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# County, State File Joint Lawsuit Against JUUL Alleging e-Cigarette Company Targeted Teens

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**— Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, in her role as Chair of the Board of Supervisors, joined California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey to announce a joint lawsuit filed this morning against San Francisco-based electronic cigarette maker, JUUL, Labs, Inc (JUUL).

The lawsuit alleges that—contrary to the company's claims that its product is aimed only at adults — JUUL targeted young people through advertising and failed to give warnings about the product's chemical exposure and risks for cancer, birth defects, and reproductive harm. It also alleges that JUUL unlawfully failed to verify the age of California consumers and then violated the privacy rights of minors by keeping the personal email addresses of underage individuals who failed age verification on their website and using those email addresses to send them marketing materials.

"Nearly 1 in 10 high school students in LA County report using e-cigarettes. That is not by chance," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "JUUL has systematically



Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn is joined California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey announcing a joint lawsuit filed against electronic cigarette maker, JUUL, Labs, Inc (JUUL).

targeted the teen market with everything from the design of their products to their advertisements. With this lawsuit we are going to hold JUUL accountable for their hand in this public health crisis and do what we can to stop this company from creating a new generation of nicotine addicts."

"We've worked too hard, committed our hard-earned money

for too long combatting harmful tobacco use to stand idly by as we now lose Californians to vaping and nicotine addiction," said Attorney General Becerra. "JUUL adopted the tobacco industry's infamous playbook, employing advertisements that had no regard for public health and searching out vulnerable targets. Today we take legal action against the deceptive practices that JUUL and the e-cigarette industry employ to lure our kids into their vaping web. We will hold JUUL and any other company that fuels a public health crisis accountable."

"Our goal today is to safeguard

the health, development and well-being of children, teenagers and young adults throughout California and the nation," said District Attorney Lacey. "JUUL and other nicotine product makers must be held accountable when they knowingly fail to take the necessary protective measures and allow the sale of nicotine products to underage buyers. California and Los Angeles County have long been leaders in the fight against tobacco and nicotine use. This lawsuit takes that fight to a new front, against a new threat. We will stay vigilant. We will aggressively prosecute offending vape and tobacco companies.

And we will win this battle."

The use of flavored e-cigarettes, or vaping, by young people in the United States, including middle and high schoolers, continues to increase rapidly, according to reports from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. JUUL sales have grown dramatically and now make up more than 64 percent of the U.S. e-cigarette market. Smoking remains the number one preventable killer in the United States and causes over 480,000 deaths per year. Medical researchers have shown that many JUUL users continue to smoke cigarettes and that children who were not likely at risk to start smoking cigarettes have done so as a result of their use of nicotine-containing e-cigarettes. Further, as of November 13, 2019, the CDC reported 42 deaths in patients with e-cigarette or vaping product use, with a further 2,172 cases of associated lung injury reported nationwide. Four of the deaths reported were patients in California.

The lawsuit, filed in the Alameda County Superior Court, alleges that JUUL's viral marketing campaigns led millions of American youth to start vaping or "JUULing" without knowing the potential harms associated with nicotine or, in many cases, that the product even contained nicotine. JUUL launched its spon-

Please turn to JUUL / A5

## Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Award and Youth Recognition Award November Recipients

**GLENDORA** - Cindy Romero has become the face of the Glendora Public Library after starting her career in 2004. She brings a love of reading to the children of Glendora that is both heartfelt and genuine. The library's Summer Reading Program has been outstanding under her leadership and the incredible Battle of the Books event has become a community highlight. Cindy goes above and beyond her job duties by volunteering many, many hours of her own time to the library. In addition to all she does for the library she also volunteers at Foothill Christian School in the classroom, various events and programs. She is also a member of the Glendora Kiwanis Club since 2014 currently serving as secretary and web master. We are honored to recognize Cindy with November's Humanitarian Award.



Rose Wentz (left), Glendora Community Coordinating Council President, with Debbie Deal (right) presents Cindy Romero with the November's Humanitarian Award.

Sean Rowley is a senior at Glendora High School with a servant's heart and a desire to change the world for the better. He's served meals to the homeless through the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless Cold Weather Shelter. He has been a part of the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at his church assembling over 20,000 packages of dehydrated meals which are then shipped to children in impoverished villages in the Philippines and Cambodia. Sean also volunteered with the Sierra Service Project by spending a week in Chiloquin, Oregon (one of the poorest counties in Oregon). During



Rose Wentz (left), Glendora Community Coordinating Council President, with Robert Gonzalez (right) from Covina United Methodist Church presents Sean Rowley with the November's Youth Recognition Award.

Sean's week of service he built a wheelchair ramp for a senior with disabilities. Sean has also volunteered at the Glendora Public Library for many years, is a section leader for the Chamber Orchestra at Glendora High school and is an editor for the school's newspaper, The Tartan Shield. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the California Scholarship Federation and maintains a weighted GPA of 4.39. It is with great pleasure

Glendora Community Coordinating Council recognizes Sean with November's 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.glendoraordinating-council.org](http://www.glendoraordinating-council.org) for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank Glendora Historical Society for being our meeting sponsor.

## Equipment Donation Creates New Opportunities for Citrus College Dental Assisting Students



Dr. Richard Cohrs (second from the right) stands next to the donated CAD/CAM dental imaging and milling machine in a Citrus College dental assisting classroom. Dr. Cohrs visited the college to give an equipment tutorial to Dental Assistant Program Director Dawn Brewster (second from the left) and her students in the registered dental assisting program. (Photo courtesy Citrus College).

**GLENDORA** - Citrus College recently received a donation of dental equipment valued at more than \$125,000.

Dr. Richard Cohrs, a dentist formerly based in Covina, donated a computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM) dental imaging and milling machine, along with the accompanying computer and software, to the Citrus College Registered Dental Assisting (RDA) program upon retiring from his practice.

This digital impression system makes same-day crowns. Rather than having patients wait two weeks for a lab to make a crown, this equipment can create crowns in the dentist's office in a single appointment.

The CAD/CAM machine will allow Citrus College RDA students to learn a state-of-the-art

process that goes beyond the minimum skill requirements of accreditation and other dental programs. Understanding the complex machinery will also prove highly valuable in their future careers.

"I am grateful to Dr. Cohrs for his generous contribution to the Citrus College Registered Dental Assisting program," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Our program will continue to be a leader within the region due to the commitment of our faculty and the support of industry professionals, such as Dr. Cohrs. Undoubtedly, his investment in Citrus College will enhance the learning experience of our students and carry the legacy of his career well into the future."

In addition to the donation, Dr. Cohrs also served on the Citrus

College RDA Program Advisory Committee from 2000 to 2015. His involvement with the college even extended to offering internship opportunities to recently graduated students in his dental office. Many Citrus College alumni were able to gain vital experience under his guidance before launching successful careers in the dental field.

"Dr. Cohrs' recent donation to the college's registered dental assisting program is immense in its generosity and potential to increase student success," said Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "We are thankful for his overwhelming support of the college, as well as to Patterson Dental for delivering the equipment to Citrus College free of cost."

Upcoming Event?  
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# Veterans Day In La Verne



Jerry Good is presented the event flag by his grandson, Corp. Devon Harden of the LVPD.

By Marvin Weston

**LA VERNE** - La Verne celebrated Veterans Day this year in a special way, honoring one of its own. Ninety-seven year old, Jerry Good, who served in the U. S Navy during WWII, including the Normandy Invasion, was honored during the ceremony, having the event flag presented to him by his

grandson, Corp. Devon Harden, of the La Verne Police Department. Four generations of the Harden family were present.

The VFW Post 12034, "Band of Brothers," organized the event filled with patriotic tributes. Master of Ceremony and VFW member, Dan Harden reviewed the history of the WWII years

while the choir from Holy Name of Mary sang tunes that were popular during the era.

The program brought together many La Verne groups including Lutheran High School ROTC, Boy Scouts, City Council and area ministers. Over 300 residents attended followed by a luncheon provided by the post.

# Citrus College Ranked Among Nation's Top Colleges for Hispanic Students



The August/September 2019 issue of the Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine included Citrus College as one of the top colleges and universities in the nation for Hispanic students, both for degrees conferred in two categories and for total enrollment among all two-year colleges in the United States. (Photo courtesy Citrus College.)

**GLENDORA** - Citrus College is one of the top colleges and universities in the nation for Hispanic students, according to an annual list published by the Hispanic Outlook on Education.

A monthly magazine providing education news from a Hispanic perspective, the Hispanic Outlook on Education uses data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) to determine which colleges and universities in the United States have enrolled and granted degrees to the most Hispanic students.

In a special issue published earlier this fall, the magazine ranked Citrus College in the top 10 colleges and universities in two categories: 6th in the nation

for awarding English language and literature degrees to Hispanic students, and 7th in the nation for awarding social science degrees to Hispanic students.

"Citrus College is strategically focused on student success, and we are committed to serving the evolving needs of our diverse student body," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Being recognized as a top degree producer validates our efforts to provide all students with academic programs and support services designed to help them achieve their goals."

In addition to recognizing the nation's top 10 colleges and universities for each major, the Hispanic Outlook on Education also ranked community colleges ac-

ording to their total enrollment of Hispanic students. Using data from 2017, the publication ranked Citrus College 32nd out of all two-year colleges in the United States in terms of enrollment.

"Being included on the Hispanic Outlook on Education's top colleges and universities lists is an accomplishment that always brings the Citrus College community pride," said Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "I am incredibly grateful to the college's dedicated faculty and staff who invest their time and energy into creating an academic environment where student achievement is fostered and diversity is celebrated."

# Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket Program



Food donations being sorted by wonderful volunteers.

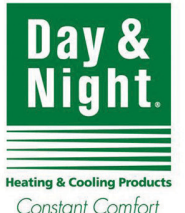
**GLENDORA** - For the past 63 years Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket program has assisted Glendora families in need by providing a box of food and a gift card for Thanksgiving. This year

our community's efforts allowed us to provide food boxes for 256 Glendora families.

Our Holiday Baskets program could not be possible without the support and contributions of our generous Glendora community

through monetary and nonperishable food item donations and also through many volunteer hands. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council would like to thank EVERYONE for making this a very successful 63rd year.

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## Los Angeles County to Intervene to Prevent Board and Care Closures

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Board of Supervisors passed a motion authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl to address the Board and Care crisis throughout LA County.

Adult Residential Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, commonly referred to as "Board and Cares" are vital housing resources for many LA County residents with mental illnesses and other health needs. Board and Cares provide these individuals with a stable home, meals, and various other supportive services.

These facilities have been closing at a rapid rate due to increasing costs and stagnant reimbursement rates from the State. Reimbursement rates are currently just \$35 per day and are often not enough for operators to cover the actual costs of caring for residents. Since 2016, thirty-nine Board and Cares serving 949 individuals

were forced to close their doors, leaving their vulnerable residents scrambling to avoid homelessness. Many more facilities are at risk of closing.

"These board and care facilities are often the only thing standing between their residents and homelessness," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "The state needs to start reimbursing these facilities for the actual cost of the care they provide. But until that happens, the county is going to step up and give these facilities the support they need to keep their doors open so they can continue to be homes for our most vulnerable residents."

"Given the roaring real estate market and low reimbursement rates, LA County board and care facilities have been closing at an alarming rate," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, who co-authored the motion. "These businesses provide a vital service providing some of our most fragile residents with the care they need and a roof over their heads. Without board and care beds, many of these men and women could face incarceration, institutionalization or homelessness. To-

day's motion lays out first steps for reversing this trend and ensuring that we have an adequate supply of beds for those who need them."

The motion is the culmination of a two-year long stakeholder engagement process that brought together Board and Care owners and clients to discuss their needs. It directs the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health Services, and the Chief Executive Office to identify funding for both operations and capital improvements to preserve and expand existing Board and Care facilities. This will also include developing a strategy to expand the number of people benefiting from the County's Housing for Health and Department of Mental Health enhanced rate programs. Additionally, the County will seek opportunities to advocate at the state level for improved Board and Care funding that will allow these facilities to continue operating under rising costs as well as engaging philanthropy to increase financial support of these facilities serving low-income individuals.

## Barger Encourages Restaurants And Delivery Services To "Seal The Meal"

*Board of Supervisors Approves Effort to Boost Consumer Confidence*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - In the wake of a recent media report on unsafe food handling during deliveries in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger directing county departments to develop an educational outreach campaign on safe food handling for delivery platforms and restaurants.

"There are simple, easy-to-implement measures that can be taken to 'seal the meal,' which ensures that food is safe from contamination while in transport," said Supervisor Barger, who suggested a cooperative approach rather than a regulatory action. "Restaurants and delivery services under-

stand that sealed packaging and safe food handling practices improve overall customer satisfaction, which is good for business."

In recent years, food delivery platforms have become increasingly popular among Los Angeles County residents, helping restaurant sales surge. According to a Los Angeles Times article, food delivery sales have grown over 20 percent in the last five years. Food delivery mobile apps such as GrubHub, UberEats, Postmates, Caviar, and DoorDash are important contributors to the economy. These services provide a supplemental income for drivers and ensure local restaurants are

easily accessible to residents. The motion states that while food delivery platforms are an overall benefit to our County, it is important to ensure drivers are practicing safe food handling. In addition to educating drivers about best practices, the effort will encourage sealed delivery packaging, in partnership with the California Restaurant Association, to protect food from contamination during transport. Collaboration between the industry and the county will mitigate an increase in consumer pricing while boosting consumer confidence.

Departments will report back to the board in 45 days with findings and recommendations.

## County Adopts Barger Initiative For City Homelessness Funding

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis that adopts a framework and associated funding to help cities address their individual homelessness challenges.

"The county and our local cities share the same goals—to end homelessness in our region and to enhance public safety and health for county residents," Barger said. "However, the strategies that work to address homelessness from a large regional perspective are not necessarily the same strategies that work to address homelessness in smaller jurisdictions."

The motion states that cities have the capacity to develop

creative solutions to address their own unique homelessness challenges, but additional flexibility is needed to access Measure H funding for these purposes. To effectively combat homelessness, the county must bolster its partnership with city leaders who intend to build shelters and supportive housing and aim to enhance the delivery of homeless services.

On Sept. 10, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the development of a framework to use \$6 million in Measure H funds routed through Councils of Government to enable cities to support activities that align with the approved Homeless Initiative Action Plan to Prevent and Com-

bat Homelessness.

The City of Bellflower provides a prime example of a city taking a localized approach to combating homelessness. Bellflower recently signed a settlement agreement with U.S. District Court Judge David Carter to become one of the first cities in the Los Angeles Gateway area to commit to siting a shelter with wrap-around services for locals facing homelessness. This tailored approach to meeting the need for interim housing will allow Bellflower to gain public support for the project because it serves the surrounding community directly. Funds from the City Innovation Fund could be used for similar purposes.

## Exploring Housing Solutions Within Los Angeles County

*County Development Authority Initiates A Demonstration Project to Fast-Track Housing Supply*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to explore newer technologies and methodologies for its pilot, the Demonstration Project to Fast-Track Housing Supply.

The Demonstration Project to Fast-Track Housing Supply will test, contextualize, and add to the LACDA's existing affordable housing ecosystem by utilizing forward-thinking technol-

ogy and methodology. On the land it owns, located at 1538-1542 E. 85th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90001, the LACDA is looking to explore tiny homes, prefabricated/modular, and 3-D printed construction for cost and time reduction. The expectation is that newer methodologies and technologies will be more cost effective in creating a faster supply of housing, which can potentially affect the cost of housing across

all markets - mortgages, temporary shelters and permanent housing.

The project will be using a mixed stream of funding, including support from Citi Community Development, the founding corporate sponsor, and Wells Fargo. The LACDA intends to award an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement to possibly three proposers for pre-development, design, and construction.

## Monterey Park Municipal Election

**MONTEREY PARK** - The City of Monterey Park will hold its General Municipal Election on March 3, 2020. This election is for the purpose of electing three (3) members of the City Council, Districts 2, 3 and 4, each to serve four-year terms ending in March 2024.

Nomination period com-

mences on November 12th and runs through December 6, 2019. All potential candidates must be a registered voter and live in the respective district of the City of Monterey Park. All forms must be issued from and returned to the office of the City Clerk during these legal dates. The City Clerk's office

hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and closed on Holidays.

Any registered voter of the City Monterey Park interested in becoming a candidate may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (626) 307-1360.

## Arcadia Kicks Off Holiday Season With Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia celebrates the start of the holiday season with the fifth annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Thursday, **December 5** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event takes place at the Arcadia Transit Plaza on the corner of Santa Clara Street and North First Avenue, and will feature the lighting of the official Christmas Tree in Arcadia by the Mayor, City Council, and Santa Claus.

Santa will arrive on an Arcadia Fire Truck and help the Mayor "flip the switch," bring-

ing the festive tree to life with lights and decorations. The celebration includes free cocoa and cookies, strolling carolers, a kids' craft table where youngsters can decorate their own ornaments, face painting, and holiday photos. One of the highlights of this event is the holiday craft market featuring a variety of local, handcrafted items, gifts, and foods.

Bring a little joy to the children in need in our community by donating a new, unwrapped toy. The City will deliver the donated toys to the Foothill

Unity Center in time for their annual toy distribution.

Don't forget to join us for our other fun holiday festivities. The merriment starts at the beginning of December with two holiday events. The always popular Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 7 at the Community Center with two options for breakfast: 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. The Holiday Snow Festival is also on Saturday, December 7 at the Community Center from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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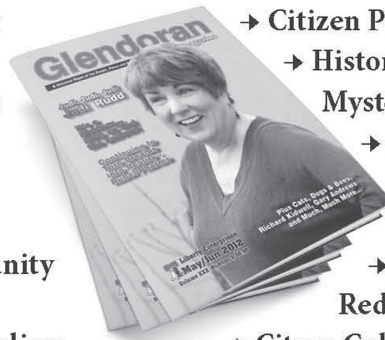
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# Stressed Cities Pass Sales Tax

We have seen over the past year, cities in Los Angeles County send to the ballot box proposals to increase the sales tax to the maximum allowed in the state. Most of the cities have noted their pension liability as the need for this additional sales tax and that tax would remain in the city to pay off that pension debt as the state pushes cities to catch up on any funding shortfall and to meet projected accelerating costs.

Rumors of the Air Quality Management District seeking to capture a half cent sales tax in all four counties it serves to generate \$1.4 billion a year seems to incentivize cities to capture the tax increase. AQMD would need legislative approval to be able to put a measure on the ballot and they have not found the support for that bill. Don't hold your breath.

As reported by Dan Walters in his CalMatters column, Auditor Elaine Howle reported on several state audits that show the financial health of cities and schools districts. We've been told some not so good investments by the state retirement systems had an impact on securing solid pension fund balances. We also know the recession a few years ago took a big bite out of the California Employees Retirement System (PERS) and State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) leaving them with an estimated 70% of what they need to be fully funded.

Many of the journalist columns, have accused the public safety group as major players in the depletion of PERS. The question is which layers of public safety are the drain on the system. From my experience, the practice of doing surveys to see what other cities are paying their group of employees leads to "leapfrogging," causing pay hikes based on what other cities are doing, not what one city can afford. When I was involved in salary negotiations, a private sector company employee told me if your employee costs reach more



**Shade's Perspective**  
**Lois M. Shade**

**Former Mayor of Glendora**  
than 40% to 45% you are headed for trouble.

In fairness to those public employees, specifically local law enforcement groups, they have been "dumped on" by the state of California Democrat governors and liberal leadership in Sacramento who refuse to address the real issues and absorb those costs. The impact on law enforcement from Gov. Jerry Brown's AB 109 early release law, Prop. 47 and Prop 57, reducing felonies to misdemeanors, releasing drug addicts without rehabilitation and those with mental health issues without assessment or referrals back on to the street has changed local policing. New laws requiring new training and enforcement techniques and new approaches in serious situations that may put their lives and the general public at risk intensifies the job description each day. Rather than build prisons and provide needed rehabilitation services, our Democrat governors, Brown and Newsom, and their leadership chose to force local law enforcement to deal with those problems.

Those liberal Democrat governors and legislators declared California a Sanctuary State and chose to support an open border policy as President Trump and conservative elected officials tried to slam the door shut on the drug trafficking, invasion of violent MS-13 gang-bangers and mafia-like cartel activities that

locals deal with daily. Police chiefs have been told they are not allowed to work cooperatively with immigration enforcement teams (ICE) and so release illegal criminals back out onto our streets so our officers can arrest them over and over for the damage they do to innocent victims.

As local governments struggle to deal with the additional criminal enforcement duties they've been handed and added expense, we need to remember our cities have sales tax and property tax only as the basis for general fund revenue. They are expected to provide quality of life resources to their residents like parks, libraries, water, the homelessness issue and housing shortages and that may be cured in the near future by overriding local zoning ordinances.

The state, as we know all too well, seems to have unlimited resources. Run a little short of money, cause a bond issue to be passed or pass another tax on the citizens solves their budget problems. Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) was critical in a June 4th report on the pay raises awarded to the California Corrections Peace Officers Association (CCPOA / prison guards) stating the short-term and long-term impacts to the general fund should be considered and that means the impact on pension funds and costs. Those additional costs impact the prison management system also.

CCPOA has received pay increases in five of the past six fiscal years, received a 5% pay increase on July 1, 2019, and another 3% pay increase for the 2020-2021 year. CCPOA is considered one of the most powerful organizations in this state and it appears they flex that muscle regularly. When local law enforcement flexes their political muscle, they run the risk of curtailing other public services and even bankrupting their city even though they are the ones out on the street taking all the fire.

# The Postmodern World

This Fall and Winter, mixed in with my comments on issues before the nation and a few more personal reflections, I will be focusing on the church, its history and how it must be reshaped as it addresses the postmodern world. This week I will attempt to define what is meant by postmodernism and how Christianity is being affected by it. A fish cannot define the water in which it is swimming, so it is difficult for any of us to define the nature of our present culture, realizing that it may be far different than the world in which we grew up. But let me give it a try.

Here are just a few characteristics of this cultural reality called postmodernism.

Quantum mechanics offers a radical new understanding as to how the natural world works. Nothing is objectively real until it is observed, and everything stands in active relationship with every other entity.

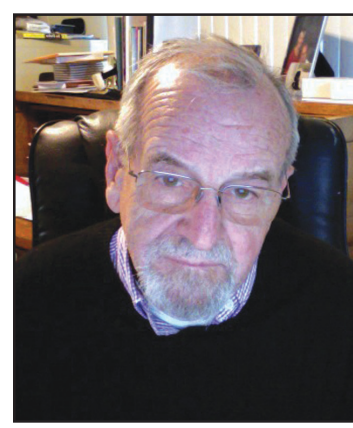
While there is a new awareness that while we live in a much smaller world neighborhood, there is also a MUCH MUCH larger universe with billions of stars and trillions of planets, no doubt many of them sheltering life. WE are not the center of the cosmos, or even very important.

THIS world's inhabitants hunger for a spirituality apart from institutions. We long for life to make sense, and seek to find meaning beyond traditional systems.

This side of the holocaust the notion of an absolutely-good all-powerful God is being seriously questioned.

Postmodernism rejects every grand design-including ours-and thus calls into question biblical faith.

While these are only a few examples of the challenges brought by postmodernism, in this column I will discuss only the challenge confronting the grand



**Charles H. Bayer**

design at the center of the church and its theology.

Postmodern thought insists that in this newly defined world no theory, institution, book, religion, philosophy or political system that claims to encompass and explain everything, can any longer be taken serious. This includes religious, philosophical, political, literary or even scientific theories. These grand notions are called "meta narratives," and while they may have meaning within their parochial context, outside those narrow boundaries they are to be discounted.

Postmodernism suggests that no institution can claim to possess absolute truth. So what then can we make of the Christian faith and its claim for certainty? Must Christianity bow before this postmodern attack, and humbly accept its declaration that every system that believes it alone holds the ultimate truth is mistaken? I think not. We have a compelling story to tell, a world we are called to reshape, a healing message to proclaim, a Christ to follow and an ethic to celebrate.

On the other hand, we must realize that our story may not be the only story and our truth, like all truth may be conditioned by its historic borders. Among other things, this means we must be honest about the dark side of Christian history before our story will be heard in the postmod-

ern world. Having spent my life within that story, I know much of its dark side and well as its marvelous commitment to a world hungry for hope.

So I will be offering columns celebrating the life and work of the church as it has lived out the story of God's will for the world. But first we must come to terms with the evidence that from time to time the church and its message have been among this world's most negative and destructive enterprises. I will only then get to the positive life-giving gospel with which we have been entrusted, and describe how it has been a blessing to this, the only world we know!

You may ask why I am engaging in an area far removed from my usual political and personal musings. Let me explain. What I believe to be a serious distortion of the Christian faith is having enormous influence in our national life, and that distortion cannot go unchallenged. For a long time I have sought to know just how and why this destructive perception has been seized on by so many millions of America's Christians. My look at postmodernism may be a clue.

A few generations ago there was an epidemic of lead poisoning among children. It was discovered that they were eating chips of lead-based paint from the walls of their rooms. It seemed that their bodies were starving for a mineral nutrient and were not getting it in their regular diets, so they resorted to lead-based paint chips. Could the current distortion of religion be like the unfilled hunger of these children? Bad religion may be like eating lead-based paint. I believe the Christian message may hold an answer. At least that is the reason I have taken this journalistic path.

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# Graffiti and Taking the Law in Your Own Hands

The City of West Covina spent a lot of money to help make the city look better. They put up a number of new road signs along Garvey next to the freeway. I drove by and appreciated the hard work these guys did that day. When I drove by the very next day, each and every sign along that street had graffiti. These were brand news signs that we the people paid for through our taxes.

These taggers wonder why people shoot at them and try to run them down. When one gets shot, the parents say he was a good boy and all that junk. Personally, they were doing a criminal act and got shot. I really don't care. It would not have happened if he or they were not committing a crime by destroying people's property.

This is why I sold all my stuff in Azusa. I had problems with tagging. I finally put deterrents to make them stop. Out front they used to climb up on a brick pedestal and paint on the wall of the building next



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

door. I coated the top of that pedestal with axle grease so they would get grease on their hands and clothes. However, these vandals still wanted to climb up there and tag the wall.

One night, around 1:30 a.m., I detected activity out front. I went out there and saw this guy standing on top of this six-foot-tall pedestal. I yelled at him and when he turned towards me, he slipped on the grease and landed on his back on top of the pedestal screaming in pain. He rolled to his side and fell to the ground below. He had dropped his can of spray paint and he was laying there having trouble moving. I picked up the paint and

checked it to see if it was still working and unfortunately for him, it was. I sprayed paint on the guy's hair... oops. He was on his side moaning and looking at me and said "help me"

... I responded with "get off my property". I then proceeded to tell him that he deserved what happened and he is lucky that someone has not shot him for what he does. I continued to preach to him and he asked again for me to help him. It was now around 2 a.m. and it was cold so I told him that he needs to get off the property. He kept saying "hey" as I walked away. About 2:30 a.m., I decided to go home. He was still there, but he had rolled through the planter next to the sidewalk and still laying on his side. He saw me and put up his hand I guess to get my attention. I waved back and pulled out into the street and left him there. When I came back late the next day, he was gone. I had no compassion for this guy at all and had no obligation to help him.

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

# Some College, No Degree? 2020 Could be Your Year

In just five years—from 2014 to 2019—nearly one million U.S. students who had previously dropped out of college returned and earned their first undergraduate credential. An additional 1.1 million students who returned to college in that same timeframe are still enrolled and working toward their degree.

These findings are part of a new report, "Some College, No Degree: A 2019 Snapshot for the Nation and 50 States," published by the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Research Center. The report is an important indicator for the U.S. economy, with its increasing demands for more workers with education and training beyond high school.

California ranks number one nationally in the number of students who started and then stopped attending college. This is hardly surprising, given the massive number of students who enroll in college in our state, as compared to other states. Fortunately, the NSC findings suggest that the pathways to degrees for returning students are reflective of community colleges' broad-access missions, and that Cali-



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**Citrus College Governing Board Member**

fornia's community colleges are one of the best places for returning students to achieve success.

The NSC report also states, "Not only are community colleges indispensable to the process of broadening postsecondary access to diverse students, but they also could have a significant effect on reaching a state's postsecondary attainment goal."

One of the things that make community colleges such a great resource for returning students is their commitment to eliminating barriers to student success. Local community colleges—like the

ones in your community—have well-established student support services that keep returning students on track and successful. These include counseling, assessment, convenient class schedules, a variety of tutoring options, financial aid and many others.

Does Some College, No Degree sound like you? The degree or certificate you put on hold when the demands of family and work made life far too difficult could be just around the corner. Picture that diploma with your name on it and the increased income, improved quality of life and personal satisfaction that comes with it. Then head online or in person to your local community college and kick off a great new year!

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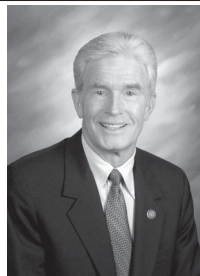
## November Is Enjoying New Market Highs

What a difference a month made. The market was terrified in early October, but seems euphoric now. The S&P 500 and NASDAQ Composite continue to set new all-time highs! With 71% of the S&P 500 companies reporting third quarter results, 76% have come in above consensus estimate earnings (beating those estimates by an average 3.8%), while 61% of the listed companies have also beaten analyst consensus sales estimates.

A colleague of mine on Wall Street recently pointed out that historically the S&P 500 has continued improving after hitting new highs (during a bull market). He added that history has shown an average of 1.09%, 4.69% and 14.01%, respectively in the next month, three months and 12 months. That said, I have no doubt that the S&P 500 will become more selective in the upcoming months, especially since some low-quality stocks have rallied after announcing lackluster third quarter results. Interestingly, investors seem much more focused on future guidance than past earnings, as companies that miss, but issue positive future guidance, have benefited (from a stock valuation perspective).

What a crazy year for investing 2019 continues turning out to be. It was only one month ago, in the first week of October, that the negative Institute for Supply Management data crossed the tape, contributing to a drop in the S&P 500 of 130 points (-4.3%) over a three-day period. That was a brutal gut-check for the long-running bull market. Investors wondered if the global slowdown in Europe and the trade war with China finally punctured the Te-

**In A Nutshell**  
What's up in the Economy?



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flon skin of the U.S. economy?

The 47.8 ISM reading for September was the lowest in a decade, and was seen at the time as a canary in the coal mine (since Industrial Production makes up 11% of GDP). Recently, we saw the ISM data for October improve to 48.3 (up from 47.8 in September) but stubbornly remaining below 50. There is no doubt that the 40-day GM strike and Boeing's woes are suppressing the ISM manufacturing index. With the GM strike now over, economists expect that the ISM manufacturing index will improve further in November.

The major stock market indexes provided November with fresh gains following better-than-expected employment data, and better-than-feared manufacturing data for October. Non-farm payrolls exceeded expectations, growing by 128,000 last month even during the GM strike. Figures for August and September were also revised significantly higher, while average hourly earnings rose 0.2%, as expected, suggesting that the economy can continue to expand, assisted by a resilient labor market.

The key takeaway from the jobs report is that it does not reflect an economy on the brink of

a recession. On the contrary, it is emblematic of an economy that is expanding and looks poised to sustain the longest economic expansion on record (thanks to a solid labor market, pro-business support from the White House and rising wages to fuel consumer spending).

With so many cautious fund managers under-invested (positioned in recession-resistant sectors) and looking where not to chase stocks with big gains, it could just be a time where the perception of U.S. and global economies picking up speed is spreading. This view received some support when the Fed noted that they moved to a neutral stance at last FOMC meeting, which was followed by an uptick in bond yields.

One week doesn't make a trend, but the move we have seen recently is impressive and should not be ignored. I've noted in recent weeks that the rally in the banks, construction and semiconductors enjoyed first-mover status, and are still trading in a bullish manner. However, the early and easy money has been made. If global economies are on the verge of reversing course (and picking up going into 2020) then profit opportunities from related blue chip and cyclical stocks could become more of a reality (than just a perception). However, betting on the United States economy continues to be a safer bet.

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## Your Money - Ask Julia

*Hope you are planning to have a happy, Thanksgiving, filled with thanks! Now is the time to make a list and set a budget before shopping for all the Black Friday specials.*

Enjoy your family time while you all still have the opportunity to gather together on this day of giving thanks. Try to be kind to one another; HUG the cook(s). As you travel, be aware, and be safe! (Avoid a DUI - don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.)

**Do Realtors help renters? How much do they charge? I don't have a lot of time to research and find a place. I'm in college now, and would like to buy later, but until I know where I might have to move to find work, I'll rent.**

Yes, some Realtors help renters, and they get paid by the landlord, not the renter. Start by making lists: "Got to Have," "Want to Have," and "Absolutely Do Not Want." Be prepared to compromise. This will help you prioritize the items on your lists and help the Realtor to better help you. Your parents might consider purchasing a condo close to campus, and renting to you! And, when you move on, they can choose to own a rental, or sell. Win-Win.

**What are the qualifications to get a home through the Habitat for Humanity program?**

The Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity covers a 16-city service area. They said they "look at three distinct areas of selection criteria when reviewing potential 'Partners': 1. The family's housing need and suitability of current shelter, 2. Current income, and the ability to pay a 0-



**Julia Yoder**

percent interest loan, and 3. Willingness to participate as a 'Partner' and complete the required sweat-equity hours by helping to build your home." For more information, call (909) 596-7098.

**Is there a deadline for our small business to set up a retirement plan?**

Employers and the self-employed must establish certain retirement plans such as a 401(k), profit sharing, or defined benefit plan by December 31 to receive income-tax deductions for that year.

**What do you suggest is the best way for me to be able to use some of my savings for retirement, and leave the rest to my charity?**

You could put your money into an insurance-company-held safe investment with a guaranteed\* lifetime income for you, and with the remainder going to your charity. Another option would be to get a single-premium cash-value life insurance policy with the possible use of funds while you live and the life-insurance death benefit going to your charity.

\*(Guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.)

*Do you offer a concise, quick read for me to learn more about the problems baby-boomers face as we approach retirement?*

The "Reclaiming the Future Study," conceived and designed by Allianz Life Insurance Co. of N. America is one of the most comprehensive examinations of baby-boomers' preparation for, and expectations of, retirement. The study revealed several key findings: 1. Americans believe that there is a retirement crises. 2. They believe they are unprepared. 3. There are five distinct financial "personalities." 4. Americans fear outliving their money more than they fear death. 5. The recent economic downturn was a big "wake-up call." In conclusion, Americans do have options as they face these challenges and plan for retirement. Further, the study found that annuities might be one of the most relevant of these options. Only annuities can offer the combination of principal protection and income for life. (In case you are anti-annuities, check to see what union pension, teachers' pension, or government pension really are!)

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## Music For The Holidays Set To Begin Christmas Season

By Joan Hallidy

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Woman's Club will begin the Christmas Season with the program "Music for the Holidays" at the club's luncheon-meeting set for Tuesday, **December 3**. The program will feature the Glendora High school Girls Choral Groups, direct by Dr. Brian Treavor.

The club day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The luncheon by Cambria Catering and the Christmas Program will follow said Club President Chris Ohrmund.

The program by the Glendora High School Choral Groups, the Silhouettes and the Illumination, will included selections of the special Christmas holiday music designed to help user in the holiday season, said program vice president Helen Storland. The group's visit marks another return engagement to the Woman's Club

by popular singing group.

A special project at each club meeting is the Members' Participation Art Display that features a different display theme each time, according to project chair Susan Lepkojus. The Theme this month will be "Winter Wonderland" and members are encouraged to share an item from home for the display.

At every club meeting, one of the club's four departments sponsors the Corner Cupboard project located at the check-in table. This month's sponsoring department is Garden and Crafts, with Carol Thachuk as chairman. The project features an assortment of food items and other items for sale, all donated by the department members.

One of the club's ongoing service projects is Shepherd's Pantry located in Glendora. Clubmembers are asked to donate nonperishable food items at club meetings for families in

need in 10 area cities, said project chair Gloria Liddle, and donations are always appreciated.

Another of the club's ongoing service projects is collecting of used eyeglasses and related items for the California Lions "Friends in Sight" project. Clubmembers are encouraged to donate adult and children's eyeglasses, sunglasses, and broken glasses, said project chair Mrs. Ohrmund, who is also a Lions Club member. After the items has been cleaned and calibrated by the Lions project members, the eyeglasses and related items will then be distributed at area Vision Clinics that are open to everyone.

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

## Azusa City Council Acts To Place Local Measure On The Ballot To Maintain Local 911, Public Safety And Youth Programs

**AZUSA** - At their regular scheduled meeting of November 18, 2019 the Azusa City Council voted unanimously to place a local measure on the March 2020 ballot to maintain City services identified as priorities by the community.

"Public safety is a top priority in Azusa," said Police Chief Mike Bertelsen. "Last year Azusa police officers, local firefighters and paramedics responded to more than 100,000 calls for service, including 15,000 911 calls of which 1,900 were medical emergencies. An additional source of local funding for Azusa could be used to maintain 911 response servic-

es so that people get help during an emergency."

After a community survey conducted earlier this year, where 76% of respondents said there is a need for additional funding to maintain City services, Azusa launched the Join the Conversation outreach campaign to engage residents citywide about City service priorities.

Residents identified several local priorities, including:

- continuing police anti-gang enforcement programs,
- addressing homelessness,
- maintaining police patrols of neighborhood schools,
- maintaining police patrols

of neighborhoods, parks and recreations areas,

- preventing reductions to police officer staffing levels,
- maintaining City services, and
- repairing streets and pot-holes.

"Additional local funding could be used to maintain City-funded after-school and recreational programs that serve thousands of local youth each year," said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez.

For more information or to Join the Conversation, visit <https://azusaca.gov/1791/Join-the-Conversation>.



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Whether you are going on an extended road trip, driving to the airport or just plan to get groceries or do some Black Friday shopping, it will probably involve your car! Here are what the roadside assistant companies suggest you have checked out before the holiday to make sure your vehicle is safe and your Thanksgiving

less stressful!

- Tires: Make sure your tires are properly inflated. If they have bad tread wear and need to be replaced, it is better to do it before you are in a breakdown situation.
  - Wiper Blades: Many an accident could be avoided if drivers could see where they are going! Make sure your wiper blades are up to the challenge!
  - Battery: A dead battery can be avoided! A simple test will make sure it is up to par.
- The best thing you can do before any road trip is to make an

appointment with us and let us do a vehicle inspection. It will give you peace of mind! Don't let your car be a "road side assistance" Thanksgiving statistic this year! We sure don't want our customers sitting on the side of the road!

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launched in 2015. Before that, the founders studied the "Truth Tobacco Industry Documents," internal tobacco industry corporate documents obtained during litigation between the state attorneys general and the tobacco industry. The documents include information on nicotine formulations and advertising techniques used to sell cigarettes. Since JUUL's launch in 2015, youth vaping in the United States has almost doubled. From 2017 to 2019, e-cigarette use among high school students rose by 135 percent. In 2019, five million middle and high school students used e-cigarettes - an alarming increase of nearly 3 million students in two years. The majority of underage e-cigarette users report that JUUL is their usual brand.

The lawsuit alleges that JUUL violated California law by:

- Failing to include required warnings about exposure to chemicals linked to cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

- Delivering tobacco products directly to underage persons.

- Delivering tobacco products directly to consumers without properly verifying their age.

- Violating the privacy rights of minors by sending marketing material to the email addresses of underage individuals who failed age verification on JUUL's website.

- Creating a public health epidemic, particularly among young people, with an addictive and harmful product. This epidemic has had serious negative effects on public schools across the state.

This lawsuit is only the latest action taken by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to combat the growing problem of underage e-cigarette use. In September, the Board approved a landmark ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products in unincorporated areas of the County and subsequently launched a targeted public health campaign to educate young people on the dangers of vaping.

JUUL was founded and



# 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

### Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinochle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

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

## BALDWIN PARK

### Winter Billiards Tournament

The Julia McNeill Senior Center will be hosting its Winter Billiards Tournament on Thursday, **November 21** from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The tournament will be held in the Esther Synder Community Center. All those who wish to participate must register at the: Julia McNeill Senior Center. Last day to register is Tuesday, **November 19**. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

### Christmas Holiday Lights Cruise in Newport Beach

Spend a relaxing evening under the stars cruising Newport Bay aboard a fully decorated parade ship on Thursday, **December 6** from 2:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Experience all of the holiday activities and décor centering around the boat parade in this 75 minute tour. With all of the holiday décor, music, activities and amazing light displays, you don't want to miss out on this! Walking distance from the Balboa Pier with many restaurants and quick food stops in the area. Limited tickets! Tickets are \$30 for Bald-

win Park Resident Seniors, \$35 for Non-Resident Seniors, \$40 for Non-Seniors. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

## McNeill Fitness

### Program

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

## COVINA

### 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.

## 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 ap-

pointment.

### 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

### Genealogy Group

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **November 26** at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Pat Chavarria leads a refresher class at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by the program: "Using the National Archives Website," by Gena Phillibert-Ortega, genealogist and author. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

### 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 Toni Levyssohn at 909-843-5239. 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](mailto: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

### Car Show & Spark of Love Toy Drive

The Cruisin' La Verne Holiday Car Show on Saturday, **November 23** from 10:00am - 4:00pm will be held on the streets of historic Old Town La Verne at "D" and Third Streets, south of Bonita Avenue. The event includes the community's participation in the

"CHiPs for Kids" Toy Drive, which benefits children for the holidays. Attendees are encouraged to donate a new, unwrapped toy at the event. For more information please contact event promoter Craig Hoelzel at (714) 671-5833 or City Hall at (909)596-8706.

### 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.

## WEST COVINA

### Woman's Club

### Christmas meeting

The Woman's Club of West Covina will hold its Christmas meeting at South Hills Country Club, 2655 South Citrus Street, West Covina on Friday, **December 6**. The Show Choir from West Covina under the direction of Tyler Wigglesworth will perform at approximately 12:30. Guests are welcome. For reservations, please call (626) 918-0721.

### College Financial Aid Info Night

West Covina Unified's Edge-wood High School will hold a financial aid information night for students and families, providing presentations on the process and assistance with financial aid applications from 6 to 8 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 20** in the Pride Café, 1625 W. Durness St., 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 each Saturday at 9 a.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 motivated 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.

## West Covina Unified's Early College Academy to Hold Info Sessions

**WEST COVINA** - West Covina Unified's Mt. SAC Early College Academy will hold an information session at 9 a.m. **Thursday, Nov. 21**, providing families with details about the benefits of attending West Covina Unified's flagship dual-enrollment public high school. Academy students can earn a

high school diploma and up to two years of free, transferable college credit simultaneously. Students from Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties are eligible to apply. Mt. SAC Early College Academy is at 2226 E. Rio Verde Drive, West Covina.

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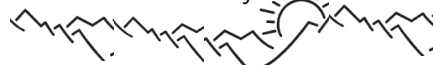
## Holiday Craft Fair & Vintage Market Set For December 7 At Duarte Statue Plaza

**DUARTE** - Handcrafts, vintage items, antiques, local author book signings, entertainment, food and holiday fun will fill the day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **December 7** at the Andres Duarte Statue Plaza and adjacent Grace Fellowship Church, 1551 Huntington Drive in Duarte. Unique hand-crafted items make the perfect holiday gifts.

A vendor registration application is available on [www.RanchoDeDuarte.org](http://www.RanchoDeDuarte.org), or contact Karen Levein at (626) 201-1449 or [k.levein@gmail.com](mailto:k.levein@gmail.com) for further information.

The Fair is sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society & Museum and co-sponsored by the

City of Duarte and the Grace Fellowship Church. Fair admission is free. Local authors will include Marisela Adams (novels and children's books); C.R. King (gunfighters and Wyatt Earp); Elizabeth Pomeroy (local history); Alan and Claudia Heller (Route 66); Ron Husband (illustrator), and more.





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# Felon Arrested After Car Jacking in Covina

By George Ogden

COVINA - On Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at approximately 9:30 AM, a 69-year-old man with his 1-year-old grandson were in a vehicle when a man approached and entered the vehicle on the driver's side. The elderly man was in the passenger seat of a Nissan Versa waiting for his daughter in the parking lot of County Mental Health Offices in the 1300 block of North Grand Ave., Covina with the engine running so they could use the air-conditioning.

The man was surprised when the suspect, identified as Brian Hardy, 39, entered the vehicle and attempted to drive off. He put the car in reverse and ordered the senior out of the car. He told the suspect to let him get his grandson out of the car. The suspect then beat the man's face with his fist. The man was able to get his grandson out of the vehicle and the suspect fled the scene with the car.

Police were called, and soon they found out there was a tablet in the car and it was on. The police were able to track the device and the police responded to where the car was. Police found the Nissan parked in a driveway off of Valley Center Avenue and Badillo Street in San Dimas. When Hardy saw the officers approaching the vehicle, he drove at them and took off. He led the police on a chase which ended when he crashed into another car. The victim of the other car was taken to the hospital and the suspect was caught and treated at the



Carjacking suspect Brian Hardy scene for cuts on his face.

The elderly victim was also treated by paramedics.

Hardy is a registered sex offender and career criminal with multiple prior felony convictions including sex acts with a child, weapons and narcotic offenses. He violated his parole multiple times and was currently on PRCS (Post Release Community Supervision) at the time of this new offense. Police can't figure out why he was in the program in the first place. Hardy was charged with Carjacking, Kidnapping, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Evading Arrest - all felonies. His bail was raised from \$100,000 to

\$430,000.

Under AB109, which is passed by the state's Democrat politicians, people convicted of non-violent, non-serious, non-sexual felonies serve their sentence in county jails, rather than state prisons, and are supervised by county parole officers upon their release, rather than state parole agents. It appears the program has some major flaws and put this man back out in the streets as well as other dangerous felons.

Great police work by all agencies involved in taking another high-risk criminal off the streets, at least for now.

# Two Families Are Better Than One - Vacationing in Cancun



Seen at the Dreams Resort in Cancun, Mexico recently were Austin, Samantha, Rebecca, Kat, Gina, Bob, Ashley, Gracie, Belle, Kirsten, Shon, Aliki, Rena, Paul and Razieh. They had a wonderful time.

By Jayam Rutnam

Cancun, Mexico - Long in the planning stages, the vacation of a lifetime took fruition, when the Djahanshahi family of Covina, California and the Kenz family of San Marino, California, recently teamed up for the four hour flight to Cancun, Mexico.

It was to the "Dreams Resort" that they were headed. Indeed, it turned out to be more than they had expected. As you enter the lobby of the resort, one is subjected to a spectacular view of the swimming pools, water slides and tropical landscape, with a backdrop of a pristine ocean and it's beaches.

It made it more enjoyable that two families went together. The adults could enjoy the formal dinners while the teenagers and younger ones were able to savor the facilities and organized games at the swimming pools. One could also laze in a cabana on the beach or fly kites. Being an all inclusive resort, one could walk into any restaurant and imbibe in all kinds of cocktail concoctions at what seemed to be, no cost!

The tropical weather was perfect. Not too hot, not too humid, a few fast and furious rainstorms and the sun shone right through it all.

It was an unforgettable vaca-

tion and everybody came back to reality and school, with memories of awe inspiring days at the "Dreams Resort."

Notably, it must be mentioned that the customer service at the resort was exceptional. Especially the bellman, Julian de la Cruz who went out of his way to find a notary to make it possible for two of the party to make the trip. Their passports had expired! It was a miracle that they made it on the next day!

# West Covina's Veterans Day Program



Joanne Negley, Jimmy Walden, VFW President Elsie Almer, Annistan Guthrie

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The West Covina High Schools Air Force Jr. ROTC put on a fantastic Veteran's program where the invited veterans from all over to be their guests at the school. They also had a guest speaker, a living legend, Jimmy Walden, 96 (born September 23, 1923) is an American voice actor, ventriloquist, and former television host. He is best known as the voice of the Hanna-Barbera cartoon character Yakky Doodle and the host

and ventriloquist in the locally produced television series The Webster Webfoot Show. Mr. Jimmy Walden, WWII veteran, served under General Patton, helped liberate POWs from Concentration Camp Buchenwald in Nazi occupied Germany.

As the keynote speaker for the event, Jimmy Walden who was absolutely awesome. He does not talk "about" the flag, he talks as if he is the "voice of the flag". He didn't miss a syllable. If you

have the opportunity to attend an event where he is the speaker, it is a must-do event for you.

Local offices such as the Assembly, Senate and Congress were represented. West Covina Mayor Lloyd Johnson represented the City Council as well as West Covina Treasurer, Colleen Rozatti was also in attendance. The Junior ROTC at West Covina High School once again put on one of the best programs around to honor our veterans.

# GYS Gator Girls Win Championship



G8 Gator Girls Remy Caine, Kerra Chan, Victoria Chavez, Amelia Flory, Suraya Garcia, Emma Gomez, Brady Grattan, Taylor Herrmann, Ella Miller, Claire Plock, Kenzie Rice, Mallie Serhan, Keaton Steward. Coaches: Steve Salle, Mike Manke, Abby Salle (not pictured). Team Manager: Jennifer Grattan.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - Louie Pompeii Park was the venue of the final games held by Glendora Youth Soccer. The semifinal game at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday November 16th, between the eight-year-old Gator Girls and Jaws resulted in a 1-1 tie and went into overtime and then a Golden Goal which was won by the Gator Girls. The final game was at the same venue at 4.30 p.m. on the same day. The Gator Girls played Riptide. The game was a tie, went into overtime and then the

Golden Goal was won by the Gator Girls. According to Team Mom Jennifer Grattan, (whose daughter Grady is in the team), "These girls worked very hard during the season. They won a well-deserved championship."

Glendora Youth Soccer (GYS) is a recreational league with over

1300 players from 5-18 years of age. The league is run by volunteers from coaches to the board. The ten-game regular season begins in mid-August and ends in November with the top four teams from each division competing for the Glendora Cup.

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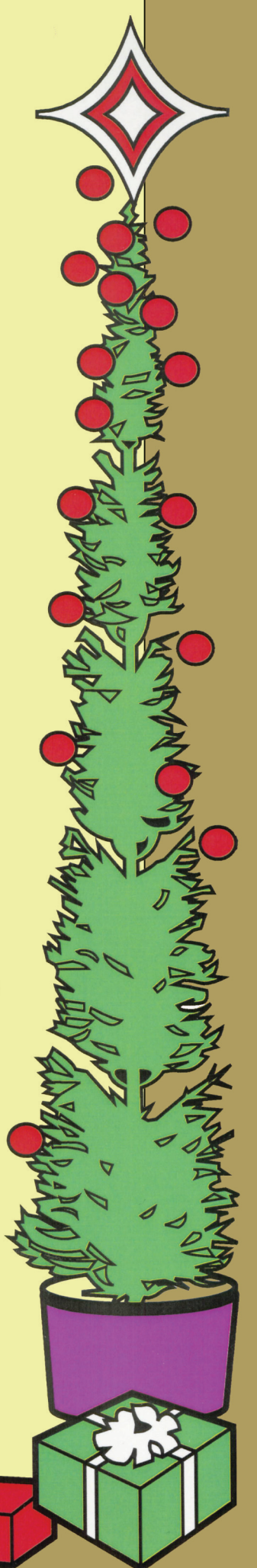
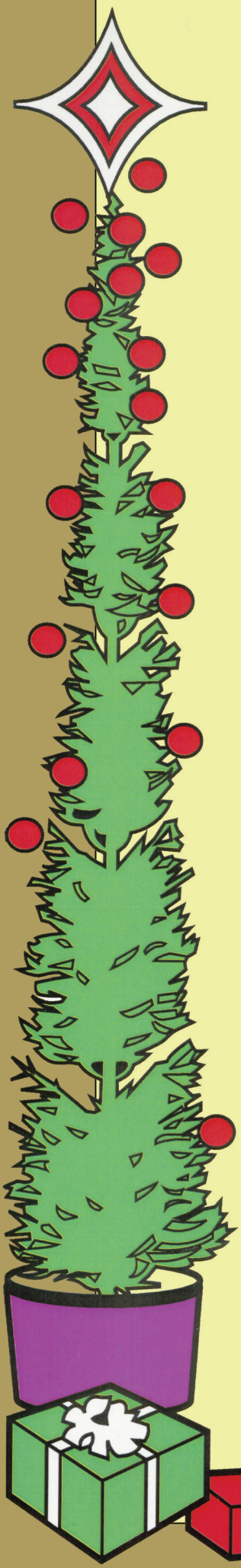
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