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Court of Honor Day for Six Eagle Scouts from Troop 491, Glendora

by Mark Erickson

GLENDORA - On September 28, 2019, six Scouts from BSA Troop 491, Glendora, were collectively awarded their Eagle Scout badges in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at Glenkirk Church in Glendora. The event was attended by over 200 family members, friends and representatives. The Scouts receiving Eagle rank were Steven Busse, 16, Andrew Healy, 16, Adam Erickson, 17, Eric Polman, 16, Tyler Tan, 16, of Glendora and Spencer Moya, 16, from La Verne. The Eagle Scout rank is a milestone of accomplishment, the highest rank in BSA Scouting, and is recognized across the country and even the world.

The Court began with an invocation by Dusty Sanderson, Director of Student Ministries at Glenkirk Church, and followed with a presentation of colors by fellow Troop 491 Scouts. The ceremony was opened by Debra Moya, Committee Chair of Troop 491. In attendance were the Mayor of Glendora, Judy Nelson, who gave a speech and presented a letter of recognition from the City of Glendora to each Scout, and BSA San Gabriel Valley District Chairman, Dan Arrighi, who



Photo by Stephanie Hang

Eagle Scouts Adam Erickson, Steven Busse, Andrew Healy, Eric Polman, Tyler Tran, Spencer Moya also spoke about the significance of earning Eagle Scout rank. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Troop 491 Assistant Scoutmaster Trevor Fabek, who is also an Eagle Scout from his youth and step-father of one of the Scouts receiving Eagle rank.

The ceremony included a video slide show retrospective and several speeches from parents and leaders on the hard work, physical and mental, needed to achieve Eagle Scout rank. The

most emotional portions of the event were the speeches given by the Scouts themselves about their journey through Scouting program. Many reflected on what helped them along the way, and what it meant to become an Eagle Scout. "A journey to Eagle that has been a hard, arduous struggle that I would never trade for the world," said Eagle Scout Adam Erickson, "The friendships, the memories, the lessons, the valuable time. That is what today is celebrating. That is what today is remembering." Following their speeches, the Scouts were awarded their Eagle Badges by Mike Moya, Assistant Scoutmaster and previous Scoutmaster. The Scouts then called forward their parents to the stage to award them the Parents Pin, and then called several Scout leaders and other adults up to award them the Mentor Pin, which acknowledges the adults who helped them personally throughout Scouting.

The ceremony was closed with a benediction by Father Brenden Busse, relative of Eagle Scout Steven Busse.

All of the Scouts who earned Eagle rank at the ceremony began Scouting in Cub Scouts, some of them as far back as first grade. Two of the Scouts had been friends since pre-school. During their time together, the six Scouts and parents became fast friends, often engaging in activities outside of Scouting.

During their past five years in Troop 491 the six scouts were heavily involved in Scout activities and outings. Together they earned 265 merit badges and spent 506 nights camping. They volunteered for over 1100 hours of community service and were responsible for over 1500 hours of Eagle Scout Service Project hours.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the Scouts were required to complete their own Eagle Scout Service Projects. This task provides Scouts in the BSA the

chance to act as project managers and gives them 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, requiring a significant effort on his or her part. For the benefit of local schools, Scout Stephen Busse installed new landscaping and low wall at Goddard Middle School, Scout Andrew Healy placed new landscaping and a bench at Glendora High School, and Scout Tyler Tran built a planter and planted new plants at the Glendora Unified School District Offices. Scout Adam Erickson designed and placed a drought-tolerant demonstration garden for the City of Glendora Water Division, and Scouts Eric Polman and Spencer Moya projects helped the Glendora Historical Society's Rubel Castle, building a concrete emergency walkway and large brick driveway extension respectively.

For the Scouts, Troop 491 has been a unique opportunity, providing leadership training and a variety of high adventure outings such as white water rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, shooting, as well as backpacking and camping. "Troop 491 is a true high adventure troop," said Scoutmaster Al Viteri. Mr. Viteri was Scoutmaster for the majority of the six Eagle Scouts time with the troop and has recently returned to guide more young in Scouting. With the six of the troop's Scouts achieving their Eagle Scout badges and moving onto other challenges, the need for new recruits is greater than ever. Anyone interested in joining Troop 491 in Glendora, can reach Scoutmaster Viteri at (626) 513-1012 or a viterisix@gmail.com

Red Ribbon Week and March Kicks Off October 26, 2019

DUARTE - At the Duarte City Council meeting on Oct. 9, Duarte Mayor Pro Tem Sam Kang and Director of Public Safety Brian Villalobos proclaimed October 23-31, 2019 to be Red Ribbon Week, encouraging all citizens of Duarte to participate in drug awareness activities which will include partnering with Duarte schools to have essays and art contests about living drug free.

On Sat., Oct 26, residents are invited to the Red Ribbon March. Participants will receive red ribbons to use to decorate Huntington Dr. to make a visible statement that residents are strongly committed to healthy lives. The event kicks off at the Duarte Teen Center (1400



Buena Vista St.) at 9 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., youth will receive lunch and can participate in additional crafts and games while parents are invited to the education workshop "Vaping 101," to learn the dangers of usage and how to recognize vaping paraphernalia. Come out and bring the entire

family for a healthy and fun day.

This event is made possible through the Duarte Public Safety Tobacco Law Enforcement grant program. For more information, contact Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or email at A2Torres@lasd.org.

All Class Glendora High School Reunion



Past students of Glendora High School pose for a photo at Finkbiner Park.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The All Class Glendora High School Reunion was founded by Glen Pine 18 years ago and Glen remains the unofficial Chairman

of the organizing committee. The Reunion was held at Finkbiner Park on Cullen Avenue on Saturday the 12th of October.

Almost three hundred past

students of Glendora High School met with their old classmates to swap stories. The weather was beautiful at the park, with barbecued beef, drinks, live music and a raffle.

"The attendees have increased by 30% since last year," said Glen Pine. "Last year we had 200 attendees and this year we have 300."

Windsong Southland Chorale Silver Jubilee Opening Concert



Windsong Southland Chorale and Canyon City Brass

LA VERNE - Windsong Southland Chorale, under their Founder/Director, Dr. Janet Harms, opens its Silver Jubilee 25th Season with Autumn Inspiration, Voices, Bells and Brass The concert will be held at La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church, 1040 Baseline Ave., La Verne, on Sunday, **October 27, 4 p.m.** The Chorale will reprise the sacred hymns they sang the previous day, participating with nearly 1000 singers at the Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove in the

Festival of Faith, sponsored by the Mark Thallender Foundation. Many of the hymns are by Mark Wilberg, Conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

The Bells of Windsong, led by Joan Hamm, will perform Breathe by Marie Barnet and Beside Still Waters by Howard Stark. In addition, the Canyon City Brass, under the direction of Mike Edwards will perform Little Fugue in g minor by J. S. Bach, and Nimrod, from the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar. The Bells and Brass are

both affiliate groups of Windsong.

The Chorale will be concertizing in Italy in June of 2020, singing in Rome, Florence, and Venice. New singers or interested travelers are welcome to call 909-983-9879 for further information, as well as those wishing to make concert reservations.

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Brandywine Opening Stylish New Townhomes At Oliva In Duarte



DUARTE - Chic, well-appointed and attainably priced starting at \$577,880, spacious brand-new townhomes will be revealed during a Model Grand Opening celebration at Brandywine Homes' Oliva in Duarte. Scheduled for **Saturday, October 26th**, the event will give home seekers their first opportunity to tour three professionally crafted models. Interested home shoppers are encouraged to learn about the Oliva VIP program ahead of the grand opening by calling 626.658.8856. The Oliva website is full of helpful information, visit www.OlivaNews.com for more information. Once open, the Oliva Sales Center, will be located at 956 Huntington

Drive, Duarte. Open concept floor plans with the latest in features, private courtyards and attached two-car garages provide the perfect place to call home. Generously sized from approximately 1,773 to 1,913 square feet, the tri-level designs host three to four bedrooms and three- and one-half baths, including an ensuite on each plan's first floor. Plan One features all ensuite bedrooms, Plan Two includes a second-level deck, and every townhome boasts an attached two-car garage and a gated entry patio. Open and bright, the contemporary arrangements impress with large living and dining areas, media niches (per

plan), interior laundry areas, built-in linen storage, and gourmet kitchens with islands, traditional or walk-in pantries, white Shaker-style cabinetry, designer-selected granite countertops, and stainless steel Whirlpool appliances. Spacious walk-in closets, dual sinks, quartz countertops, and showers with seating and composite subway-tile surrounds are showcased in gracious master suites. Options and upgrades are available, and every townhome is distinguished by paneled interior doors with lever handles, designer-selected carpet, 18" x 18" tile floors, tankless water heaters, energy-efficient central heating and air-conditioning, recessed LED lighting, and plumbing for future solar power and electric car-charging systems.

With the majestic San Gabriel Mountains as a dramatic backdrop, Oliva's enviable setting provides residents with easy access to acclaimed Duarte schools, Historic Route 66, boating and horseback riding at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, shopping and dining destinations, and the City of Hope Medical Center. Pasadena's Rose Bowl and Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens are close by, and Oliva offers its own intimate park with BBQs.

Oliva is brought to you by Brandywine Homes, a residential homebuilder based in Irvine, California, that specializes in infill development. Founded in 1994, this family-owned and operated company has built or developed almost 1,500 homes in 45 small- and mid-sized infill communities, revitalizing some of Southern California's oldest and most established neighborhoods. For more information about Brandywine Homes, visit www.brandywine-homes.com.

Dave Thomas Foundation Names America's Christian Credit Union A 2019 Adoption Advocate

GLENDORA - America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) has been named a 2019 adoption advocate by Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption (DTFA), an Ohio-based nonprofit started by the founder of Wendy's. DTFA, which annually releases a list of the nation's most Adoption-Friendly Workplaces, has recognized ACCU as an adoption advocate in the past as well.

This year, ACCU placed fifth in the "Best by Size" category for organizations with 1 to 100 employees. The faith-based financial institution headquartered in Southern California was also listed among the companies offering foster care and adoption benefits, such as financial reimbursement and/or paid time off.

ACCU has helped close to 2,000 families since its Adoption Loan program was launched in 2009. This low-interest, consumer-friendly program aligns closely with the credit union's key corporate priorities of building stronger families and communities. Many vulnerable children have found permanent, loving Christian homes, fulfilling the promise that God sets the lonely in families (Psalm 68:6).

Caleb and Amanda Cagle, who adopted Emmi in May, are grateful for ACCU's prayers and practical help. "It's been a rough road but the loan made the process doable and stress-free," they say. "God has used ACCU over and over again to show His faithfulness in this journey."

In the ten years since its inception, ACCU's pioneering program has inspired a restructuring of adoption loans across the nation. The credit union has formed close relationships with leading adoption agencies and advocates in the U.S., including the National Council For Adoption (NCFCA). Fawn Imboden, Chief Development Officer at ACCU, serves on the NCFCA board.

The adoption lending program is regularly updated to remain current with member needs. "At ACCU, we're always looking for ways to make the journey easier for families," says consumer lending AVP, Natalie DePrat. "For example, we now use e-signatures. By minimizing paperwork and making quick decisions on funding, the average turn-



David and Sarah Olson with Zakary, Levi, and Tilly (2015).



Judge Barry Tidwell with John and Tiffany Davis, Addison, Aidan, and Tristan (2019).



Caleb and Amanda Cagle with Grant and Emmi (2019).

around time has been reduced from one week to just 48 hours. In many cases, we can even manage a next-day turnaround!"

Earlier this year ACCU rolled out the Adoption Line of Credit, which is beneficial for members who only need a portion of their funds at a time. This keeps their monthly payments low.

ACCU's loans give members flexibility because the interest rates and terms are extremely reasonable and there are no early payoff penalties, explains consumer loan processor Jennifer Salvi. "Some families use our loans as a short-term option while they wait for fundraising money or federal tax or employer credits," she says. "We can also send the funds directly to the agency, eliminating the stress of making sure it gets done. The families usually appreciate this a lot."

In July 2015, David and Sarah Olson's adoption finances unexpectedly fell through, and the Minnesota-based couple found themselves needing a significant amount by the next day so they could adopt baby Tilly Pearl. David got in touch with Cindy Rodriguez, an underwriter at ACCU, who immediately helped him with the paperwork. When she called back to inform David that their application had been approved, he began sobbing. "Thank you for helping close the gap and getting what we needed to complete the financial aspects of this adoption!" he says.

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Governor Signs Senator Rubio's Bill Increasing Statute of Limitations for Domestic Violence

SACRAMENTO – Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday signed legislation by Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) that would allow domestic violence survivors, who may be traumatized years after their abuse, additional time to heal before they seek justice.

Senate Bill 273 extends the statute of limitations for domestic violence felony crimes to 5 years and expands training requirements for peace officers to help them properly identify survivors of domestic violence without causing additional harm.

"I want to thank Gov. Newsom for signing this important bill. As a domestic violence survivor, I know it takes time to heal and hopefully this extension gives victims enough time before they have to seek justice," Sen. Rubio said. "As I've said many times, the legal system surrounding domestic violence is flawed and still designed to protect abusers. To all the victims out there struggling – I hear you, I believe you, and I will continue to advocate for you."

"We are so proud of everyone who came together to ensure more rights for domestic violence victims and pushed the Statute of Limitations in California for the first time," said Evan Rachel Wood, a survivor, actress and artist. "There needs to be a much bigger conversation about this issue, and I am happy to have champions like Senator Rubio fighting for the cause."

"I am grateful for the leadership and courage of Senator Rubio and Evan Rachel Wood for offering space for me to testify about my survival so that we could bring awareness to the long-term trauma domestic violence inflicts on those abused," said Shay Franco-Clausen, a survivor, advocate and community leader. "Protecting victims and providing them safety is a fight that I will never stop being involved in."

"As a survivor of domestic violence living with post-traumatic stress disorder, it took me seven years to identify and come to terms with my abuse," said Esmé Bianco, an actress, survivor, and advocate. "By the time I felt safe enough to pursue legal action, I was told it was too late as the statute of limitations had expired. This was incredibly painful and re-

traumatizing, especially knowing that my abuser continues to inflict damage on other women. This is why we created the Phoenix Act. With this groundbreaking legislation, we are giving survivors crucial extra time to heal, feel safe, and seek out the justice they deserve. We still have a long way to go, a two-year increase is a start but it is certainly nowhere near the extension we know survivors need. However, the overwhelming support we have received in passing this bill is a signal that legislators are beginning to see domestic violence as the horrendous epidemic that it is. I am incredibly grateful to the amazing team of brave survivors, advocates and legislators who have made this possible, especially Senator Susan Rubio, who has fought tirelessly in championing this bill. I would also like to thank Governor Newsom for showing his support and solidarity by signing the Phoenix Act into law."

"I am deeply grateful for Senator Rubio's personal courage, bravery, fierce activism and leadership in championing this compassionate legislation," said Elaine Whitefeather, a survivor, advocate and executive director of A Community For Peace. "Survivors in California will now have more time and space to heal, and law enforcement will be able to better engage in domestic violence response."

Los Angeles County Borrowers Gain New Consumer Protections as Governor Signs Assembly Bill 539

New state law will limit interest rates on certain personal loans

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – California lawmakers have taken a major step in protecting borrowers from predatory high-cost loans. Governor Gavin Newsom signed LA County-sponsored Assembly Bill 539 into law on Thursday. The new law will cap interest rates at 36 percent simple interest, for loans between \$2,500 and \$9,999 starting Jan. 1, 2020.

There is no rate cap for loans of this size under existing law, and some loans carry an annual percentage rate of 100 percent or more. A study by the National Consumer Law Center stated that approximately 40 percent of these loans end in default.

"For too long, low-income communities of color have been taken advantage of by high-cost lenders, trapping consumers in loans that they cannot afford to repay, undercutting their financial well-being, and impacting their families, businesses, and

communities," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who authored the motion at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to sponsor AB 539. "Thank you to Governor Newsom for signing this crucial bill, and to Assembly member Monique Limón for authoring and championing this bill in Sacramento. With a reasonable interest rate cap on high-cost loans signed into law, I am committed to continuing to work with our communities and partners to establish safe lending options, along with enhancing a comprehensive array of economic opportunities for our most economically vulnerable residents."

"Triple-digit loans trap borrowers and leave them straddled with debt. This is one of the most unconscionable ways that wealth is stripped from our most vulnerable residents already struggling to make ends meet," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "Thanks to Governor Newsom

signing this critical bill, AB 539 will help combat and counteract the excessive cost of lending in California."

"The passage of Assembly Bill 539 is a historic step in support of hard-working consumers," said Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Director Joseph M. Nicchitta. "This law will help struggling families throughout the state and in Los Angeles County who are crippled by bad debt from predatory small-dollar loans, while still ensuring access to lower-interest credit."

California Assemblymembers Monique Limón, Tim Grayson, and Lorena Gonzalez authored the bill. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs also acknowledges the outstanding efforts of the California Asset Building Coalition and Californians for Economic Justice, who fought for the passage of the bill.

Monterey Park Police Announce Arrest of Elder Abuse Suspect

MONTEREY PARK - On October 10, 2019 at approximately 1:24 a.m., Monterey Park Police Department officers responded to a home in the 500 block of S. Lincoln Avenue in the City of Monterey Park regarding a family disturbance.

When officers arrived on scene they discovered that a subject known to the family had entered the residence without permission and demanded to speak to his ex-girlfriend. An argument ensued inside the residence as the suspect began breaking items in the home. The subject armed himself with a knife then ran down a hallway, shoving an elderly female to the ground, and locked himself in a bedroom.



Suspect Nicholas Charmack, 29, from Monterey Park.

After an approximately three hour standoff, the subject was

taken into custody with the assistance of the Monterey Park Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT).

The subject was arrested for elder abuse and transported to Los County Medical Center for treatment of his self-inflicted injuries. The elderly female who was shoved to the ground was also transported to a local hospital for treatment of her injuries.

The suspect is identified as Nicholas Charmack, 29, from Monterey Park.

Missing 67-Year-Old LA County Resident with Alzheimer's Found Safe Thanks to LA Found

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - A missing 67-year-old woman with Alzheimer's has been found safe thanks to the County's L.A. Found program.

Bobbie Fisher, an Inglewood resident, was reported missing by her family Tuesday, October 8 at 8pm after being gone for several hours. In September of this year, Ms. Fisher's family had enrolled her in LA County's L.A. Found program which supplied her with a Project Lifesaver bracelet so that the Sheriff's department could track her location if she went missing.

LA County Sheriff's Department Mental Evaluation Team responded to the scene and used

a Project Lifesaver receiver to track her bracelet's location to 304 E. Spruce Ave, approximately 2.5 miles from her home. She was found safe at 9:50 pm Tuesday evening and reunited with her family.

"Thanks to L.A. Found and the quick action of our LA County Sheriff's deputies, Ms. Fisher was safely reunited with her family," said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who championed the creation of L.A. Found. "Since launching L.A. Found, I have spoken to caregivers across the County who worry constantly about what might happen if their loved one wanders away and goes missing. This pro-

gram works—if you have loved one who suffers from Alzheimer's, dementia, or autism, I encourage you to learn more about L.A. Found and see if a trackable bracelet is right for your family."

"LA Found is more than a technological innovation—it's a potential lifesaver for people living with Alzheimer's, dementia and other cognitive impairments," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose district includes Inglewood. "This initially frightening situation ended on a happy note, with Ms. Fisher being reunified with her family, thanks to LA Found."

How to Sell Your Glendora House Without An Agent And Save the Commission

GLENDORA - Because your home may well be your largest asset, selling it is probably one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. And once you have made that decision, you'll want to sell your home for the highest price in the shortest time possible without compromising your sanity. Before you place your home on the market, here's a way to help you to be as prepared as possible.

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Recall Newsom Gathering Support

Two petitions are out in circulation for the signature gathering process to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom. The first, was filed by Erin Cruz, who ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's seat in 2018 and is currently running for the 36th Congressional District. The second one was filed by a La Jolla physician, James Veltmeyer, who ran unsuccessfully in 2016 and 2018 for the House of Representatives. Voters can, and are urged by Cruz and Veltmeyer, to sign both petitions and both petitions could appear on next year's ballot.

The Cruz petition sites a decade of poor leadership and mismanagement of money and resources leading to poor schools, increases in costs of gas and utilities, a housing crisis, homelessness and insurmountable debt. The petition charges "... increased public safety risk by pushing laws and policies like Medicare for All or Universal Healthcare and laws protecting and helping illegal aliens." This petition was filed September 6th and has until February 13, 2020 to submit 1,495,709 signatures to force a recall election.

The Veltmeyer petition sites four specific areas of concern starting off with health care for illegal aliens that could cost California taxpayers \$100 million initially and continue to attract thousands more illegals to California continuing to increase that cost and burden the health care community. Since 2016, children under 18 have received taxpayer-backed health care despite immigration status.

Second charge is the tax increases are driving people out of California despite the \$21 billion surplus and giving California one of the highest tax rates in the nation.

Additionally, Veltmeyer petition sites the homelessness con-



Shade's Perspective

Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

ditions creating a threat to public health and hygiene and encouraging third world-like conditions.

And finally, the petition charges subversion of federal immigration law by supporting and encouraging California as a sanctuary state and allowing cities to continue to support that status and "... policies that shield criminal illegal aliens from law enforcement and immigration authorities, including vicious and brutal MS-13 gang members."

The Veltmeyer petition was filed on August 6th but rejected by the secretary of state and was refiled again on August 26th. They have until March 5, 2020, to collect that same number of signatures - 1,495,709.

Gov. Newsom starts off the response statement to the recall with:

"Warning - This unwarranted recall effort will cost California taxpayers \$81 million dollars! It is being pushed by political extremists supporting President Trump's hateful attacks on California."

Newsom goes on to assure voters the budget is balanced, the reserves are at an historic high level and he has begun fulfilling his campaign promises by increasing funding for education, to protect everyone's health care,

prepared California for more wildfire threats and begun to improve water, roads and bridges.

Newsom just signed legislation that puts a \$15 billion general obligation school bond on the March 3, 2020 ballot costing \$12.4 billion in interest payments.

Newsom says, it is "... a handful of partisan activists supporting President Trump and his dangerous agenda to divide America [that] are trying to overturn the definitive will of California voters and bring Washington's broken government to California with this recall effort." The statement goes on to remind us he won the gubernatorial race with 66% of the vote over Republican John Cox.

The recall process in California requires the following:

- Filing of notice of intent to recall and signed by 65 voters.
- Recall petitions for statewide officers must be signed by voters equal to 12% of the last vote for that office.
- Recall petition must include voters from each of five counties equal to 1% of the last vote for that office in that county.
- Once the signatures have been validated and the recall is on the ballot, the first step is to vote "yes" or "no" for recall.
- Select the name of the replacement candidate or candidates on the ballot.
- Recall is successful if it receives a majority of the vote. If the recall does not receive the votes to pass the replacement candidate votes are ignored.
- If the recall passes, the replacement candidate wins with a simple plurality of votes.

Californians are faced with a huge decision: To sign the petitions and support a recall or continue down the same path Californians are now being led by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

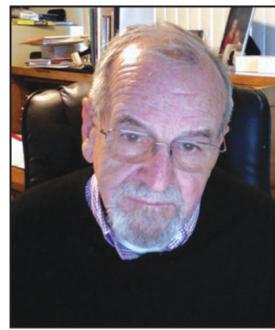
Christians, Where Are You?

For almost three years I have been asking evangelicals how they can possibly support Donald Trump and his agenda. The response has been silence except for applauding his commitment to end abortion. But I realize that I have raised this issue from a secular perspective, and thus my inquiries have failed to intersect with the profoundly religious perspective of most evangelicals. So this week I will examine the question as a Jesus-oriented believer. What is it about Jesus, his life and teachings that is compatible with everything we know about Donald Trump, his life and his agenda?

Character and personal integrity

Consider Jesus' call for his followers to live lives of moral integrity. Jesus did not begin by asking his followers to remake society, but to embody truthfulness, righteousness and godliness. In the beatitudes Jesus models as blessed a series of personal qualities; humility, sorrow for sin, meekness, a hunger for upright living, mercy, purity of heart, peace making. If this is how Jesus asked his followers to live, tell me how Donald Trump embodies any of these qualities. Or consider the characteristics early Christians found in those filled with Jesus' spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Few people in my memory, and I would guess also in yours, have typified the converse as much as has Donald Trump. I don't feel the need to rehearse here Trump's history. Those "Christians" who still support him must be aware of his character and know how far it is from anything Jesus asked of his followers. When confronted with this reality the only answer I have heard is, "but God has often used imperfect people to do his will." Cited are Simon Peter and a series of despicable kings God sent to ancient Israel, beginning with David and his af-



Charles H. Bayer

fair with Bathsheba. If any of these rulers had paid really big money to silence prostitutes or bragged about grabbing women's crotches, the Bible doesn't record it. If this is the best justification for Trump's thoroughgoing immorality, I wonder how any evangelical can justify support and keep a straight face?

The political agenda.

If his moral code does not justify Christian support of the President, consider his agenda. Trump's first order of business has been building a wall across our southern border in order to keep out hordes of criminals, drug smugglers, assorted thugs and non-Christians he would have us believe would invade this nation, instead of impoverished families looking for a better life; and Mexico would pay the billions of dollars the wall would cost. Then there are his significant tax breaks, billions going to the already super-rich. At the same time a minimum wage of \$15.00 an hour is rejected.

It doesn't matter what the world's scientists say about the serious danger of climate change. More than one hundred fifty nation/states have signed on to the Paris Climate Accord. Trump believes climate change is a hoax and has withdrawn the United States. Why? Because even recognizing the crisis might jeopardize the profits of the oil, gas and coal industries.

In Trump's world health care is a privilege granted the more affluent, not a human right. Need

I go on? Contrary to Trump's agenda, these issues as well as many others, have roots in the commitment of a godly people to care for one another, to welcome the stranger and to support every avenue offering justice and mercy. Are these not the values and programs Jesus would have those who call him Lord must be commissioned to support? In every case Trump comes down on the opposite side.

Jesus' will for the world

Jesus had a clear notion of how God would have the world shaped, and asked his followers to be committed to that vision. We demonstrate our faithfulness as we feed the hungry, offer water to the thirsty, cloth the naked, care for the prisoners, welcome the sojourner and the outsider.

In the sermon at his home synagogue Jesus spelled out his mission—good news to the poor, release to the captives sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. If the fundamental task of Christians is to carry out in history Jesus' objectives, what are evangelicals doing about it. If Jesus described the society his followers are called to represent how does Trump's agenda embody any part of it?

A personal commitment

Or perhaps Christians who still support Trump do so based on his personal dedication to spiritual disciplines including prayer, biblical literacy, regular worship with a Christian community, and a heart-felt belief that Jesus is Lord.

If these are the matters at the heart of what it means to follow Jesus, how can evangelicals, who claim that their support of Trump flows from their witness to Christ, be committed to someone who embodies the opposite? Sooner or later the eighty percent of evangelical Christians who support Trump and his agenda will have to answer that question.

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MY TURN: What Became Of The Fetuses We Are Told Are Not Human Beings?

Prior to my upcoming High School reunion, I met a friend of mine for dinner. He had arrived from out of town to attend. He was a close friend of mine in high school and we have stayed in touch over the years. My friend has lead quite an impressive life after a childhood that was somewhat a struggle. He managed to get an appointment to Annapolis, choosing to join the Marines upon graduation. He had a long career in the service and then started a security company in the Washington D.C. area. He has a fine family and is involved in a lot of charitable activities.

I had several back and forth debates on social media and wrote some commentaries about abortion and the whole Planned Parenthood issue. I am still blown away by the statistic of 60,000,000 fetuses aborted since the 1973 Roe Vs. Wade decision. I thought about all the lives that never were. The potential political leaders, service people, entertainers or sports figures that might have been. Male and Female, Black or White, it doesn't matter, lives all the same, never able to come into this world and accomplish something. The doctor that may have found the cure for cancer. The next home run king. The next Martin Luther King, Oprah Winfrey, or Ronald Reagan.

I continued to think about it when I watched the wonderful documentary that Ken Burns produced that was aired recently called "Country Music." It made mention of the people that had created a great body of musical work in a short period of time. And how their lives were cut short. Patsy Cline, Jimmy Rodgers, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams among others, that were yet to complete the music they would have produced. At least the circumstances of lives cut short by



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abortion are more controllable than the tragedies that took their lives. More controllable and hopefully a lot less final if we choose to do something about it.

One day while commenting about my discomfort with abortions, I was in yet another back and forth on social media, when I received a message from someone that shocked me with some information I never realized. The comment expressed, went like this: "I was a baby born in 1950 to a single mom who lost her job when I was born. If abortion had been as easily available then as it is now, I might not be here today." The person writing that was my friend from high school who went to Annapolis.

Suddenly I realized what I needed to believe. When people said I am too adamant about all

of this because after all it is a woman's choice and I am not even a woman, the clarity came to me. Thanks in a big part to my friend who has lived that full life that very easily could not have happened. And just as the angel Clarence said to George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life: Strange isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

I believe that someday we will pass on to heaven. Maybe we will meet all the people that never had a life down here. Maybe the young boy Colton Burpo, who wrote a book about going to heaven during an injury induced coma was right when he claimed he met his sister, a young child that died during a miscarriage. And Colton was never knowledgeable of her existence. I have to believe that, because too many things are more than coincidental.

And maybe that same heaven will be filled with music we never heard because it was written by Patsy, Jimmy, Hank, Buddy, and all the others, AFTER they died. And listening along will be Colton's sister and maybe another child we don't know. A child that might have wanted to go to Annapolis as well.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Coogan's Bluff

By Joe Castillo

Dodger Blues... This year's edition of the Los Angeles Dodgers was supposed to end L.A.'s 31-year old streak since their last World Series championship in 1988. After winning a record 106 games, the Dodgers gained home field advantage against any opponent in the National League. The team had been to the last two World Series, and even though they lost them both, there was still optimism that the third time would be a charm. Yes, 2019 was to be the "Year of the Dodgers". But alas a funny thing happened on the way to the World Series when the Washington Nationals beat the Dodgers in a best of three playoff series and suddenly the Dodgers' season was no more.

It's a down time for LA fans but the feeling had happened before, all the way back to 1951 when the Dodgers and Giants tied for the National League pennant. The 1951 season was scripted right out of Hollywood and kept baseball in suspense for the entire season. The season started with the Giants winning the opening game of the season only to lose their next eleven games. The Giants were managed by Leo Durocher, who at one time was

the manager of the Dodgers. On August 12th, the Dodgers led by 13 1/2 games and were on their way to another World Series appearance. But when everything looked so bright, the Giants went on a 16-game winning streak to put pressure on the Dodgers. But the Giants never slowed up and would eventually win 39 of their final 47 games. The Giants finished with a record of 96-58 forcing the Dodgers into a tie and a playoff to meet the Yankees in the World Series. The Dodgers had lost the first ever league playoff series to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1946, and their bad luck was expected to continue in 1951.

The series opened in Ebbets Field on October 2, and the Dodgers' lost the opener of the three-game set by a score of 3-1. The next two games were to be played at the home of the Giants, the Polo Grounds, of New York. Dodger Manager Charlie Dressen had thrown most of his regular pitchers in a losing cause in Game one, and no one was ready to go in Game Two. With no one else to turn to, Dressen called on his rookie pitcher, Clem Labine. It looked like a lost cause but Labine tossed a 10-0 shutout and got 13 hits from his offense to tie the series at 1 game each. A final game was scheduled with Dodger Don Newcombe pitching against Giant star Sal Maglie. The game was a close and tense battle until the Dodgers broke the tie with 3 runs in the eighth inning to take a 4-1 lead. The lead held until the ninth inning but Newcombe was finally running out of gas. After he got one out, he gave up a double, single and double, and the Giants cut the Dodger lead to 4-2 with runners on second and third. Dressen had to make a pitching

change and with a limited selection, he called on Ralph Branca, the losing pitcher in Game One.

Coming up for the Giants was slugger Bobby Thompson who lead the Giants with 31 homers. The Dodgers could have walked Thompson to load the bases but a young star named Willie Mays was in the on-deck circle. Thompson wore number 13 which turned out to be prophetic for the Dodgers. Branca's first pitch was a called strike but the second pitch was right in Thompson's power zone and he drove it into the short left-field area at the Polo Ground. The Giants celebrated wildly, the Giants fans were ecstatic, and the Dodgers would once again live up to their unlucky misfortunes. The final score was 5-4 Giants and the victory launched them into the World Series. The Thompson home run became known as the "shot heard around the world" but Giant fans preferred it be called the "Miracle of Coogan's Bluff" named after the small hill behind the Polo Grounds known as "Coogan's Bluff". The Giants had pulled off the greatest and one of the most improbable comebacks against a more skilled team, and left the Dodgers feeling pretty much how they felt after being knocked out of the playoffs this year...

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Why Are the Democrats Seemingly Destroying Their Chances to Win in 2020?

The House of Representatives decided recently to proceed with a formal impeachment inquiry against President Trump that will most likely hurt any Democrat's Presidential run more than it damages President Trump.

I think it is important to step back and think about why the Democratic Party's House leadership would effectively destroy one of its Presidential candidates by proceeding with the formal impeachment inquiry into President Trump that will expose all the questionable compensation that Hunter Biden received from China and Ukraine. Since President Trump promptly turned over all documents that the House of Representatives wanted to review, there doesn't appear to be anything there except for previous concerns about corruption in Ukraine.

The stock market initially got hit when the House impeachment inquiry was announced; but, the market reversed quickly after the Trump Administration released the requested documents and had a press conference with Ukraine President Zelensky (who also released documents).

President Trump said, "The Democrats' constant personal attacks, vicious lies, and now these baseless impeachment attacks have never had anything to do with me! Their goal has always been to silence YOU, they want to steal YOUR voice and YOUR vote." Trump's strong statement will likely be heard by many previously undecided voters. Democratic attempts to destroy its

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opposition - like Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh and President Trump - is almost certain to backfire with many voters.

Overall, it was a very sad week for the U.S, primarily due to the House impeachment inquiry. If you like to follow ugly politics, the only way I can possibly make you feel better is to say that the political chaos in Britain is even worse (especially after its Supreme Court ruled last week that the decision by Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Queen Elizabeth to suspend Parliament before Brexit was "unlawful").

After meeting with President Trump, Boris Johnson hastily returned to Britain and said he "profoundly disagreed" with the Supreme Court ruling but would "respect" it. Johnson talked to Queen Elizabeth and presumably apologized for embarrassing her. Brexit is still on track for October 31st, if Johnson can negotiate an exit agreement with the European Union. He may need to keep his fingers crossed, since Parliament loves to perpetually humiliate and mock Johnson in an obvious attempt to perpetually postpone Brexit.

In the meantime, the rest of Europe appears to be slipping into a recession. The Eurozone purchasing managers index (PMI) slipped to an 83-month low of 45.6 in September, down from 47 in August. This was a big surprise, since economists were expecting to see a 47.3 reading in September.

Even worse, mighty Germany's manufacturing PMI slipped to 41.4 in September, down from 43.5 in August. Its PMI is now at its lowest level in more than a decade. Since any reading under 50 signals a contraction, there is no doubt that Germany's GDP - which clearly contracted in the second quarter - is also likely to contract in the third quarter. Since two negative GDP quarters mark the official definition of a recession, Germany could already be in a recession, which could drive euro interest rates even lower (which may seem almost impossible).

The good news is that I suspect American equity markets will continue higher, but will also experience volatility. Europe is as messy as Boris Johnson's hair. China's growth is contracting. Latin America is as volatile as Trump's tweets. (Argentina's Merval index plunged -48% in a day, August 12). U.S. domestic stocks still appear to offer the best and safest place to invest.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We weren't given much notice that PG&E was going to shut off our electricity. All the food in our refrigerator and freezer has gone bad. We can't run the heat or AC. Our appliances are all electric. Our propane for our grill is nearly empty and there's no full tanks or fill-ups available. Now we are told that we won't have running water soon. Many grocery stores, restaurants, and gas stations are shut down, too. This is a disaster! Help!



Julia Yoder

still have utilities, plus home maintenance. With first-time buyer incentives and low mortgage rates, renters can more easily buy now. It is a myth that you need a 20-percent down payment. Of course, with less than a 20-percent down, you'll have monthly mortgage insurance, and various other qualifying requirements. Besides the down payment, you need to save for closing costs and moving expenses, and some extra to ensure you can make your first few months' payments. Download "Your Home Loan Toolkit" at: http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201503_cfbp_your-home-loan-toolkit-web.pdf

I'm a teacher, in my late 30's, and a single mom of a 6-year-old. I want to save for my child's college education, and I need to save more for retirement. I have \$200 a month I can save, but I'm concerned about the two summer months I don't work. What can I do?

Assuming you're in good enough health, I'd recommend a life insurance policy that can build cash value. This policy could provide life insurance coverage for both you and your child, while accumulating college sav-

ings for your child, and savings for your retirement income.

We can calculate how much extra you'd need to pay each month for 10 months per year in order to skip paying during the two months you don't work.

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

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

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Finding An Auto Repair Shop You Can Trust

AAA did a survey and found that two out of three U.S.A. drivers do not trust automotive repair shops! Why?

- The top reasons that U.S. drivers do not trust repair shops are:
- Recommending unnecessary services (76 percent)
 - Overcharging for services (73 percent)
 - Negative past experiences (63 percent)
 - Concerns that the work will not be done correctly (49 percent)

The survey also noted that older drivers trust auto repair shops' more. Why?

- Baby Boomers are twice as likely than younger generations to fully trust auto repair facilities in general, with one-in-five reporting they "totally trust" the in-

dustry.

- Baby Boomers (76 percent) are also more likely to have a chosen auto repair shop that they trust compared to Millennials (55 percent) and Gen-Xers (56 percent).

What does this survey tell us?

- It takes time to find a great repair shop...many times through trial and error.

- Due to this, older, more established adults have found a shop they trust and they stick with them.

- Driver's happy with their repair shop aren't "repair shop hopping" based on coupons, but stick with the shop they know will do a good job at a fair price each and every time.

- The 75 million drivers who haven't found a trusted repair fa-

cility need to ask for recommendations from those who have.

What does AAA recommend?

- Find a shop you trust before you are in breakdown mode.
- Start off your search by having a shop do small items first such as oil changes, tire rotations and filter replacements.

There are a lot of great shops out there. Today it has never been easier to find one you trust! Read reviews and ask friends, family and neighbors. It pays great dividends in the long run.

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What Does Experience Have to do With It?

The death of a business is not willing to move forward and grow. Always reinventing yourself and your business is the life blood of any organization. Stepping out of that comfort zone or the preverbal box that we sometimes place ourselves in is key to our success.

So, what does experience have to do with my previous statement? As we move through life our experiences shape our lives. Experience both good and bad is still experience and in the right frame of mind is invaluable to our success.

We've all said "well I'll never do that again" hopefully a lesson learned or perhaps the better way to phrase it would "I won't do it that way again". So, we pick ourselves up dust off the negative feelings and move about our business but how do we look at opportunity?

Opportunity and experience are partners. Yes partners. If you have experienced a bad or demoralizing experience you may shy away from a growth opportunity that you may think is out of reach because experience has taught you that you failed once before in trying to attain that opportunity or something similar. Transversely if you had a good past experience the confidence would be there and the opportunity in front of you would be a cake walk.



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Years back I was receiving a decoration from another Country as a recognition for my role in international diplomacy. Being much "younger" and less concern with failing I attempted to give a short speech in the other Countries language. Well as experience went this was one experience, I wish I didn't have or was it?

Since that time, I have given many speeches (in English) adding to my positive experience building on one speech to another when it has become as second hand nature.

Recently I found myself at another international Country's event and a different language was involved, one that the very mispronunciation could literally mean the difference between calling someone a Mom or a

Cow which I didn't think was very funny. But the opportunity was there. The opportunity to shake off the past and possible grow my international business. I pulled it off and the opportunities and the step-up stature was there.

Experience should be used as a road towards opportunity. Not looking as, a bad experience as a negative but as how to learn from it and look for that next opportunity to get past the negative and treat all experience as a positive asset.

The very definition of the word experience is as follows:

- involvement in
- participation in
- contact with
- acquaintance with
- exposure to
- observation of
- awareness of
- familiarity with
- conversance with
- understanding of
- impression of
- insight into

Each one of the above is your business opportunity, how will you incorporate the words above into action to grow your business and build upon your experience?

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Enjoy the Majesty of Fall: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in October and Receive 10 Colorful Trees and Bushes

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten your fall by offering 10 colorful trees and bushes when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship

through the planting of trees.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 colorful trees and bushes selected for your area.

"Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape for years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for

planting, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive your free trees, visit arborday.org/october or send a \$10 membership contribution by October 31 to:

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10 Colorful Trees and Bushes
100 Arbor Ave.
Nebraska City, NE 68410

El Monte Women's Club General Meeting and Luncheon

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

On **October 22**, at 11:00, El Monte Women's Club will have a General Meeting and Lun-

cheon. This "meet-and-greet" will be held in the Grace T. Black Auditorium, part of the El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Avenue in El Monte.

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

having fun. El Monte Women's Club is a friendly, caring group of women of diverse ages. This club has existed since 1902 and currently has 45 members. You can choose to be as actively involved as you like, based on your time and interests.

To learn more about El Monte Women's Club, visit them online at www.elmontewomensclub.org and www.facebook.com/emwomensclub

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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

Orchid Hobbyists

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our **October 17** Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our program will be an American Orchid Society Webinar on Habenarias Orchids, which are terrestrial and grow in tropical and subtropical regions. Refreshments. All welcome!

Trunk or Treat

The congregation of the Church of Good Shepherd in Arcadia will celebrate Halloween with their Tenth Annual fun-filled FREE Trunk or Treat event on **October 31**, from 6:15 to 8:00 pm. Families of all faiths are encouraged to visit the church parking lot at 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, to see the many opened car trunks decorated for the holiday and to receive a traditional treat at each car visited. Puppet master, Kevin Noonchester, will return this year to present his own version of The Three Little Pigs. No reservations are required and there is no charge. For more information contact Vern or Lynne Whitaker at 626-446-7860.

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 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 in-

formation on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

Explore Tuscany 9 Days & 8 Nights

The Julia McNeill Senior Center in partnership with Collette will be traveling to South Dakota on October 31 through November 8, 2019. Prices are \$3,449 for Single Person, \$3,149 for Double, and \$3,119 for Triple. Included in price is round trip air from Los Angeles Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, and 10 meals. Cancellation waiver and insurance can be purchased for an additional \$315 per person. For more information regarding prices or trip details, please contact Daniel at (626) 813-5245 ext. 271, email at TTours@baldwinpark.com, or visit the following website link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/904277>.

COVINA

Annual Fall Book & Bake Sale

The Friends of the Covina Public Library will be hosting its Annual Fall Book & Bake Sale on **October 26** from 10am to 3pm. Pre-sale for members is from 9am to 10am. The public is invited to socialize, enjoy donated homemade baked goods and coffee, peruse and purchase books, DVDs and magazine. Fundraising proceeds support the library's year-round programs and initiatives.

Community Garden Parcels

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

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

Genealogy Group

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **October 22** 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: "Coroner Connections: Finding Living People the Genealogist's Way," by Pat Williams, lead investigator with the Orange County Sheriff Coroner Dept., researcher and author. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

Stress Management & Controlling Chaos

Feeling overwhelmed can peak from a long to-do list which is increasingly common as demands on human attention increase. A clear sign of being overwhelmed or stressed is forgetfulness, anxiety, anger, and emotional chaos. Learn to manage personal space, time, and energy in this interactive class where your challenges, experiences, and solutions will be solicited. Pre-register at the La Fetra Center: 333 E Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA or by calling (626) 914-0560. Fee: \$12.00 material fee payable to instructor, Mondays, September 16-30, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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.

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

La Verne

Cemetery Tour

Come for the history! Come for the fun! On **October 20**, the La Verne Historical Society will conduct docent and photo-narrated tours of the La Verne Cemetery. Arrive anytime between 1:00pm-2:30pm to join a tour group. Learn about the first person buried in the cemetery, La Verne's first doctor, settlers whose descendants include La Verne's current Mayor, and the beloved educator in whose honor the school district named an elementary school. This is a family event not intended to be scary to kids. The La Verne Cemetery is located at 3201 "B" Street. Tours are \$3 for individuals and \$5 for families. Cider and donuts will be served. La Verne's Local and Family Researcher will be available to answer your questions about La Verne's history.

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

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 626-384-0502 (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.

Fall Provides Fun-Filled Celebrations for Families

Fall brings fun activities for the Duarte community including a new twist on a family favorite. Come make a splash at the Duarte Fitness Center pool from 1-3 p.m., **October 20** and pick your favorite pumpkin from our one-of-a-kind "Floating Pumpkin Patch." Designed for the entire family, the event includes a pumpkin, decorating stations, tricks & treats, and crafts, culminating in a pumpkin decorating contest featuring prizes! Event fee is \$5 and youth under the age of 6 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Later in the month attend Duarte's legendary Halloween Howl! Hosted by Duarte's Parks

and Recreation Department, Halloween Howl will be held from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, October 31 at Royal Oaks Park (2627 Royal Oaks Drive). Children 12 years of age or younger are invited to celebrate Halloween with the City. They can play in the FUN Zone, a themed inflatable play area; enjoy carnival-style games, partake in a costume parade (participants gets complimentary candy!), and enjoy refreshments, music and more! Carnival games are priced at \$0.25 each and entry to the FUN Zone is \$5.

For additional information on either fall program, please call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

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Auxilian of the Year

COVINA - Emanate Health Inter-Community Auxiliary has named Janice Clark Auxilian of the Year for 2019. Janice is a native of Chicago but has lived in Covina since she was two years old. She has a Masters in Education and a Doctorate of Philosophy and Education. Janice served as President of the auxiliary two years and is currently serving as Past President. She has been Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and Vice-President of the Membership Committee. She was involved in the Corks and Forks Fundraiser in previous years. She is currently working with the By-Laws to update the Auxiliary's Handbook. Janice volunteers at the Gift Box which is the hospital's gift store. She is active in her church, Immanuel First Lutheran Church in West Covina. As you can see, Janice is wearing her other hat; that of a West Covina Police Department volunteer. Her 3100 service hours to the auxiliary are impressive.



Janice Clark - Auxilian of the Year for 2019

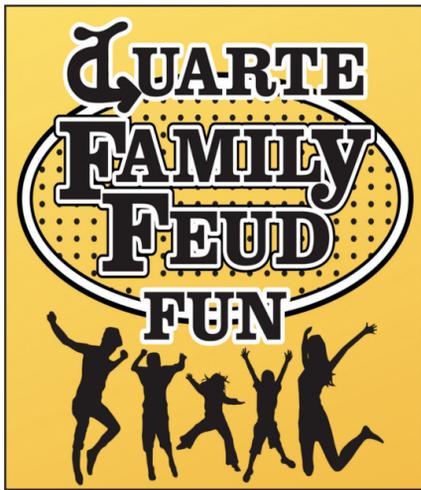
Duarte Family Feud Fun Featuring Cash Prizes to Debut October 19

DUARTE - Name three fun things that happen in the month of October – fall weather, Halloween and...a chance to watch family and friends win cash prizes in a friendly day of Duarte Family Feud Fun on **October 19th!**

At Duarte City Hall (1600 Huntington Dr.), teams of five players will face off in lightning fast rounds of survey questions for points Family Feud-style (Steve Harvey not included). Through family unity, good communication and a lot of laughs, winning teams will advance to the next round. Prizes include: 4th place - \$200, 3rd place - \$300, 2nd place - \$400, and 1st place will win \$500!

Participants and onlookers are asked to stay throughout the day to enjoy some fun in the sun at the pool for games and lunch, before joining together to cheer on the final two teams!

Questions...please contact the Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.





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Glendora Woman's Club Presented Glendora's La Fetra Center Singing Group



The group of singers of LaFetra Center is pictured following the group's recent program "Joy of Singing for the Glendora Woman's Club. The singing group is under the direction of Kim Holland, with piano accompaniment by Pat Kelly

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club's recent program, "Joy of Singing" featured a group of singers from a class at LaFetra Center in Glendora. Said Women's Club program vice president Helen Storland. Under the direction of Kim Holland. With

piano accompaniment by Pat Kelly, the group of 50 singers presented a varied program of old favorites and special arrangements.

The group's visit marked a return engagement to the Woman's Club by the popular singing group, said Mrs.

Storland.

For information about the club's special events, department meetings, or service projects, call 909-598-0554; for information about renting the clubhouse for an event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010

Governor Signs Senator Rubio Bill to Help Ease San Gabriel Valley Homelessness Crisis

SACRAMENTO - Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) announced that her legislation, which establishes a regional housing trust to help address the growing homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley, was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Senate Bill 751 authorizes the creation of the trust, a joint powers authority, and allows communities within the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to fund housing to assist the homeless and persons of extremely low, very low, and low income. It also allows the trust to receive public and private financing and funds for this purpose.

"There is a need for this regional housing trust for the San Gabriel Valley because of the growth of the homeless population in our region," Sen Rubio said. "Along with the \$5.6 million from the state that I was able to secure, we are supporting and empowering our local service providers to address this crisis in the way that best fits our regional needs."

"The legislation by Senator Rubio is a game changer in combating homelessness in the San



Senator Susan Rubio speaking at July Senate hearing. (Photo Credit Lorie Shelley, California Senate)

Gabriel Valley," Cynthia Sternquist, president of the SGVCOG and a councilwoman for the city of Temple City. "The trust will allow cities to compete regionally for grants that they would not normally be able to as individual municipalities. Instead of a piecemeal approach, they can come together and work toward solutions for the San Gabriel Valley. We thank the Senator for making this happen and for the funding she secured to help alleviate this crisis."

According to data released by the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority in June 2019, the

overall population in Los Angeles County grew by 12% in 2018. However, the San Gabriel Valley saw its unsheltered homeless population increase 24%.

This dramatic increase comes after the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority's 2018 point-in-time count for the San Gabriel Valley found that the number of unsheltered persons grew to 2,790 people—a 19% increase from the 2017 point-in-time count. This is in addition to a 29% increase in the number of unsheltered persons in the San Gabriel Valley between 2016 and 2017.

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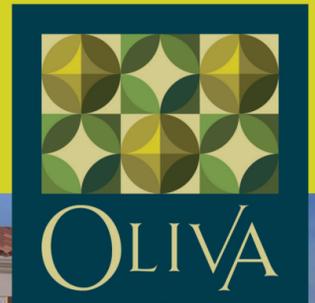
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