the proper office attire is necessary. If you are meeting for drinks, you will want to make sure that you are dressed appropriately (at least casual dressy). You'll find that if you are not dressed appropriately, you will be affected because your confidence will be compro-

mised. You will need to overcome your self-esteem issues before making that speech or presentation, in order to make the right impression. Regardless of your expertise or knowledge, it is really the clothes that will boast your confidence.

There are some rules when it comes to apparel and the way that you appear. You will want to make sure that your cloths are not ripped or stained and well pressed. In general, you need to look well-kept and that means that you need to take a shower, comb your hair, and lay off the strong fragrances. You do not want them to be distracted by your scent; even if it's a good one or a bad one. Too much cologne or perfume may send someone into an allergy attack and you do not want that to happen. You need to make sure that you look professional and that you think highly about yourself (if you don't know one will). You will also want to be clean cut when it comes to having facial hair.

You really shouldn't display any tattoos or piecing that could distract them. You need to look like you know a lot about the products, the company, and be self-aware. Again, make sure that your clothing is neatly pressed. You will want to make sure that your clothes wear you well. Meaning, they need to be perfectly fit (not too tight or too loose) and appropriate and keeping in mind the way that your clothing acts when you sit down or stand up.

Also, keep in mind that less is more when it comes to the business world. You can have a few items of jewelry; however, you do not want it to overpower you or them. You will also want to think about the clothing and the message that it will be giving. You need to convey yourself as a professional and wise person, not someone who is completely lost and thrown together.

Class transcends time and trends and is always respected. The way you dress and carry yourself is critical not only for your wellbeing and self-esteem but the important role that you play in society as a whole.



## THE CAR GURU

**WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW**

**By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists**

# Monitors And Drive Cycles

Recent repairs to your vehicle's "Check Engine Light" have included a reset of the On Board Diagnostic (OBD) system. The on-board computer of your vehicle must now perform various self-tests referred to as "monitors" that may take up to a week of driving to complete. (1996 to 2002 cars require more time to complete the checking of monitors by the cars computer system).

## WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Drive the car normally. All OBD systems self-test the computer while you're driving and you will never know it. Depending on the age and make of your vehicle it needs to be driven in various situations such as freeway travel, 10-30 minutes of continuous driving, sitting over night and hav-

ing various levels of gasoline in the tank.

The original concern that caused the check engine light to come on may have suspended or locked out some of the vehicles other self-tests that it needs to perform. Now that all of the tests are enabled and can complete the cycle, there may be a possibility of hidden issues that may cause the check engine light to come back on. Therefore, a code that did not show up previously may now set indicating a new, hidden, intermittent or remaining problem.

At Certified Automotive Specialists we do as much as we can to ensure that your vehicle is repaired properly, is safe and dependable for our customers. There are some instances that

require extensive driving in order to complete tests that we cannot perform here in the shop. Therefore, if the check engine light does come on, please call or return to the shop at your convenience to have the system rechecked at no cost. In most instances we can retrieve the code within a few minutes. Always use your best discretion if the vehicle is not operating properly. Warning: if the "Check Engine Light" is flashing, this requires immediate action.

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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

### Summer Concert And Movie Series

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). 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 line-up for June 20.

**Stone Soul (Classic Soul/Motown)**

**Hotel Transylvania 3 - (PG)**

**Environmental Fair**

### Summer Luau

Aloha! Join us for a summer luau and enjoy ono food, hula dancing entertainment, games, raffle and more! The Summer Luau will be held on Friday, **June 14** from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center - 365 Campus Drive. Tickets are \$10 and are for sale now both online at [ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation](http://ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation) and in person at the Arcadia Community Center. Don't wait to purchase your ticket for this fun event! 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.

### Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our **June 20** Monthly Meeting at the

**Upcoming Event?**  
Let us know at  
[SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com)

L.A. County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will be having on Open Forum- Questions & Answers on all Subjects Related to Orchids. Refreshments. All welcome!

### 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](http://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. Great 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 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](mailto:jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us).

## City of West Covina Summer Concert Series

**WEST COVINA** - The City of West Covina will be hosting its Annual FREE Summer Concert Series for six Wednesdays beginning June 12, 2019 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Each Summer Concert event will begin with a DJ from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. followed by the featured band from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. All of the Summer Concerts will take place at the West Covina Civic Center, located at 1444 West Garvey Ave. South. Free parking is available at the Civic Center during the Summer Concerts. Make sure to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. You may bring outside food or pur-

chase food on site. No alcohol is permitted at the Summer Concert Series.

### 2019 Schedule

**June 19 SGT. PEPPER** - Beatles Tribute Band  
**June 26 SMITH BAND** - Country  
**July 3 SMOKIN' COBRAS** - Retro 50's Oldies & NU-SALT - Patriotic Laser Light Show  
**July 10 KINGS OF 88** - Tribute to Piano Rock Legends  
**July 17 COLD DUCK** - 70's & 80's, Old School, Big Band

### For more information please call (626) 939-8864 or visit [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org).

## 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

### 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.

## SAN DIMAS

### San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

## SAN GABRIEL

### Surf's Up San Gabriel!

We're excited to start the summer with Surf's Up San Gabriel! Come join us on Thursday, **June 13** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in front of the Mission Playhouse for live music, food trucks, games, a kids zone and a beer and wine garden provided by the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

We hope you'll join us for this exciting summer kick-off!

### Screenwriting For Teens

The San Gabriel Library is offering a special opportunity for teens! From Monday, **June 24** to Wednesday, June 26, screenwriter Tony Sands will teach participants about the mechanics of storytelling and the industry.

For ages 12 to 17, these unique sessions will provide book giveaways for attendees while supplies last. Please register in person at the San Gabriel Library

## Arcadia Hosts Fire Services Community Forum

### Discussion on Future of Fire Services in Sierra Madre

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia is hosting a Fire Services Community Forum to discuss Sierra Madre residents' concerns, insights, and priorities regarding a potential partnership between the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre for fire and emergency response delivery alternatives. This free community event is being held at Arcadia Fire Station 107, located at 79 W. Orange Grove, on Wednesday, **June 19** at 7:00 PM.

"This is an opportunity for Sierra Madre residents to share their needs, wants, and expectations for a potential partnership," said Arcadia Fire Chief Michael

(located at 500 South Del Mar Avenue) or over the phone at 626.287.0761.

## 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](mailto: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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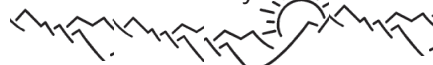
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## Duarte City Council Appoints Toney Lewis to Fill District 7 Vacancy



**Toney Lewis to represent District 7 of Duarte**

**DUARTE** - At the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Duarte City Council on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 the Council voted and unanimously appointed Toney Lewis to fill the District 7 City Council vacancy. The position was left vacant after Jocelyn Nunez, elected in November of

2018, resigned in early April. Lewis, a life-long member of the Duarte community, first moved here during the early 70's from Mississippi. A proud Duarte High School Falcon, Toney grew up attending all Duarte Schools including Maxwell Elementary and the former

Northview Intermediate School. Professionally Lewis is a certified paramedic for Los Angeles County and a longtime construction volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, traveling to several countries laying home flooring. He also the proud father of his 14-year old son Domenick and has three nieces that live in the neighborhood as well.

Lewis admits he is new to politics and is excited to take on his first role as a councilmember. He is proud of his community's diversity and looks forward to embracing it throughout his service. Some of his initial goals include increasing voter registration numbers citywide and hosting a community pancake breakfast in his District. Please join the Duarte Community at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. (1600 Huntington Dr.) to welcome Councilmember Lewis and his family.

## Glendora Community Coordinating Council's June Awardees



**Rose Wentz, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President with June's Gene Beckwith Humanitarian Award recipients, members of the Glendora Education Foundation.**

**GLENDORA** - Since 2003 the Glendora Education Foundation has worked to provide the best education possible for every Glendora student. They have raised over \$4.5 million donating these funds to support math, technology, literacy, the arts, health and safety, scholarships and so much more through their Annual Food for Thought fundraiser and other fundraising efforts. The Foundation's dedicated volunteers work to see that all students benefit from the community, family and school partnership. Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very honored to recognize the Glendora Education Foundation with June's Gene Beckwith Humanitarian Award.

A senior at Glendora High School Janvi has been an integral part of the Glendora High School system of changing school culture. During her four years she



**Glendora High School principal Paul Lopez, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President, Rose Wentz presenting Janvi Babu with June's Youth Recognition Award.**

was a member of the Freshman Leadership Class, ASB, Medical Club, National Honor Society and Link Crew. Janvi is a tireless worker who drives activities. She continually puts in volunteer time to help our school and community at large by tutoring members of the GHS wrestling team and also volunteering at the Glendora Public Library. The Glendora Community Coordinat-

ing Council is pleased to recognize Janvi with the June Youth Recognition Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at [www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org](http://www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org) for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank Christy Cave for being our meeting sponsor.

## Community Movie Nights Kick Off June 14

**CITY OF DUARTE PRESENTS**

# SUMMER MOVIES

<b>JUNE 14 • 6:00 PM</b> <b>BLACK PANTHER</b> BEARDSLEE PARK	<b>JULY 26 • 6:00 PM</b> <b>UP</b> OTIS GORDON SPORTS PARK
<b>FAMILY DIVE-IN MOVIE</b> <b>JUNE 28 • 7:30 PM</b> <b>HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3</b> FITNESS CENTER POOL	<b>NATIONAL NIGHT OUT</b> <b>AUGUST 6 • 6:00 PM</b> <b>CAPTAIN MARVEL</b> ENCANTO PARK

**DUARTE** - The City of Duarte has a full schedule of family-friendly films planned for the Duarte community this summer!

Want to enjoy a film while relaxing in the pool? Duarte Parks and Recreation will be hosting a family "dive-in" movie on Friday, June 28. Grab your swimsuit, beach chair, and the whole family for a fun night at the Duarte Pool (1600 Huntington Dr.) from

7:30-10:00 p.m. to watch Hotel Transylvania 3. Please note that only small personal flotation devices are allowed. Reservations are required to attend. There is a \$3 entrance fee for adults, and \$2 for children which includes a BBQ dinner.

The fun doesn't stop there! Looking for a movie experience under the stars? Join friends and neighbors from the Duarte community to watch Marvel Studios' Black Panther on Fri-

day, June 14 at Beardslee Park (2000 Buena Vista St.) and Disney/Pixar's Up on Friday, July 26 at Otis Gordon Sports Park (2340 Central Ave.). BBQ dinner will be served at 6 p.m.\* The movie will begin at sunset. For additional information on the movie nights, please call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

*\*Free for the first 500 people or while supplies last*



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## West Covina Unified High Schools Place in Top 20 Percent in 2019 Best High Schools List

**WEST COVINA**—Edgewood and West Covina high schools have been ranked in the top 20 percent of schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, recognizing their successful International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs.

Edgewood High and West Covina High earned scores of 90.5 and 80.72, respectively, earning them high rankings

among the nearly 2,500 high schools in California. Each school's score correlates to its percentile position on the 2019 Best High Schools survey.

West Covina Unified was recently named a 2019 AP District Honor Roll by the College Board. West Covina High, the District's AP flagship school, offers 27 courses, including music theory, Mandarin and computer science.

Edgewood High is part of the International World Schools of West Covina, which offers TK-12 IB instruction. All of Edgewood's Diploma Programme candidates have been accepted into four-year universities.

U.S. News evaluated more than 17,000 public high schools across the country and, for the first time, ranked them from top to bottom, both nationally and at the state level.

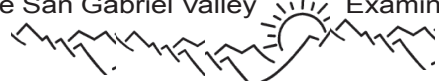
Revamping its methodology, U.S. News used six ranking factors to measure academic quality, including college readiness, college curriculum, math and reading proficiency and performance, underserved student performance, and graduation rate.

"West Covina Unified creates a culture of high expectations that encourages our students to challenge themselves, as they prepare for the careers of the future," WCUSD Board President Daniel C. Monarrez said. "We could not do this without the world-class instruction that West Covina community members have come to expect."

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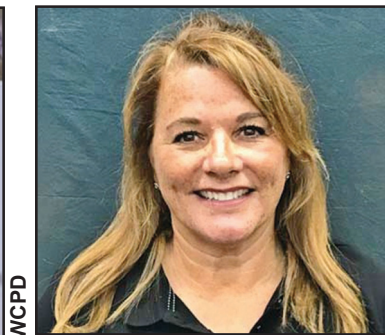
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# West Covina PD has New Police Officer and 9-1-1 Dispatcher



Photos by WCPD  
New Dispatcher Reina Sewell

**Chief Richard Bell swears in Officer Alexandra Duarte**  
By George Ogden  
WEST COVINA - West Covina has a new police officer working the streets. Alexandra Duarte was sworn in recently by Police Chief Richard Bell in front of several members of the

Police Department and City Hall. She is a lateral transfer from San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and has now become part of the WCPD. Her father was honored to pin the badge on her.

Also, another new member for the city and the first responders is dispatcher Reina Sewell who is very excited to be with the West Covina Family. She always liked the idea of telling "cops where to go".

# Special Olympics Southern California Earns Nonprofit of the Year Award



Bill Shumard, President/CEO of Special Olympics Southern California; Senator Chang; David Solo, President/CEO of Special Olympics Northern California and Nevada.

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) honored Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) as the 2019 Nonprofit of the Year for California's 29th Senate District. This recognition is part of a larger celebration at the Fourth Annual California Nonprofits Day.

"I'm proud to recognize Special Olympics Southern California for their invaluable contributions to our community," said Senator Chang. "Their dedication to enriching the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through sports, health, and leadership programs is truly remarkable. I can't thank them enough, and look forward to cheering on their athletes at SOSC Summer Games this weekend."

SOSC provides year-round

sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. With the help of 19,900 volunteers, SOSC has enriched the lives of nearly 38,000 athletes, giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and participate in sharing skills and friendship.

"Special Olympics Southern California is honored to receive the Non-Profit of the Year Award from the State of California's 29th Senate District," said Bill Shumard, Presi-

dent & CEO of Special Olympics Southern California. "It is especially meaningful to receive this award in the year that we are celebrating our 50th anniversary as a movement. Our goal is to change and enhance the lives of the nearly 38,000 athletes we serve through the power of sports."

CalNonprofits is a statewide organization alliance of over 10,000 organizations that bring California's nonprofit community together.

# Downtown Arcadia Hosts Patriotic Festival Featuring Live Music, Food, Entertainment, And Fireworks!

ARCADIA - The Downtown Arcadia Patriotic Festival promises to fill south First Avenue with the spirit of American Independence. This free event will feature dozens of vendors with handicrafts and food, along with live music, and fun activities for kids. The night will be capped off with fireworks in honor of America's 243rd birthday! The Festival takes place on Saturday, June

29, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on First Avenue south of Huntington Drive in Downtown Arcadia. Fireworks will begin around 9:00 p.m. at First Avenue Middle School.

"This year's Patriotic Festival promises to be the best one yet," said Mayor April Verlatto. "Downtown Arcadia is thriving and having fireworks this year highlights the success the District has

achieved. Bring your friends and family to Downtown Arcadia to celebrate America and our freedom."

Parking is available in the public parking lot between Huntington and Wheeler, or ride public transportation with the Metro Gold Line, exiting at the Arcadia station. Additional parking is available at Arcadia County Park. Street parking will also be available in the downtown; however, parking restrictions will be in effect during the event.

The Downtown Arcadia Improvement Association and the City of Arcadia are sponsoring the Patriotic Festival. For more information, please call Arcadia City Hall at 574-5401.

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