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# Monrovia Scouts Dive into Submersibles

UPLAND - Monrovia Pack 66 & Monrovia Troop 66 Scouts had a rare opportunity not afforded to many to see and learn about submersibles at SEAmagine Hydrospace Corporation. Off a small road near Cable Airport sits a warehouse, where 10 engineers build the most amazing privately owned submersibles in the industry, let alone the world. Granted if you have a few million lying around you too can be the proud owner of one of these beauties, I foresee a lot of fundraising for our scouts.

President and owner Charles Kohnen of SEAmagine gave our Scouts a behind the scenes tour and presentation of the operation that has transformed the world of undersea exploration. Our Scouts were treated to a demonstration of the submersibles robotic arms, an up-close and personal view of two submersibles on display in the warehouse and an in-depth presentation and videos of how they work.

Our Scouts learned about the long history of producing the personal submarines and private submersibles. The company's private submersibles have performed thousands of dives



Monrovia Pack 66 & Monrovia Troop 66 Tour SEAmagine

around the world from many types of superyachts and in a wide range of sea conditions. These personal submarines and private submersibles have been used in scientific, commercial, and superyachts and have also been used in National Geographic, BBC, and other numerous film projects. SEAmag-

ine has a perfect safety record and a solid track record in reliability and practicality in both

the professional and superyachts markets.

Many of Pack 66 Cub Scouts are working on their STEM NOVA awards and this adventure will almost complete Cub Scout Bear Max Rily's requirements. The Scouts were engaged and asking many questions about depth, pressure, breathing, time under water, and types of submersibles as well as the difference between a submarine and a submersible. The answer given by Mr. Kohnen will never be forgotten...a submarine has a toilet and a submersible does not.

If you would like your children, boys and girls to have adventures like this please contact Monrovia Pack 66 ages 5-10 and Troop 66 ages 11-18 at [monroviatroup66@gmail.com](mailto:monroviatroup66@gmail.com) or call Mr. Peters at 626-485-1032 for more questions. Our meetings are on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Monrovia Vineyard Church 1307 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia.

# Vietnam Veterans: Have You Received Your Lapel Pin?

SAN DIMAS- The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration has provided a special lapel pin for living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks. Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance Of Every Servicemember) is proud to announce that they will be issuing these pins during their hosting of the Vietnam Wall, "The Wall That Heals." The "Wall" will be located at Lone Hill Middle School, 700 S. Lone Hill Ave. in San Dimas, March 22 - 25,



**Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to Commemorative Partners for dignified public presentations to living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks.**

2018. To receive your lapel pin, you must provide a DD214 (NO PIN WILL BE AWARDED WITHOUT THIS FORM) and one other form of identification. You can mail this information to San Dimas HEROES/Vietnam Lapel Pin Project at PO Box 4216, San

Dimas, CA 91773. You can also provide this information during the four days the "Wall" is in San Dimas by visiting the San Dimas HEROES booth between the hours of 9AM to 5PM. The HEROES Organization is looking forward to thanking you for your service and welcome you home.



Bear Cub Scout Max Rily discussing submersibles with President Charles Kohnen of SEAmagine

# Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen Installed as President of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees



The 2018 Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. Pictured (L-R): Ms. Yachi Rivas, student representative; Dr. Edward C. Ortell, member; Mrs. Susan M. Keith, clerk/secretary; Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, vice president; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, member; Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. (Photo courtesy Citrus College.)

GLENDORA - Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen was installed as the president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees during the board's annual organizational meeting held on Dec. 5. She was first elected to the board in 2007. As one of five governing board members, Dr. Rasmussen represents Glendora and portions of San Dimas.

A career educator, Dr. Rasmussen taught English and journalism at the high school and college levels. In 1983, she joined the Citrus College staff where she held several administrative positions, including dean of planning and economic development; administrative dean of planning and institutional advancement; director of development/assistant to the president; and director of public affairs. Dr.

Rasmussen retired as vice president of institutional advancement at Mt. San Antonio College in 2005.

"Being selected to serve as board president by my colleagues on the board of trustees is truly an honor," said Dr. Rasmussen. "Higher education has been a focal point of my life and career for many years, and I am very proud to serve as a trustee for Citrus College." Dr. Rasmussen holds an associate of arts degree in English/journalism from El Camino College; a bachelor's degree in English from California State University, San Diego; a master's degree in communications from California State University, Fullerton; and a doctorate in educational management from the University of La Verne.

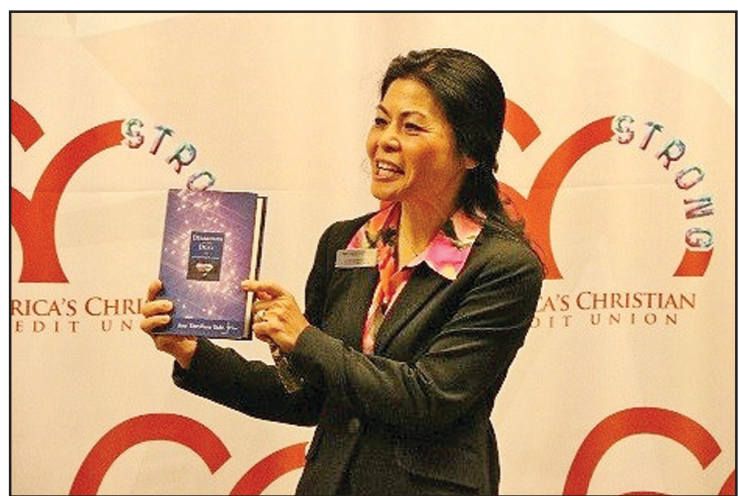
Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees members also installed during the meeting were Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, vice president, and Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board clerk/secretary. Dr. Edward C. Ortell and outgoing board president, Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, are members of the board. Ms. Yachi Rivas will remain in her position as student trustee.

"The vision and dedication of the board of trustees has changed the lives of thousands of students and contributed to the outstanding reputation of Citrus College," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "I am grateful for their leadership and their willingness to serve their communities in such a meaningful and important way."

# America's Christian Credit Union Celebrates First Members

GLENDORA - January 1st marked the start of an exciting milestone year for America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU). That week, ACCU formally launched its 60th anniversary celebration, commemorating six decades of financial strength.

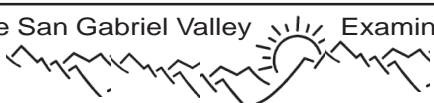
Halfway into the first month of the ambitious year-long celebration, ACCU is taking a moment to reflect and thank those who first caught the credit union's vision of the mission. The original 80 members of the credit union who joined at ACCU's inception were identified among the current 145,000+ membership base. Each of these 80 charter members received a letter from President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson along with Diamonds in the Dust, a devotional favorite and a "treasure trove of diamond chips," according to its author Joni Eareckson Tada.



VP of Development, Fawn Imboden unveils the significance of "Diamonds in the Dust".

Accompanying the gifts was a special request from Thompson, inviting members to engage in the celebration by sharing their own ACCU stories. The original 80 members were encouraged to write back, sharing their story of legacy membership. "The beauty of America's Christian Credit

Union is that it has stayed true to serving members with the highest standard of excellence. As a result," commented Thompson, "we have not just existed, but flourished these past six decades. We would be remiss not to invite them to be a part of this year-long celebration."



## Inter-Community Campus Auxiliary 2018 Executive Board



Front Row left to right: Lilia Sarosy Vice-President of Public Relations; Reyna Conrado President; Jacquie Garretson Vice-President In-Hospital; Back Row: Carol Koon Vice-President Programs; Jody Mentzer Secretary; Doris Schultz Finance Committee; Peggy Monges Vice President Special Projects; Fran Abbott Vice-President Membership; Janice Clark Past President.

COVINA - Inter-Community Campus Auxiliary proudly announces its 2018 Executive Board. The ladies were installed

at the January 11, 2018 luncheon. This group of volunteers looks forward to an exciting and promising new year.

They are ready to face head-on the many tasks and fund raising events planned for the year.

## Division 35 Lt. Governor Visits Duarte Kiwanis

DUARTE - Kiwanis Division 35 Lt. Governor, Anna Wu has quite a story to tell. Anna initially got involved with Kiwanis through the Kiwans program at Los Altos High School and has been an active leader ever since. Anna's journey included joining Kiwanis as a senior in High School and her service has continued ever since. Anna has a passion for Kiwanis and has been instrumental in growing the organization through membership and chartering new clubs. She recently was honored for her work by riding on the Kiwanis float in the Rose Parade!

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.



Duarte Kiwanis President, Diane Hernandez, Division 35 Lt. Governor, Anna Wu.

## Plan For Your Retirement

If you're like 82 percent of Americans, you may be concerned about retirement, according to the Employment Benefit Research Institute. Fortunately, you may have a brighter future if you heed five hints from Ray LeVitre, CFP, author of "20 Retirement Decisions You Need To Make Right Now" as well as founder and managing partner of Net Worth Advisory Group—a firm specializing in retirement financial planning.

1. Track your expenses now. Gradually adjust your expen-

ditures toward the budget you'll have in retirement.

2. Start living like a retiree. Change your lifestyle to reflect how it might be in retirement. That might mean downsizing your home, reducing your leisure travel or driving a more efficient car.

3. Increase your savings. Within 15 years of retirement, contribute a minimum of 15 percent of earnings toward retirement.

4. Explore your Social Security options. Postponing benefits until age 70 can significant-

ly boost lifetime income. Explore spousal benefits, too.

5. Don't invest too conservatively. A broadly diversified, well-balanced portfolio of equities, bonds and cash offers the best opportunity to maintain the necessary growth of capital while minimizing volatility.

Further insights and advice are at [www.NetWorthAdvice.com](http://www.NetWorthAdvice.com). The book can be ordered from Amazon. (NAPSI)

## America Is Seeing A Flood Of 'Flood Cars'

Recent research suggests drivers may be behind the wheel of more than 325,000 previously flooded vehicles. That's a 20 percent increase from 2016 and a stark reminder to consumers to do due diligence when used-car shopping.

### One Woman's Story

"I bought a car last year and the seller never told us anything about it being a flood car," said Charlene Geiger from Pennsylvania. "When we got home and ran a Carfax, there it was—a flood car from Hurricane Sandy. It showed that the seller bought it as a salvage car and the title was washed when he brought it to Pennsylvania. We lost \$16,000 over all of it."

### Where To Be Most Wary

Vehicles reported as flood damaged by a state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), insurance companies and more have washed up in every state. These 10 have the most:

1. Texas—51,000
2. Louisiana—29,000
3. Pennsylvania—20,000
4. Florida—19,000
5. Kentucky—16,000
6. Illinois—15,000
7. South Carolina—13,000
8. Virginia—13,000
9. North Carolina—13,000



Don't let a flooded-out used car put a damper on your driving.

10. Michigan—11,000.

In addition, several hundred thousand more flooded cars may emerge from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Historically, about half the vehicles damaged by floods end up back on the market. Flooded cars rot from the inside out as water corrodes the mechanical parts, shorts the electrical system, and compromises safety features like air bags and anti-lock brakes. Health concerns are an added problem, as mold and bacteria permeate the soft parts of the car.

"Our data shows there's still much work to be done in helping consumers avoid buying flood-damaged cars," said Dick Raines, president of Carfax. "They can, and do, show up all over the country, whether it

be a few miles or hundreds of miles from where the flooding occurred. With two devastating storms like Harvey and Irma, it's vital for used-car buyers everywhere to protect themselves from flooded cars that may wind up for sale. Start with a thorough test-drive, a vehicle history report and a mechanic's inspection before buying any used car."

Free Assistance And Advice With the world's largest vehicle history database, Carfax helps millions confidently buy, own and sell used cars. Now, in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, it's letting consumers check for flood damage free of charge at [www.carfax.com/flood](http://www.carfax.com/flood). (NAPSI)

## Kiddie Academy Ask Families to Dance at 3rd Annual DanceParty! Event

Kiddie Academy® to host a free, indoor, family-friendly party on Saturday, Jan. 27

GLENDORA - Did you know children as young as 6 months old can recognize the beat in music and dance along? And by 4 years old, most are ready to learn partner steps? This winter, Kiddie Academy asks children of all ages to dance at its 3rd annual DanceParty! event on Saturday, Jan. 27, starting at 10 a.m.

A leader in education-based child care and an advocate for musical education at every age, Kiddie Academy invites local families to join in this fun, free, indoor event hosted by Kiddie Academy locations in the Glendora area. Attendees will learn an age-appropriate dance and then showcase their new moves in an energetic and exciting dance party.

The event is designed to bring local families together through music and dance, according to Kiddie Academy's Vice President of Education, Richard Peterson, and to highlight the ways in which Kiddie Academy's Music & More lessons build on the young child's natural love of music, stories, movement and pretend play. "Music is an inte-

gral part of Kiddie Academy's Life Essentials® curriculum," said Peterson. "Research shows that music can make your child a better learner. Exposure to music in an early learning setting can help children develop their reading and speech skills, while en-

abling them to focus better and develop socially."

Register online at [kiddieevents.com/danceparty](http://kiddieevents.com/danceparty). In case of inclement weather, contact your participating local Kiddie Academy.

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# Azusa Unified honors Classified Employees of the Year

Standout staff recognized by School Board

**AZUSA** – Classified school employees are the people who fix it, clean it, install it, cook it, serve it, deliver it, and do all the vital support jobs that make teaching and learning more effective, and, in many cases, possible. In recognition of the vital work that classified employees do, the Azusa Unified School Board honored the district's Classified Employees of the Year at its January 16 meeting.

Elsa Hernandez, Computer Lab Assistant at Murray Elementary, was surprised at her school in December with a bouquet of flowers and news that

she had been chosen as AUSD Classified Employee of the Year. The following honorees joined her for recognition at Tuesday's School Board meeting:

Adam Rocha, Adult Education; Laura Navarro, Azusa High School; Arlene Morales, Center Middle School; Lucy Vargas, Dalton Elementary; Nataly Noah, Ellington K-8 School; Elena Espinosa, Foothill Middle School; Imelda Perez, Gladstone High School; Rosanne Sandoval, Gladstone Street Elementary; Rita Lozano, Hodge Elementary; Sandra

Arkenburg, Lee Elementary; Michael Vargas, Longfellow Pre-K/Kindergarten School; Veronica Serrano, Magnolia Elementary; Charity Bechel, Magnolia Adult Transition; Tommie Ortiz, Mountain View Elementary; Brittany Rodriguez, Paramount Elementary; Abigail Valle, Powell Elementary School of the Arts; Claudia Benitez, Sierra High School; Dominique Petarra, Slauson Middle School; Anna Collins, Valleydale Elementary; David Panduro, Nutrition Services; and Diana Ochoa, District Office

# Man with Machete Attacks Daughter and Her Boyfriend

By George Ogden

**COVINA** - The Sheriff's Department responded to the

16700 block of Cypress Street around 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan 20 when the daughter called 9-1-1 that her dad attacked her boyfriend with a machete.

When deputies arrived, they found a man in his 20s, bleeding from his hands and legs. They also found the daughter, also in her 20s, with a bruised face. They had the paramedics respond to the scene.

Felix Antonio De Jesus, 61, was booked for assault with a deadly weapon. The weapon was also seized by the deputies as evidence.

An argument had transpired at the home between the daughter and De Jesus. Apparently the father struck his daughter in the face and her boyfriend became involved. At one point, the father and the boyfriend became separated and the father armed himself with a machete. He then attacked the boyfriend who tried defending himself, getting his hands cut as well as his legs.

When deputies arrived, the father surrendered to the deputies who then took him into custody.

# Mt. SAC to Host Youth Career Expo

**WALNUT** - More than 500 are expected for the 2018 Youth Career Expo co-sponsored by Mt. San Antonio College and Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services on Friday, Feb. 2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mt. SAC campus. This event is free and open to the public.

L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis will give the opening welcome presentation at 9:45 a.m. in the Mt. SAC Design Technology Center auditorium, building 13, room 1700.

Career workshops, presentations, and a job fair are just part of the expo designed to help people, especially youth ages 14 to 24, explore career

fields and find good jobs. Prospective employers will also be on hand as well as a career resources fair to help job seekers in their search.

Some of the career workshops include the construction trades, information technology, nursing, leisure and hospitality, the entertainment arts, and more. In addition, related general interest workshops will also be offered on topics such as interview preparation, money management, networking, and internships.

Registration for the Youth Career Expo is recommended. To register or for more information, visit the L.A. County website on the event at <https://tinyurl.com/ybn806zd>.

# Glendora Police Department Announces Promotions

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Police Department is pleased to announce the following promotions which took effect Monday, January 15th, 2018.

Mike Randazzo was promoted to Lieutenant:

- Lt. Randazzo was hired as a Cadet with the Glendora Police Department in 1994. He was later hired as a Glendora Police Officer in 1996 where he worked patrol, narcotics detective and as a motorcycle traffic officer. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2010 and then Sergeant in 2011.

Lt. Randazzo has had the opportunity to serve the City in many different co-lateral duties such as; Firearms/Force Instructor, Field Training Officer, Operator and Team Leader of the Foothills Special Enforcement Team, Tactical Flight Officer for the Foothill Air Support Team, Motorcycle officer instructor, Bicycle Patrol supervisor, Range Master, and Police Cadet program coordinator.

Lt. Randazzo possesses an Associates of Science Degree from Mt. San Antonio College; he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Columbia Southern University; where he graduated Cum Laude. He is a graduate from the Peace Officers Standard and Training Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.

Ryan Layaye was promoted to Sergeant:

- Sgt. Layaye was hired as a Police Officer with the Glendora Police Department in 2004. After graduating the academy, he worked patrol and then as a narcotics detective for Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) task force. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2013.

During Sergeant Layaye's tenure at L.A. IMPACT, he conducted complex, multi-jurisdictional investigations. During his tenure at DEA, Ryan conducted numerous state and

federal wiretap investigations involving both domestic and international based Drug Trafficking Organizations.

Sergeant Layaye has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Economics from University of California, Riverside. In 2014, Sergeant Layaye and the L.A. IMPACT Group received the International Narcotics Interdiction Unit of the Year award. Most recently he was awarded the California Los Angeles County Narcotics Officers Association "Detective of the Year" for his performance while assigned at DEA.

"I am looking forward to the contributions that Lieutenant Mike Randazzo and Sergeant Ryan Layaye will make to Glendora Police Departments management team; one that understands that in order to ensure the Glendora Police Department produces expected outputs we must be proactive in our community, care and invest in our personnel, and deliver quality customer service." - Lisa G. Rosales, Chief of Police.

# California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Adds 'Fresh' Category for Cannabis Cultivation Tax

**SACRAMENTO** - The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) has added a new category and rate for the cannabis cultivation tax, which took effect on January 1, 2018.

Proposition 64, which was approved by voters on November 8, 2016, established a cultivation tax based on the dry-weight ounce of cannabis flowers and leaves. The CDTFA has added a new cannabis cultivation tax category for fresh cannabis plants at a rate of \$1.29 per ounce. The cultivation tax rates are:

- \$9.25 per dry-weight ounce of cannabis flowers,
- \$2.75 per dry-weight ounce of cannabis leaves, and
- \$1.29 per ounce of fresh cannabis plant.

All fresh cannabis plants must be weighed within two hours of harvesting.

Cultivators are responsible for paying the cultivation tax on all harvested cannabis entering the commercial market to the distributor (or to the manufacturer if that is where the first transfer or sale of unprocessed cannabis takes place). Manufacturers who collect the cultivation tax are required to pay the tax to the distributor. The distributor reports and pays the cultivation tax to the CDTFA. Cultivation rates are also posted on our website.

For more information, read our Tax Guide for Cannabis Businesses on the CDTFA website. If you have additional questions, you may call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY:711) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.

# Gabrielino High School Speech and Debate Program Boasts Eight Academic All-Americans

**SAN GABRIEL** - Eight Gabrielino High School speech and debate students have received national acclaim as Academic All-Americans, a designation given by the National Speech and Debate Association to students who excel in academics and at speech and debate tournaments.

To be eligible for the award, students must earn a Superior Distinction score of more than 750 accumulated tournament points and an unweighted GPA of 3.7 or higher. Students may also qualify with a 3.5 GPA if they achieve a score of 27 on the ACT or a 1300 on the New SAT.

The eight Gabrielino seniors to receive the award - many of whom scored far beyond the award requirements - are Annabelle Cook, Janelle Dang, Jason Tran, Leon Tran, Meng Vong and speech team co-captains Josh Raymundo, Angelina Liang and Richelle Chow.

Chow has 990 speech tournament points, which she accumulated through four years in the program.

"I like how this award recognizes students for their academic work in addition to their performances at speech and debate competitions," Chow said. "My parents are very proud of me and so am I - it's a major honor to be recognized."

Chow will apply to a range of colleges, including UC Berkeley, USC, UCLA, UC Davis, and Boston University; she plans to study environmental science. She said that being a co-captain helped mold her leadership skills, which will serve her in any career field.

Gabrielino speech and debate adviser Derek Yuill said the school has produced 88 Academic All-Americans over the last 20 years.

"It's an excellent award and it shows that our students have great discipline - because you cannot get this award without being successful both in the speech and debate program and in the classroom," Yuill said.

Raymundo, who has earned nearly 941 tournament points, said the speech and debate program has improved his confidence and organizational skills - which also strengthened his on-campus involvement and led to him found the school's Amnesty International Club.

"My mom was especially excited because the school put my name on the electronic announcements board in front of the school," Raymundo said. "It's very exciting to be honored with this award because it shows the work we all have put into our classwork and this program."

Raymundo plans to study business in college. He is applying to UCLA, Cornell University, Santa Clara University, UC San Diego and UC Davis.

The final co-captain, Liang, has a score of 1214 tournament points and hopes to study neuroscience or psychology at Yale.

Gabrielino High's other Academic All-Americans include:

- Annabelle Cook, with 1198 points, who plans to attend Soka University of America
- Janelle Dang, with 899 points, who plans to attend UCLA
- Jason Tran, with 1051 points, who plans to attend UC Berkeley
- Leon Tran, with 1029 points, who plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University
- Meng Vong, with 985 points, who plans to attend UC San Diego

After a brief celebration, Gabrielino High's speech and debate students will compete in the Southern California Debate League's second varsity tournament on Feb. 3 at Arcadia High School, where they will attempt to extend an undefeated league victory streak that dates back to December 1999.

"We are very proud to have so many accomplished students named Academic All-Americans this year for their excellence in education and in speech," SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. "Gabrielino High's speech and debate team is one of the many great programs our District offers that can provide students with valuable leadership skills."

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## Water: More Bonds, More Taxes

We got the gas tax after Gov. Brown bought enough votes with about \$1 billion of our tax dollars and now we've got another tax on the horizon. How about a tax on water? You know, that colorless clear chemical that allows all things, including human beings, to live here on earth. And, Brown wants to tax it. Deep breath and lets back-track a bit.

SB 623 Monning (D-SD 17) is the principal author with Sen. Kevin De Leon (D-SD-24 L.A.) Speaker Pro Tem and candidate against Diann Feinstein for California U.S. Senate, and Sen. Bob Hertzberg (D-SD18-Burbank) author of SB 231 to circumvent Prop. 218 and a vote on property taxes to pay for MS4 in the San Gabriel Valley, are co-authors of this new tax. (Sorry for that sentence ... my English teacher would faint!)

Please know I don't have issues with what is being attempted in Sacramento ... everyone in California is entitled to adequate, good, clean drinking water which purportedly is SB 623's intent. But I do have a problem with the never ending assault on my bank account. There is only so much money us average citizens have and the State now has \$190 billion budget available to benefit the citizens with a \$13 billion rainy day fund. A lot of this proposal for water improvements counts on us average citizens passing a \$4 billion bond on the June ballot to go along with the water tax from what I am reading. Some would call that a double whammy.

That bond, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act, is De Leon's \$4 billion proposal and, as the title would suggest, leaves no project lacking or voter incentivizing buzz word out of the title. More later.

This bill posted last year and returning this 2018 session is called the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to be used by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to provide grants, loans, contracts or services to assist those in disadvantaged communities who need safe and affordable drinking water. The State Water Board is obligated to protect the public health and ensure all water systems are operated in compliance with the law.

Prop 1, The Water Quality,



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

**Former Mayor of Glendora**  
Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, was approved in November of 2014, authorizing \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds. As the Senate Floor Analysis documents, it was / is "... for state water supply infrastructure projects, such as public water system improvements, surface and groundwater storage, drinking water protection, water recycling and advanced water treatment technology, water supply management and conveyance, wastewater treatment, drought relief, emergency water supplies, and ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration." That is a lot of "stuff" to fix but a lot of money to do it with. What has been done with that money?

Again, Senate Floor Analysis on SB 623 inserts:

Prop 1 authorized \$520 million for expenditures, grants, and loans for projects that improve water quality or help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to all Californians.

- \$260 million for wastewater treatment projects

- \$260 million in grants and loans was to be spent on public water system infrastructure and improvements to meet safe drinking water standards.

This newest, additional proposal creates the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund with money the SWRCB can use to implement this bill but only if the state legislature appropriates the money to allow it to be spent. And, of course, the State Water Board gets up to a 5% cut on the annual expenditures for administration of the fund.

On one hand the bill says the SWRCB is obligated to spend money for grants, loans, contracts or services to assist those without access to safe and affordable drinking water per the

annual fund implementation plan under Section 116769 ... but that section is missing ... non-existent in the California State Water Plan. How do you implement a missing section?

Additional little bugs for me in this proposal are ... "to the extent funding is available that assistance must include":

- Any replacement water on an interim basis pending long-term solutions. Where does that replacement water come from and who pays for it? I guess we all pay with that proposed water tax.

- Planning costs for the development of long-term solutions ... is that through the loans being administered by SWRCB? What is the cost to these "disadvantaged" communities to receive safe drinking water we are told is their right under California state law?

- Costs to maintain and operate interim solutions and long-term solutions. Again, no dollars attached and no specifics. Only rumors of a proposed tax on everyone for every drop of water they use.

- Outreach and technical assistance to those without access to safe and affordable drinking water. Is that a grant or a loan or a contract ... does it cost these "disadvantaged" communities? Will the tax pay for that and how much?

Interesting comments by the Senate Staff doing the analysis:

A fund without funding. SB 623 creates the Safe Drinking Water Fund, which upon appropriation by the Legislature, would provide moneys for SWRCB to contract with an administrator to specified services to designated public water systems. This new fund is not necessary to achieve the bill's intent.

Two Bills Creating the Same Fund. SB 778 (Hertzberg, 2017) also creates a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to provide grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist communities without access to safe and affordable drinking water. Authors will need to reconcile the two bills.

Sorry there are no specific tax amounts for this year only the ones put forward last year. All water agencies that have commented so far are opposed to this bill and a tax on water. I'm sure the dollar signs will surface shortly.

## We Need Each Other --- in Small, Safe Family-Like Groups

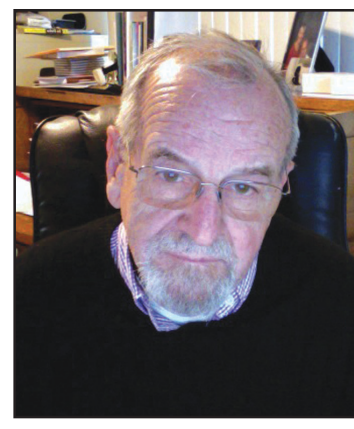
This is the fourth column in which we are exploring the importance of ways we must depend on each other. We began this series by affirming our need of one another, and why the notion that we are our brothers' keepers must become a commitment to be our brothers' brother.

Two weeks ago we examined how our national survival depends on the realization that we are part of an interdependent community of nations, and not "an island entire of itself," as John Donne put it. Even with our overwhelming military and economic power, the United States cannot simply withdraw from the world's international structures as if we didn't need them for our survival. An antithesis of this notion is the passion to build a massive wall whose sole purpose is to keep "them" out.

Our commitments to The United Nations, the International Court of Justice and the Paris agreement on climate change are essential for our own safety, as well as the world's well being. International interdependence is no longer just a voluntary option. It is the key to our survival.

Last week we examined how this nation cannot exist only for the benefit of a tiny enclave of the very wealthy in a sea of poverty and despair, and how at our best, private charity and public policy have been combined to offer ways by which all Americans are offered the opportunity to live with dignity.

Now, in this final column about our need of each other, we come to the most intimate circle of interdependency. I speak of the family, the extended family and other wider groups that may be called "family" because



Charles H. Bayer

they evidence a relationship more binding even than blood. There may be a few people who are able to stand alone without the need of anyone else, but I wonder how they manage to survive. Most of us don't even know who we are until we see ourselves reflected in someone's eyes. While I am often tempted to see myself as an independent person without the need of others to keep me propped up, down deep I know how untrue that self-image really is. If I am occasionally tempted to withdraw into my turtle-like shell, Wendy reminds me that as a loner I am half a person, and not a very good one at that.

There is an old illustration preachers have often used which describes the difference between heaven and hell. In both no one has elbows, and everyone's arms are stiff from wrist to shoulder. In both places a magnificent banquet is being served. But in hell no one is able to eat, while in heaven everyone enjoys the feast because they extend their arms and feed each other.

I am fortunate to have spent my life in communities of mutual support, beginning with my family and continuing with small groups in churches where I min-

istered—and was ministered to. Just a month ago we were visited by dear friends who were leaders in a congregation I served years ago. There are many others we may not have seen for decades, but who remain in our hearts. Wendy still maintains a lasting association with people she may not have seen for three quarters of a century, but she knows that these schoolmates or neighbors are precious to her even today.

And then there are the magical encounters when strangers we may not even see watch over us. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow captured that image in a poem which likened these unseen encounters to:

*Ships that pass in the night,  
and speak each other in passing.*

*Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness;*

*So on the ocean of life we pass and speak one another,*

*Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence.*

These are the angels who watch over us even if we do not know it—or even know who they are.

Wendy and I now reside in a retirement community where mutual support is an unwritten albeit an absolute commitment. We call this "our beloved intentional community" and it is our intention to take care of one another as long as we live. All of us have spent our careers binding up the world's wounds, and now it is still what we are about, beginning with the 300 people who here are now our brothers and sisters in this, our extended family.

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## Federal Government Shuts Down... Nonessential Jobs?

With all the hellraising between the Democrats and Republicans over the illegal alien issue, it has once again jammed up our government. With Trump and the rest of the Republicans trying to get a handle on the illegal alien issues that face this country, and the Democrats who are trying to give a positive representation of those who may be in this country illegally and trying to protect them, have created a federal stalemate.

What I am hearing really bothers me. They are stating that this will affect federal employees with nonessential jobs. The term, "nonessential jobs", makes me wonder what our federal government is spending our money on. If these are nonessential jobs, then why are these positions being filled with in the first place? Are they just creating jobs that mean absolutely nothing so they can hire their friends?



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

We need some type of committee, away from the federal government to do a mass evaluation of all of the employees. I have gone into many different federal buildings for various reasons and I see people doing absolutely nothing. They are playing on their cell phones, talking with other people in the office that has nothing to do with their job, people on the phone talking about their personal lives with family and friends, and so on. And we are paying huge salaries to

these freeloaders. We need to have people go in and evaluate these jobs and get rid of these freeloaders and save "us" the taxpayers, their hard earned money for what it is intended for.

The federal government must be taking lessons from the state of California on how to waste our hard earned tax money. Maybe they can find other city revenues that they could take from the cities and the people for their own coffer like what California did when they raided all the cities and took all their money from the Redevelopment Agencies. This was not their money, it was ours. I guess they needed it to pay for these nonessential jobs that more likely were created for their friends and supporters.

This is nothing more than legalized theft of our money and we're being swindled.

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

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Twohey's

By Joe Castillo

**Closing its Doors...** It's happened to all of us at one time or another and if you're an older person it's probably happened more than once. We tend to remember things as they were and try to recall our memories associated with a place, date or person. It's a natural thing to do and with the rapid development and changes in the San Gabriel Valley, more and more of our past memories are disappearing or changing. There are some places which will probably stay long after we're gone, places like the San Gabriel Mission, Huntington Library and the Rose Bowl, but most other places will eventually be lost to father time.

In 1943, Jack Twohey opened up a small 37-seat diner in Pasadena which served tasty hamburgers, tastier onion rings and specialty fountain treats that you couldn't find anywhere else. The trademark menu item became the Little Stink-O Burger, the name applied when a female customer exclaimed 'Oh stinko!' when the

person seating next to her received his hamburger order loaded with sliced onions and pickles giving off a strong odor. In 1951, the restaurant moved to Alhambra at the corner of Huntington and Atlantic, and became a drive-in, dine-in, car-hop eatery.

As times changed so did its style of business and eventually it focused on being a restaurant-diner only. It was a popular spot for high school students especially after a Friday night football game and was one of the few diners in the area which was opened late at night. My family made it a frequent stop after any local event and it was always a great place just to meet someone and share a tasty meal. Besides a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu, Twohey's served a wide selection of old-fashioned hand-dipped soda fountain treats. Sundaes were their specialty including hot fudge sundaes with bittersweet, milk chocolate and caramel ice cream and deluxe sundaes served with strawberry, raspberry, pine-

apple, marshmallow, blueberry, apple and cherry. I don't want to brag or anything but I once ate three, that's right three, large sundaes at one sitting on a dare. Of course I paid the price afterwards but it's a memory I'll always have of Twohey's.

In the early 2000's, the property was reconfigured to build an In 'N Out Restaurant on the same lot. Eventually the young crowd moved to the popular drive-in and Twohey's business declined as well as parking for its customers. This year the restaurant celebrated its 75th anniversary but the owner of the property wanted to increase the lease amount, leaving the owners of Twohey's no choice but to seek another location.

Beginning February 1, Twohey's will no longer be open for business putting their Little Stink-O Burger and famous Hot Fudge Sundaes on furlough until another opportunity arises. After 75 years of always being in the same location and serving the people of the San Gabriel Valley, Twohey's will soon become a part of our memories, riding into the sunset like other past establishments in our history.....

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# Our Best Hope is a Replay of 2017

President Trump's tax package will have a tremendous effect to the economy. To understand how dramatic this impact will be, let's look at one corporate plan.

Apple on Wednesday highlighted its plan to bolster the U.S. economy through job creation, existing investments, and new investments, with the company on target to contribute \$55 billion to the economy in 2018 and \$350 billion over the course of the next five years.

Apple plans to repatriate much of its overseas profits and expects to pay taxes of \$38 billion when doing so, which Apple says is likely to be the largest payment of this kind ever made. That tax payment, combined with its U.S. investments and planned capital expenditures, will account for \$75 billion of its projected \$350 billion contribution.

Apple will be paying 15.5 percent in taxes to repatriate its overseas cash, suggesting the company plans to repatriate approximately \$245 billion, or nearly all of its foreign money.

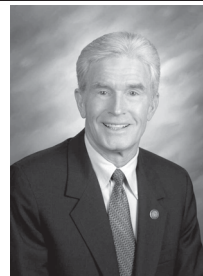
Apple will create 20,000 new jobs and spend \$30 billion hiring new employees at its existing campus and opening a new campus.

Multiply this by the many thousands of other companies that have the same opportunity, and the boost to GDP and the economy will be enormous, contributing as much as 1 1/2% to GDP.

2017 was a much better year than nearly any market pundit expected. The past year proved to be a great time to be long the stock market as both a passive and active investor; the S&P 500 gained 21.83% for the year.

The new lower corporate tax rate of 21% will be favorable to companies with primarily domestic businesses that are paying close to the full tax rate. Of the major S&P sectors, financials pay the highest effective tax rate at 27.5%, according to a Wells Fargo analysis of historical tax rates. There was massive rotation out of technology stocks into telecom, transportation, finan-

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



**KEN HERMAN**  
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& Former Glendora Mayor

cial, and retailers in mid-December when it became clear the tax bill would make it to President Trump's desk for his signature.

This backdrop heading into fourth-quarter earnings season should have investors feeling confident about the prospects of not just a strong reporting season, but the likelihood of a swath of blue chip companies raising guidance, raising the amount of stock buy-backs, and raising dividend payouts.

Just as the market critics have been loudly voicing the notion of a grossly overbought market based on historical valuations, the Goldilocks Economy gets a huge shot in the arm of passing through more top line revenue to the bottom line. The economy will continue to operate in an optimal state by providing full employment and economic stability for the year ahead, characterized by a low unemployment rate, increasing asset prices, low interest rates, brisk GDP growth, and low inflation. Add to this Goldilocks porridge recipe an expected wave of mergers and acquisitions and a record year for stock buy-backs and we're looking at the primary bull trend remaining intact for at least six months.

**How to Define the Bitcoin Bubble**

While I have written about bitcoin being a bubble in the past couple of weeks, I have not clearly defined what a bubble actually is. The key is a rapid surge in market capitalization - the number of shares times the share price. The value of a company (market capitalization) is the discounted future sales and earnings for as far as the majority of all

investors, or simply put the market, can see into the future. In that regard, the term "market capitalization," when it comes to bitcoin or any other electronic tulip bulb, is absurd.

There will never be any future sales and earnings produced by this line of code. Bitcoin is a case of rising numbers of investors being crammed into a limited number (21 million max) of bitcoins. As long as more money is flowing in than is flowing out, the price will rise. Then, when the tipping point comes - and it may have already come two weeks ago - the price will start cascading lower, as it is doing at the moment.

A good example of a company's stock that was in a bubble that burst, but came back because the business turned out to be very successful, is Amazon in 2000-02. Amazon's stock in 2000 peaked at \$113 a share with very little sales and earnings to justify the market capitalization of the company. Then, when the Nasdaq bubble burst, shares fell over 95%, all the way to \$5.51 in late 2001.

Amazon is a classic example of a company whose shares got grossly overvalued for the amount of sales it generated (it did not have any earnings until recently), which is why the stock crashed. Then, as Jeff Bezos, its brilliant CEO, built out the company and grew those sales and, ultimately, earnings, the stock came back and then some. Amazon is forecasted to finish 2017 with \$135.77 billion in sales, while 2018 sales estimates are up over 30%, at \$177.19 billion. The same reasoning for why a spectacular share price rise is not a bubble goes for Apple, which is expected to end fiscal year 2018 with \$229 billion in sales.

Do you know how much sales and earnings bitcoin will have this year, or ever? Zero.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*With the new tax laws, do you think it's a good time to start a business?*

The new tax laws favor starting a business because of a lower tax rate. However, the government officials in Sacramento, California are reacting by making plans to intentionally increase business taxes (and possibly individual taxes, too). If they do this, it will undoubtedly drive existing businesses out of California and stifle growth by the formation of new businesses. Before making a decision, gather the facts for Federal and State taxation.

*I meant to invest in my Roth during 2017. Is there any way for me to still do this now?*

As long as you qualify to put money into a Roth IRA, you can make your 2017 investment until April 17, 2018. Yes, April 17, (income tax due date) for both Federal and California State. You will also still be able to make your 2018 Roth IRA investment contribution.

*Is there really a safe place to invest?*

An individual's risk tolerance level fluctuates with age, life-changing circumstances, and the roller-coaster stock market. Although the money you have in a bank is FDIC insured (with limits), insurance companies are closely watch and rated (Standard & Poor's, Moody, and others), and are required to have a much higher percentage of their money "liquid," (quickly available), and typically back their investors' dollars by having their own widely diversified investment portfolio. (Remember that your investments at that bank are NOT necessarily FDIC insured.) Nowadays, life insurance (especially



**Julia Yoder**

with a built-in cash accumulation account), and certain equity-indexed, or fixed annuities are good places to put your money

*My wife and I are in our 40's and are arguing about whether it would be better for us to buy life insurance now, or would it be okay to wait until we're in our mid-to-late 50's?*

It is very important to consider your odds of declining health as you age. If your health changes for the worse, including your height-to-weight ratio, you could be looking at a considerably higher premium, or worse, even a 'decline' from an insurance company. There are a variety of life insurance policies available, from term, to return-of-premium term, to policies that can build cash value, accessible by you while you are living.

*As a veteran, can the VA help with my long-term care?*

Taking Care of Tomorrow, A Consumer's Guide to Long-Term Care, by the California Dept. of Aging, has a short paragraph about this. "The Veterans Administration (VA) provides a wide variety of services for aging veterans through traditional hospital programs, VA nursing homes, and the State veterans' homes. The VA

also offers other programs including home care, adult day care, mental health care, day treatment centers, prescriptions, physical therapy, vision, and caregiver-support programs. The VA has reduced some of its services due to budgetary constraints, not all veterans are eligible for these services, and it's important to inquire before you need assistance. For information, call 1-800-827-1000."

*How do I leave my money to my favorite charities? (I have no family.)*

Check with an attorney. Others I know have leveraged their charitable gifts by using a Charitable Remainder Trust or a Charitable Lead Trust. With a charitable Remainder Trust, assets (money, securities, property, etc.) are placed in the trust, the donor receives any income generated by trust, and upon death, and the remaining assets go to a designated charity. With a Charitable Lead Trust, the designated charity receives any income generated by the trust, but when the donor dies, the remaining assets go to the heirs.

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# Tips To Help You Buy A Home Despite Student Debt

There's good news for young people hoping to buy their first home. A recent National Association of Realtors® (NAR) survey found that buying a house while carrying student debt is not impossible. In fact, 41 percent of recent first-time buyers had student debt, with a typical balance of \$29,000.

**What You Need to Do**

Here are three tips to help you on your journey to homeownership while paying off your loans:

1. Start saving for a down payment now. After paying rent, student loan bills and other monthly expenses, setting aside enough money for a sizable down payment of 20 percent may seem like a daunting task. Thankfully, most successful buyers come to the closing table with a lot less cash.

NAR's survey found that recent first-timers typically made

a down payment of 5 percent. At the current national median existing-home sales price of \$247,000, that's a much more manageable amount of \$12,350.

The more money you can put down, the better. Assess your current financial situation, including total expenses, and start saving as much as you can.

2. Meet with a lender to find out your options. A lender will check your credit history, current debt obligations and other expenses to determine the amount of money you are qualified to borrow for a mortgage.

There are a number of mortgage loan programs available for homebuyers with student debt, and many lenders have made favorable changes to how this debt is calculated as part of a borrower's overall debt-to-income ratio. Furthermore, many lenders are now offering conventional

loans for those with good credit with a down payment as low as 3 percent.

3. Be honest about what you can afford and rely on a real estate professional. When determining how much of a mortgage payment you can handle, be sure to factor in both the amount and total time you have left to pay off your student loans. Don't get stuck in a situation where your housing costs and student loans are stretching you thin.

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# Irwindale Speedway And Drag Strip To Remain Open Under New Management Team

**By Doug Stokes**  
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Irwindale Event Center

**IRWINDALE** - It was announced on Thursday evening that Irwindale Event Center, the home of Irwindale Speedway and Irwindale Drag Strip, will remain open and in full operation under a new multi-year agreement with a group of motorsports enthusiasts led by Tim Huddleston and Justice Brothers and the property owners.

In July of 2017, Team 211

Entertainment, the operators of the 63-acre motorsports and entertainment facility, were informed that their lease would not be renewed and, that January 31, 2018 would be 211's last day of operation at Irwindale.

Three months after the announcement was made public a change in the owner's plans for the property led them to contact 211's President/CEO Jim Cohan to indicate that a contract extension would be

offered.

However, by that time a number of new business plans were already in place at 211. "Being presented with the right of first refusal, we quickly reached out to Huddleston's group helping to negotiate a deal that would assure both a smooth transition and the continued operation of the track ... It was just the right thing to do, Cohan explained."

Cohan's company is credited with putting the Irwindale

# Cabin Air Filters - Why They Help In Winter Months, Too!

When drivers think of cabin air filters, they usually think of them as necessary in the spring. They are, of course, very helpful in the spring as they help allergy sufferers by trapping pollen and keeping the spores out of the car or "cabin" of the vehicle. Some argue that yes, that is important, but it is even more important to make sure your cabin air filter is working well in the winter months! Why?

- Tailpipe emissions release particulates that create havoc with drivers' and their passengers' respiratory systems. When our outside temperatures even drop 20 degrees, this release is doubled. Cabin air filters can stop these particulates even when they

are as small as one micron in diameter!

- Just like your car's battery, the warmer months cause the damage in cabin air filters that is often the result of failure in cold weather. If your vehicle seems to be struggling with heating/cooling issues, it could be due to leaves, bugs, and pollen build up in your cabin air filter. It did its job protecting you and your passengers all spring, summer and fall, but now it is full of debris and needs to be changed.
- How's your defroster working? If you are finding it hard to see out the windshield, it could be due to a clogged cabin air filter.

This clog restricts the blower and keeps it from delivering hot air to the windshield. This also lets you know that your cabin air filter is struggling and needs to be replaced.

Call us today and let us check your cabin air filter. Your car will operate more efficiently, and you and your passengers will breathe better!

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# Newcomers and Friends Invites Local Residents to February Events

**ARCADIA** - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local women to attend their February meeting.

On **February 7**, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held at the Fireside Room, Santa Anita Church, 226 West Colorado Blvd., in Arcadia.

This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety

of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

Additional Newcomers and Friends' mostly-daytime, weekday activities include a Book Club, Bridge, Crafters, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Hiking, Happy Hour, Day Trips, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Meditation, Movies, Golf, and Wine Tasting.

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at [sgvnewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:sgvnewcomers@gmail.com) or visit them online at <http://www.sgvnewcomers.com>

# Around the Valley & Senior News

## AZUSA Volunteer Drivers Needed

Do you have some extra time to spare? Are you a good driver? The Azusa Senior Center has a great volunteer opportunity for you! The Azusa Senior Center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers to deliver lunches to our homebound seniors in the city of Azusa between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Prewitt for more information at (626) 812-5204, ext. 5303.

## TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

## ARCADIA Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

## BALDWIN PARK Candlemass Cultural Celebration

Join us on Friday, **February 2nd** from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in celebrating Candlemass with a warm tamale and coffee for breakfast. We will also be having live performances by a Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico. Tickets are \$5. Last day to register is Thursday, **February 1st**. Call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323 for more info.

## Valentines Dance

Come enjoy a romantic evening at the Julia McNeill Senior Center on Saturday, **February 10th** from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm. There will be live music performance, raffles, and much more! So bring your sweetheart for a night of fun and dancing. Hot meals will also be available for a nominal fee of \$6.00. \$15 for pre-sale tickets and \$20 at the door. Call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323 for more info.

## Trip to The Grove & Farmer's Market

Come join on Thursday, **February 8** from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm as we drive out to The Grove and Farmer's Market in Fairfax. The Grove is a world-renowned shopping, dining and entertainment destination where guest can experience old-fashioned trolley rides and magnificent dancing fountains. If you're looking for fresh produce and a fun atmo-

sphere, visit the Original Farmer's Market. Located right next to The Grove, the Farmer's Market offers over 100 gourmet grocers, restaurants from across the globe, and world class shopping in an open-air setting. Try the "La Chezy Moi" Nutella crepe at The French Crepe Co. or a Shrimp Po'Boy from The Gumbo Pot. Meals not included. Tickets are \$10. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323.

## Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

The City of Baldwin Park in partnership with Baldwin Park Unified School District Older Adult Program, will be hosting our Annual Lunar New Year Celebration. Please join us as we celebrate the Year of the Dog on Friday, **February 16th** from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Celebration will take place at the Performing Arts Center located at 4640 N. Maine Avenue, Baldwin Park, CA 91706.

Location to register for all events and workshops is at Julia McNeill Senior Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park. Call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323 for more info.

## 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 Friendship Garden Club Meeting

Attention all local home gardeners! The Friendship Garden Club invites you to their next meeting to be held Thursday, **January 25th**. Our sale of all holiday decorations begins at 11:00 am, followed by our general meeting. Don Delano, head horticulturist at the Fairplex, in Pomona will present our program, "Gardening in Pots", at 12:30 pm followed by a luncheon. There is no fee to attend. Club meetings are held in the Covina Woman's Club at 128 S. San Jose Avenue in Covina. Please contact Jeanette Gulli at 909-599-1904, or at jhgulli@verizon.net with any questions.

## DUARTE Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

## Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

## Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513.

## GLENDORA Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

## Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

## Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, to 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 Farmers Market

"La Verne Fresh," Old Town La Verne's certified Farmers Market continues every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Farmers Market is located at the corner of D Street and Third Street, south of Bonita Avenue. The market features a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, specialty foods, fresh flowers and plants, tasty food offerings, and unique handcrafted artisan goods. Live music is always pro-

vided. The merchants of Old Town La Verne sponsor and support this Farmers Market and hope you will support La Verne's own Farmers Market. For current information please check out La Verne FRESH Old Town Certified Farmers Market on Facebook, or call (714) 345-3087 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.

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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

### TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: [ehernandez57@aol.com](mailto:ehernandez57@aol.com)

## Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

## Senior Lunch

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

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

# La Fetra Center Events

**GLENDORA** - Join us at the La Fetra Center for a night of drinks, snacks, and most importantly ... painting! The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center along with Let's Paint Tonight invites you to a fun evening of step by step painting. Each participant will go home with their own 16 x 20 painted canvas. No prior painting skills are required! Price includes entry, all painting supplies, instruction, snacks, drinks, and a raffle ticket. Register online at [www.ci.glendora.ca.us](http://www.ci.glendora.ca.us) or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$40 per person Friday, **January 26** 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Co-Sponsored by the Partners of La Fetra

## Not Exactly! THE PRICE IS RIGHT GAME SHOW NIGHT

Guests will enjoy a Mexican style dinner with fun games and entertainment even before the show begins! The Travelin' Game Show will be hosting "Not Exactly" The Price is Right at the La Fetra Center. You'll have a chance to come on down and play games similar to those on the classic game show we all know and love. Don't miss out on this opportunity for a fun night! To register, please sign up in person at the La Fetra Center. \$12 per person Saturday, **February 10** 5:00pm to 7:30pm. For more information please call (626)914-8235.

# Republican Women Meeting

**WEST COVINA** - We are happy to welcome Professor Sean Flynn of the Claremont Colleges as our first guest speaker of the year. Besides holding a B.A. in Economics from USC and a PhD in Economics from UC Berkeley, he has a black belt in the martial arts. He is a recurring commentator on FOX Business and ABC News. He is the author

of the international best-seller "Economics for Dummies" which has been translated into seven languages and co-authored the college economic textbook, "Economics, Principles, Problems and Policies." This book is the world's best-selling college textbook of any subject. He is an engaging speaker who can also speak on healthcare with great

knowledge. Professor Flynn has decided to run for Congress in the Inland Empire. He will speak on Friday - January 26 at 11:00am at the Holiday Inn in West Covina off the 10 freeway, 3223 E. Garvey Ave. N, West Covina. For reservations, please call (626) 331-3290. Guests are most welcome.

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# Local Boy Wins 1st Place Belt At Wrestling Tournament

**SAN DIMAS** - San Dimas resident Michael Baeza won the 1st Place Belt in the Battle For The Belt Wrestling Tournament in Temecula, CA. Michael, who is 9 years old, is in 3rd grade at Schull Elementary School. Michael trains at Tuff Kidz Wrestling Club at Bishop Amat High School in Baldwin Park, CA.

This is his first year competing against the highest level wrestlers in his division. Michael's coaches expect great things for him as this is only his first year wrestling. He trains five days a week 2 to 3 hours a day with the Tuff Kidz club. He loves the sport of wrestling.



# Toast To The Best Club

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**Xuling Wu-Gerbl, ACS, CL won the evening's Best Speaker award, Tim Cheng won Best Table Topics and Dan Lee won Best Evaluator. Toastmaster Rich Watson presented their awards.**

On January 18th, Toast To The Best had a great meeting. Ms. Xuling Wu-Gerbl won best

Speaker with her interpretation of "Morocco" by Maya

Angelou. Tim Cheng won best Table Topics and Dan Lee won best Evaluator.

On February 1st, they will have their next regular meeting of 2018. Two of their members, Elsa Tovar and Tim Cheng, will be presenting their final 10th speeches which will qualify them as Competent Communicators. And they will have 3 other speakers as well.

In March, they will conduct their Club Contest for Inspirational speeches. The winner will compete in Area contests. Come sharpen your communication skills. See what Toastmasters is about.

You can stop by to meet with them at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave (Between Walnut & San Dimas canyon Rd) San Dimas, CA, 91773-3004 [http://5880.toastmastersclubs.org/]. Contact is Art Douglas, DTM, VP of Membership of Toast To the Best (951) 505-0555.

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# Five Tips To Save Time & Money This Tax Season

Taxes are inevitable, but there are many smart ways to save time and money throughout the process. Marsha Barnes, a certified financial social worker, financial educator and certified credit report reviewer, helps identify five important tips to consider:

1. Get organized. Gather all the documents you'll need ahead of time, including W-2s, 1099s, mortgage interest statements, charitable contributions, and paperwork relating to any stocks, funds or properties you bought or sold in 2017. Get out last year's returns, which can serve as a guide. Schedule an appointment with a tax professional or compare the do-it-yourself software you'll need to complete your tax returns on your own. You can also find checklists online, such as the one at [GreenDot.com/taxfast](http://GreenDot.com/taxfast).

2. Find out which tax breaks apply to you. Has your living or work situation changed? The number of people you support? Did you get married or have children? Even if nothing has changed in your life, you may have missed credits in the past that you're entitled to. For example, according to the IRS, one out of every five eligible workers fails to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. If you find out you qualify for the EITC this year and didn't claim it in the past, you can even file amended returns for 2014, 2015 or 2016 taxes. Make sure you take advantage of the deductions that apply to you. The IRS provides a wealth of this type of information online at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

3. Use direct deposit. For the fastest and most secure delivery of your tax refund, ditch the paper check. Opt to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account. Don't have a bank account or don't



**"You can get your tax refund even faster when you use direct deposit," advises financial expert.**

want to use your primary bank account?

"A smart choice is to get your tax refunds deposited onto a prepaid debit card, such as a Green Dot Prepaid Visa card or a Walmart MoneyCard," says Barnes. "These prepaid debit cards are convenient tools to manage everyday finances and direct deposit is free, secure, eliminates the need to pay for check cashing services, and the money arrives faster than a paper check. Green Dot prepaid cards are FDIC-insured bank account alternatives that you can use everywhere MasterCard or Visa debit are accepted and your money is protected if your card gets lost or stolen."

These cards can be ordered online at [GreenDot.com/taxfast](http://GreenDot.com/taxfast) or found at a nearby retailer such as Walmart, Walgreens, CVS/pharmacy, Rite Aid, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar or Kmart.

4. File early and electronically. E-filing is the easiest and fastest way to file your taxes, and you'll get your refund faster than if you file a paper return, especially if combined with direct deposit. Tax Day 2018 is April 17th this year, two days later than normal, but don't try to take advantage of that. Fil-

ing early will not only help you get your refund faster, it may also help you avoid tax-related identity theft since you will already have filed using your own Social Security Number before someone else tried to.

5. Look for tax season sales and promotions. "Both the full-service tax prep companies and the DIY websites are competing for your business, so shop around to find the best deal for what you need," suggests Barnes. "You may even be able to win money when you file your taxes."

Enter to win the Green Dot Tax-Time Giveaway with 4,000 prizes totaling over \$75,000. You'll earn five entries when you direct deposit your federal tax refund to your Green Dot card. Just visit [GreenDotTAX-TIME.com](http://GreenDotTAX-TIME.com) to enter and for official rules.

"And since you were smart and filed early, you'll be able to take advantage of all the tax day freebies that companies promote while others rush to beat the April 17th deadline," adds Barnes.

"You can get your tax refund even faster when you direct deposit it onto a prepaid debit card. Check out [@GreenDotCards](http://bit.ly/2rz4xQT). <http://bit.ly/2rz4xQT>" (NAPSI)

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