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# Fifteen Years Of Remembrance And Honor

By Jorge V. Rosales

**AZUSA** - The replacement of the American Flag on the rooftop of the Wells Fargo Bank at the northeast corner of the intersection of Azusa Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, the heart of Downtown Azusa, has been a historical and patriotic tradition since March 22, 2003. A crisp and colorful new American Flag is replaced at least 2-3 times per year depending on wear and tear due to the weather by Members of the Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee under the leadership of then Councilman and now Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha and veterans or active military guests and community volunteers.

The original flag tradition dates back to 1906 at the then single story United States Bank. The building was taken over by the then the First National and Azusa Valley Savings Bank. The present two story bank building was designed in 1927 in the Spanish Moorish style under FN&AVSB and it was completed on August 11, 1928. One of the final touches of this building was the placement of a flagpole on the rooftop. In 1968, Wells Fargo

Bank acquired the building, along with the tradition that no American Flag had been flown over the top of the building since World War II. That tradition was re-established in 2003, fifteen years ago.

The reestablishment of the American Flag being flown over the Wells Fargo building was in honor of those serving in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. A special guest at that ceremony 15 years ago was Mr. Robert A. Sotela, the father of an Azusan serving in Afghanistan. Sotela said, "I had the pleasure of going up on the roof of the Wells Fargo Bank with Mr. Joe Rocha and putting up the first flag in honor of one of his students and my son, Staff SGT Rick Sotela who at the time was serving in Afghanistan with the US Army."

The last time that the American Flag had been replaced was in October 30, 2016. This time the flag lasted approximately two months more than it usually does. The flag condition is monitored by Jim Griffin, Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee Member. He notifies Mr. Rocha of the need to

replace the flag so that he can coordinate with the Wells Fargo Manager to obtain permission to gain access to the roof.

On Saturday, June 30, Mayor Rocha, two AVMC and two community volunteers climbed two flights of stairs in order to gain access to Wells Fargo building's lower roof portion. In order to gain access to the rooftop where the flagpole is mounted, each of the volunteers individually was required to climb a fixed steel ladder secured to a wall. Joe Torres an Air Force veteran was the special guest that Saturday morning. Torres has dedicated his life to serve the community of Azusa as a police officer and a Recreational & family Services Commissioner. He brings to VHP the same honor and dedication that he gave while in military uniform and in-service to the United States of America.



Joe Torres, Air Force Veteran and lifelong Azusa resident gets ready to raise the new American Flag on the Wells Fargo rooftop is accompanied by (l to r) DoJim Griffith member of the Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee, Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha, Melisa Dominguez also an AVMC member, and Greg Ahern, community volunteer.

## Citrus College Foundation Receives Largest Financial Gift in Its History



The estate of Citrus College faculty member John W. Cassey, Ph.D., has bequeathed nearly \$1.3 million to the Citrus College Foundation. This is the largest gift in the history of the college. Pictured (L-R): Stephen R. Baker, 2016-2018 president of the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, vice president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees; Ms. Karen M. Cullen, recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award; Mr. Jerry Newell, retired Citrus College faculty member and colleague of Dr. Cassey; Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees; and Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. (Photo courtesy Citrus College.)

**GLENDORA** - Nearly \$1.3 million has been gifted to the Citrus College Foundation by the estate of John W. Cassey, Ph.D., who served as a faculty member at Citrus College from 1960 to 2002.

The bequest, which is designated to support student success and faculty enrichment, is the largest in the organization's history.

"The importance of contributions such as this one cannot be understated," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College and executive director of the Citrus College Foundation. "The Citrus College Foundation is dedicated to fostering partnerships and nurturing relationships that will assist the college in advancing its mission of increasing student success and college completion. Gifts such as the one made by Dr. Cassey benefit generations of Citrus College students as they pursue productive and meaningful lives."

For more than 40 years, Dr. Cassey taught western civilization, world politics and humanities courses at Citrus College. After a long and successful career, he retired in October 2002. Dr. Cassey passed away in

March 2017. When his sizeable estate was settled, the Citrus College Foundation was the primary beneficiary.

"As a highly respected member of the college community for many decades, Dr. Cassey had a passion for learning and commitment to faculty enrichment that made a significant impact on the college and its students," said Stephen R. Baker, 2016-2018 president of the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors. "Through careful and thoughtful estate planning, Dr. Cassey has ensured that his impact as an instructor will extend to future generations."

Proceeds from Dr. Cassey's gift will establish the Dr. John William Cassey Endowed Scholarship, which will provide two scholarships to history and/or political science degree majors. They will also be used to endow the Patricia Knox Scholarship Fund, which was previously established to benefit nursing students.

In addition, Dr. Cassey's gift will endow faculty development programs, assist with equipment needs, and help finance academic events for the history, political science and nursing programs.

To celebrate Dr. Cassey's con-

tribution and honor his memory, the Citrus College Foundation installed a Faculty Enrichment Honor Wall, which will include the names of any donors who support faculty enrichment and the educational mission of Citrus College. Members of the community attended the wall's unveiling in the lobby of the college's prestigious Hayden Hall building on June 16 during the 2018 Alumni Reception following the college's commencement ceremony.

"The generosity of Citrus College's donors is inspirational. While students are at the very center of everything Citrus College does, the relationships developed with our donors contribute significantly to its ongoing success," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Those who provide gifts to Citrus College, whether through estate planning or other means, can truly transform a student's life and world."

To support student success at Citrus College, contact the Citrus College Foundation by phone at 626-914-8825 or visit [www.citruscollege.edu/foundation](http://www.citruscollege.edu/foundation).

## America's Christian Credit Union Takes Home Prestigious Award During 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee

**SAN DIEGO, CA** - America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) was honored this year with a Bronze MAC Award in the newsletter category. The MAC awards are presented by the Marketing Association of Credit Unions Network (MAC Network) at their annual conference and awards ceremony to recognize the best marketing efforts by credit unions across the country.

"Over the years, our Creative Development Team has been laboring over our anchor communication: 'The Common Bond,'" stated President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson. "To see the recent advancements lift this member newsletter from a local quarterly mailing to an interactive, member-centric, national stewardship piece is remarkable and gratifying."

The MAC awards encompass several categories and sub-categories. The newsletter award is given for the submission of two to five newsletters in one series. During the selection process, the committee of judges selects its winners based upon the credit union's objectives, their target audience, the strategies used, the competing factors, and, if possible, the returns on investment.

The Common Bond, ACCU's quarterly newsletter, has been distributed to members since 1958 when the credit union first opened. Over the years, the Common Bond has changed



ACCU's Common Bond newsletter achieved the Bronze award in the category of newsletters, for \$500 million and less in asset size.

names, style, and distribution method. However, the purpose of this newsletter has remained the same. As a member-owned organization, ACCU honors its duty to inform members about what is happening in all facets of the credit union. Today, the Common Bond is distributed digitally to more than 180,000 members and ministry partners nationwide.

## Summer Concert & Movies in the Park

**ARCADIA**- Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE 2018 summer concert and movie series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun! The summer concerts and movies are now both on Thursday evenings. Concerts start at 6:30pm and movies at dusk on the west lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). This is fun for the entire family! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening outdoors. There is also a FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, the City is pleased to announce we

will be having The Surfer Taco Food Truck at all of the events! The Surfer Taco truck has served the Los Angeles area for several years. Their menu includes a large variety of delicious items which are sure to fill you up and have you coming back for more! A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department! Please note parking is provided at City Hall and Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 5 only. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Below is the line-up for this week.

**JULY 12, 2018**

**Sharon & the Chevelles (50s and 60s) AND Beauty**

**and the Beast (PG)**  
**Sharon & the Chevelles** have been delighting audiences for decades throughout the west! The group performs a rockin' tribute to the 50s & 60s, featuring your favorite songs from Elvis, Brenda Lee, Buddy Holly, Bill Haley, Chuck Berry, the Beatles, Dion, Lesley Gore, the Shirelles, Ricky Nelson, & more!

**Beauty and the Beast (PG)**

Enjoy this animated classic where a beast in a castle has until the last petal falls off an enchanted rose to learn how to love. Is Belle the one who can draw him out of his cold-hearted isolation? Let's see together!

# American Hot Rod Foundation Participates in Fourth of July Parade



Bob Kenz always participates in the parade, carrying a car full of young, patriotic people, in his baby blue Chevrolet convertible.

By Jayam Rutnam

**SAN MARINO** - The Annual Fourth of July Parade on Monterey Avenue in San Marino, California has been part of a tradition for many years. The residents of San Marino as well as those from surrounding cities turn up to line the street and cheer with "Happy Fourth" greetings as the

parade passes by. Many vintage cars take part, as well as newer cars and convertibles which carry dignitaries such as California Congresswoman Judy Chu, the Chief of Police, The Chief of the Fire Department and Rotary Members. Boy Scouts, a marching band, trucks full of soccer and baseball players, all made for a

wonderful parade celebrating the Independence of America.

This year, many members of the American Hot Rod Foundation took part, showing off their well maintained cars of days gone by.

After the parade, as is tradition, Bob and Kat Kenz of San Marino, had their own celebration at their residence on Bedford Avenue, with a dinner of barbecued chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, beans, lasagna and macaroni. There were sodas, root beer, and plenty of water. This year, the Kenz's rented a huge, double water slide for the kids who had a great time in the beautiful California weather.

Before dinner, there was a mini ceremony, where the kids marched in carrying an American Flag singing Zippity Doo Dah. The guests stood up put their right hand over their

hearts and said the Pledge of Allegiance, the kids then sang the Star Spangled Banner. There was a quiz to the guests who answered some trivia questions about Independence Day. Kirsten Kenz and Samantha Djahanshahi performed an interesting dance with little Gracie, who is two years old, who insisted on joining in. All in all, this was a true All American celebration of the wonderful country we live in.

Founded in 2002, the American Hot Rod Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, promoting, and celebrating the history of hot rodding in all its forms. Whether you're a hard core hot rodder or someone interested in researching the early days of this uniquely American phenomenon.

## Library Events at a Glance

**GLENDORA** - Glendora Public Library has something for everyone! All of these events are proudly presented by the Glendora Public Library and GPL Friends Foundation.

**Night On The Plaza**

**July 14, 6:00 pm**  
Enjoy an enchanting evening under the stars with culinary delights from Chef Henry of Spaggi's, designer cocktails, live entertainments and a silent and live auction. For reservations, call (626) 852-4894. All proceeds benefit the Glendora Public Library.

**Bicycling around the San Gabriel Valley**

**July 17, 5:30 pm / Friends Room**  
Whether you're a new or experienced bicyclist, you won't want to miss this program! Learn all about the best local bike trails, as well as bike safety and maintenance, from the experts at Incycle Bicycles.

**JPL Mobile Planetarium**

**July 25 afternoon/evening / Bidwell Forum**

Visit NASAJPL's custom portable planetarium, for a live, interactive, and immersive presentation about space science. Explore the night sky with a NASA specialist, ask your questions, and discover new wonders being studied right now in your own backyard at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. **Space is limited. Call (626) 852-4891 for reservations.**

**End of Summer Celebration**

**July 26, 5:30 pm**

Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge, with games, refreshments, prizes and fun!



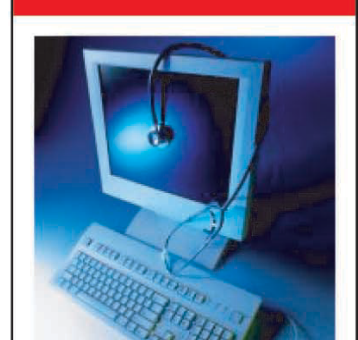
American Hot Rod Foundation members Thomas Branch, Tom and Diana Branch, Lee Pratt, Scott Miller, Rod Miller, Steven Gattton, John and Kathy Wolf, Bob (holding Lilly) and Kat Kenz and Director of the American Hot Rod Foundation David Steele and his wife Katie.

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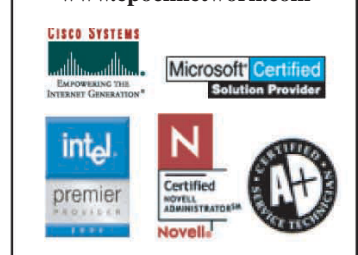
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## State Awards L.A. County \$40 Million to Build Affordable Housing and Transit-Oriented Infrastructure

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County has received three grant awards totaling \$40 million from the State of California to support the development of affordable apartments and related infrastructure projects in the County's unincorporated areas. The projects will generate more than 320 new affordable apartments in a region beset by skyrocketing housing costs.

Approximately \$30 million will be set aside to build affordable apartments, while the remaining \$10 million will be used to develop sustainable infrastructure to help residents of the new mixed-income housing developments connect to transit. The awards are the result of a first-of-its-kind collaboration among the County's Chief Executive Office; the Departments of Public Works, Regional Planning, Public Health, and Parks and Recreation; the Community Development Commission; and

affordable housing developer partners.

Of the \$30 million set aside for affordable apartments, \$20 million will fund two projects in the Second District.

AMCAL's Florence Neighborhood Mobility Project will encompass 109 affordable apartments, 54 of which will be for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The site will include a County-operated workforce development center and walking path through Franklin D. Roosevelt Park.

LINC's Willowbrook II will include 100 affordable apartments and a daycare center located on a County-owned parking lot. The project will feature upgrades to bicycle routes and improvements to Mona Park.

"Accessible, affordable housing is the glue that keeps communities together," Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said. "Right now, we are seeing too many of our neighbors struggling to make ends meet. Through diverse investments in the development of affordable housing, we are working to prevent homelessness, drive local economic growth, and build stronger communities."

The remainder of the grant for affordable apartments, \$10 million, will fund Meta Housing's East Los Angeles Wellness Hub and Calvary walking path in the First District. This project will include 113 affordable apartments connected along a two-

mile walking path, with 76 units dedicated for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

"Countless residents in the unincorporated areas of my district have experienced skyrocketing rental rates in their neighborhoods. Others live in their cars, stay with family or friends, or are living on the streets with nowhere to go," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "Without safe and affordable housing, hard-working individuals and families are at risk of losing their homes and jobs. This project not only provides much needed housing, but also wraparound health services to keep residents healthy and in their homes. As demonstrated by this grant, L.A. County is doing everything we can to take the necessary steps to bring new affordable housing projects to life."

The funding comes from a combination of cap-and-trade revenue through the California Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds from Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Act of 2006. The AHSC Program provides competitive grants and loans to projects that will achieve greenhouse gas reductions and benefit disadvantaged communities through affordable housing with pedestrian-friendly transit improvements, reduce reliance on automobile use and revitalize urban environments.

## Endangered Frogs Reintroduced in Angeles National Forest

**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST** - Recovery efforts for the federally endangered Southern California population of mountain yellow-legged frog continue to move forward with the release of 500 tadpoles to their historic range in Angeles National Forest, on June 26. This is first release of tadpoles into the Angeles National Forest and is one of several releases that will occur this summer throughout portions of the species' range.

Through cooperative efforts with the Los Angeles Zoo, San Diego Zoo Global, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and others, the frogs are being bred in captivity and reintroduced to their native streams in the San Gabriel, San Jacinto and San Bernardino mountains.

"We like to encourage people to think globally by acting locally when it comes to conservation," said Ian Recchio, Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians at the Los Angeles Zoo. "This team effort is a great example of how acting locally can make a huge, positive impact on the environment. The Los Angeles Zoo has been

proud to be involved in this recovery project for over ten years, and the release of these Zoo-bred and raised tadpoles is definitely the high point."

"By working with a broad array of partners, we are moving the needle forward in recovering mountain yellow-legged frog populations in Southern California," said Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Carlsbad Office.

In 2002, when the frogs were listed under the Endangered Species Act, it was estimated that fewer than 100 adult frogs remained in the wild. Threats to the species include habitat loss, pollution, non-native predators; and the deadly amphibian disease chytridiomycosis, caused by the chytrid fungus. Scientists determined that captive rearing offered the species the best chance of recovery. Other measures being taken to help the species include: removal of non-native fish and bullfrogs from streams; and conducting research to inform recovery actions.

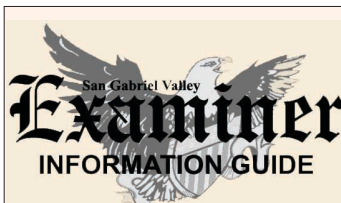
"After seeing a sharp decrease in the local population only a few years ago, this re-

markable partnership continues to allow us to help this endangered frog species recover," commented Angeles National Forest acting Forest Supervisor Rachel Smith. "With the cooperation of our many partners, we have now established a process to ensure the mountain yellow-legged frog is a part of this watershed and ecosystem for generations to come."

Recovery efforts, now in their twelfth year, have resulted in more than 3800 tadpoles and sub-adult frogs released into their historic range. Post-release surveys have documented breeding at two of the release sites.

"It's been a long road with many challenges for recovering this species, but through 18 years of research and refining release techniques we feel confident that this will be the first of many successful reintroductions of mountain yellow-legged frogs into the Angeles National Forest," said Dr. Robert Fisher, a Supervisory Research Biologist with the USGS.

A draft Recovery Plan for this species is expected to be released for public review and comment in the near future.



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## Supervisor Solis to Host Second Annual LA County Veterans Job & Resource Expo

**POMONA** - On Friday, July 13, Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and community organizations are partnering up to launch the second annual Veterans Job and Resource Expo at the Pomona Fairplex. Over 200 vendors will gather at the Fairplex to provide on-site job interviews, information on LA County services, health resources, educational programs, legal services, employment opportunities, and more.

Hundreds of Veterans, transi-

tioning service members, and military spouses are expected to attend this free event. All are invited to enjoy entertainment and music, and all attendees will receive free access to the National Hot Rod Association Museum next door.

This event is in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Veterans Employment Committee (VEC), Vet Hunters, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Citrus College, DPSS/DPSS Re-

gion III, Fairplex, Daley Technology Systems, Jewish Vocational Services, Los Angeles County Health Agency, LA County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and America's Job Centers.

Veterans Job and Resource Expo will be at the Pomona Fairplex (Building 4) 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona on Friday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. promptly. Free public parking at Gate 17.

## YMCA Announces New Weekday Morning Swim Lessons

**MONROVIA** - The hot weather and recent tragic news of the drowning death of 19-month old Emeline Miller - daughter of US Olympic swim star Bodie Miller - may be root causes for the high demand for additional swim lesson options at the Santa Anita Family YMCA. "At least it's a big part of it" speculates YMCA Aquatics Director Alex Rojas. Rojas said that our local YMCA has nearly 230 enrollees in the current session of weekday evening and Saturday youth swim lessons, but since many municipal pools don't offer classes for pre-K aged children, it's not enough. So the YMCA announced the opening of new weekday morning classes, which began July 3. The longer, Monday through Thursday classes spread over 2-week sessions provide families and youth with the same amount of instruction time as the two-hour per week PM and Saturday classes provide over 6 weeks. Several more of the special two-week sessions remain this summer.

"What happened to the Miller

family can, and unfortunately does, happen to a great many families every summer" Rojas added. The US Center for Disease Control reports that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among children ages 0-14. Thus the YMCA offers classes for infants (Parent & me) as early as 6 months of age, and also teaches adults who never learned to swim; something more common than one might think, and particularly common in minority communities.

The YMCA indoor pool offers swim lessons year round, and Financial assistance is available for YMCA Swim Lessons, as it is for all Santa Anita Family YMCA program. For prices, class times, and other information on the new YMCA weekday morning swim lessons, call the YMCA at (626) 359-9244. Se Habla espa?ol.

Free summer YMCA memberships for teens - Teenagers are advised that there is still time to get your FREE YMCA Summer Membership! . . . That's right, YMCA Executive Director Eric Boyd announced at several local

June 2018 City Council meetings, that the Santa Anita Family YMCA offers all teens (ages 12-17) FREE YMCA Memberships this summer! What's more, thanks to a generous grant from City of Hope Hospital in Duarte, the FREE YMCA Teen Memberships that originally provided full YMCA access from June 1 - July 31, have been expanded to include the month of August! "One of City of Hope's main strategies for eradicating health disparities in the San Gabriel Valley is that of encouraging adolescents to exercise and be more physically fit" Boyd reported. "Hence their sponsorship of one of the three free months of Teen Summer Y-memberships."

Do you have a teen-aged son or daughter looking to get fit and have some good, clean summer fun? Contact the YMCA at www.ymcala.org/santa-anita, or call (626) 359-9244. Also ask about the YMCA's free final Friday teen takeover night, happening on July 27th. All teens, ages 12-17, Y-member or not, are welcomed.

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# Reasoned Compromise or Political Extortion

The California initiative process was created in 1911 to deal with what some felt was the undue influence the railroad lobby was exerting on the legislators. It was then, and through the years since, a way for the public to express their views, concerns and needed amendments to state law, control state law-makers and render an evaluation of the effectiveness and responsiveness of those legislators. The process changed in 2014.

September 27, 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown signed then-Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg's legislation reforming the California initiative system. Steinberg told the media, "SB 1253 improves the initiative process in a simple but profound way. By allowing an initiative proponent to withdraw their measure closer to the election, it allows for the possibility of reasoned compromise and a better result between the people's elected government and the people's initiative alternative."

Steinberg's SB 1253 provides an initiative can be amended during a 30-day review period at the start of the process, deleting the previous requirement the Senate and Assembly hold public hearings on each initiative that qualifies for the ballot before the 30th day prior to the election. After the legislative committees have reviewed the proponents' initiative, the proponents have the option of withdrawing the measure before it qualifies for the ballot if they are happy with the legislators' amendments called a "legislative solution". Under the old process, once the initiative with signatures was turned in, it could not be withdrawn or amended.

Proponents are now required to submit to the Secretary of State a certification, under penalty of perjury, 25% of the required number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative for the ballot. Additionally, the new process requires the Secretary of State's office to post on the Internet, and regularly update, the top 10 donors of the committees in support and opposition of an initiative.

Alastair Mactaggart, Emerald Fund, Inc., and San Francisco Real Estate developer along with a former CIA analyst, Mary Stone Ross, and a financial industry executive and former California State Senate legislative analyst,



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Former Mayor of Glendora

Rick Arney, created Consumer Personal Information Disclosure and State Initiative. Mactaggart invested \$3 million of his own money to collect signatures to qualify the measure for the ballot.

The initiative would:

- Give consumers the right to demand that their information not be sold
- The right to deny sharing with third parties for business purposes,
- Give them the right to sue or fine companies that violate the law.

This would apply to businesses that:

- Have annual gross revenues of \$50 million or more;
- Derive 50% or more of their revenues from selling personal information;
- Sell the personal information of 100,000 or more individuals or devices per year.

Just in the nick of time, per SB 1253, to withdraw that initiative before the Thursday, June 28 deadline, up pops AB 375 titled the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 signed by Gov. Brown Thursday, June 28th, filed with the Secretary of State on June 28th and chaptered on Friday, June 29th. The SF Chronicle reports, "AB 375 was introduced Friday [June 22nd] by legislators hoping to head off a ballot measure on internet privacy pushed by ... Mactaggart." The secretary of state said Monday that the measure had qualified for the November ballot with over 600,000 signatures with 366,000 required.

Faced with a "battle of the bucks" on this initiative Mactaggart told several news groups he was willing to compromise on the issue and know some online privacy would be achieved. \$1.7 million had been donated, with

the average donation of \$200,000 each by those opposing the initiative - Amazon, Microsoft, Comcast, Verizon, Facebook, Google and a few others. New York Times, Daisuke Wakabayashi, reported, "Political consultants have told the initiative's backers that they should prepare for the opposition campaign to spend \$100 million."

Any doubt they wouldn't spend that kind of money? Remember the Congressional inquiry into Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg's admitted release of 87 million Facebook users' personal information for political purposes. There is obviously a value to the information collected and worth whatever it takes to stop the initiative.

Assemblyman Ed Chau (D - AD 49 Arcadia) and Sen. Bob Hertzberg (D-SD 18 Van Nuys) were co-authors of AB 375. Chau told the SF Chronicle he had concerns, but legislators could fix it up with subsequent bills. Hertzberg said the law won't go into effect until 2020 giving them lots of time for fix-its. The bill also limits to \$750 a consumer is allowed to sue for violations of personal information release; and, next attorney general will set the amount of fines levied against violating companies.

Several legislators came out with concerns and in opposition to AB 375 voicing concern of its quick passage and what seemed to "them" to be a railroad job with lack of input and proper vetting of the bill. Questions surfaced over the possibility of retribution in the form of a higher cost for service or a lower level of service if consumers chose to limit their personal information that is shared.

Dan Walters did post on CAL-matters the following:

"California Penal Code Section 518 defines extortion as "the obtaining of property or other consideration from another, with his or her consent, or the obtaining of an official act of a public officer, induced by a wrongful use of force or fear, or under color of official right. Do something that meets that definition and you can land in prison for quite a few years, which raises interesting questions about what happened in the state Capitol last week."

# Lies Can Be Costly To You and the Organizations You Belong To

How many times have you heard where people have gone out of their way to fabricate stories and lies about other people to impeach their character? Not only can this cause a civil action against the perpetrator of these lies and fabricated stories, it can also "cause" for criminal action. Defamation of character is extremely serious as both civil and criminal penalties can incur.

Many times these stories and lies develop because of a falling out between two people. You can often see this happen during divorce procedures. He did that, he did this, she did that, she did this and so on. However, when defamation of character gets out into the public domain with the intent to damage one's character, it can affect more than just the individuals involved. If you belong to an organization, whether it is a non-profit or for-profit, those organizations can be sued if this false information is stated within that organization or in the organization's facility. The reason they can be sued is because the



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

platform is provided and therefore they hold liability.

Believe it or not, this can be an easy lawsuit to move forward on. It can become very expensive for these organizations as well as for the perpetrator for these falsehoods.

On the other side of the coin, there is something even more serious in this that could occur instead of legal action. This can result when the victim loses their cool and takes action themselves without going through the legal process. This could result in damage to property, injuries to the perpetrator and often times death

of the perpetrator through homicide. There have been cases where these homicides have been declared a justifiable homicide because the victim felt that this was the only way out and to stop these lies. There have also been cases when there was a homicide of the perpetrator by the victim and the victim is found innocent by reason of temporary insanity.

These fabricators often come up with stories to cover their own mistakes. They will make up stories about stealing against an individual, or the individual has molested minors, and almost anything else they can think of. The sad part, they involve other individuals that have absolutely nothing to do with these personal attacks. They would say things like, he/she was there, he/she heard it. When the truth is, nothing was even said nor was the person even there.

If you know people that are like this, it is best to separate yourself from this cancer and individuals and relinquished friendship before you get yourself involved in something you have no knowledge about. And for those people who like to play this game of trying to destroy someone's reputation be ready for the repercussions.

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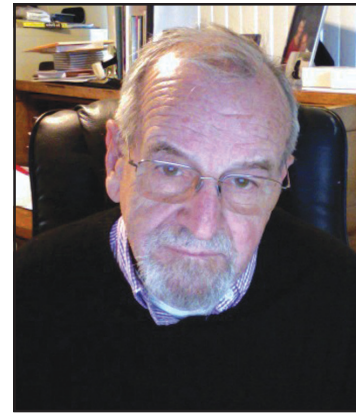
# The "NONES"

Recently there has appeared in America a growing body of persons called "nones." These are adults who when asked their religious preference have responded, "none." Their mushrooming ranks now have them outnumbering evangelicals. In 2003 21% of Americans claimed to be white evangelicals. By 2017 that number had dropped to 13%. In the meantime the percentage of nones had risen from 12% to 22%. Perhaps the best way to look at the phenomenon is to hear the experiences of two women who testify to their arrival as nones having taken very different paths. In order to protect their privacy I have given them new names.

**NANCY**

*I am, shall we say, somewhat beyond middle age, and in a few years I will retire as a tenured professor of history at one of the nation's finest universities. My adult life has been immersed in the academic world. While I have always had a great respect for religion, particularly among religious scholars with whom I have shared countless symposia, it has been as an analyst, not an advocate. While I have seen the value religious persons and institutions have brought to culture, I am also painfully aware of how religion has often been destructive, coercive and cruel. It seems to me that the more rigid and closed religion has been, the more harm it has caused. And yet I would not want to live in any society devoid of the compassion religion can foster.*

*When the question arises as to my religious preference, "none" now seems to fit. I find it surprising that this designation has recently achieved such popularity. Until now its adherents have just been called "secularists" or "agnostics." Maybe it has been assumed that everybody was something, and*



**Charles H. Bayer**

*people were simply adopting for themselves the religious preference the society assumes them to have. So for someone growing up in a protestant culture the default designation was "protestant." These days many of us just call ourselves "nones."*

**MARTHA**

*I am twenty-eight, and as far back as I can remember religion has been the center of my life. The picture that hung by my crib was of Jesus surrounded by a group of happy children. My first song was "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." The four members of my family were in church every Sunday morning and evening. Two weeks each summer were spent in our church's "Daily Vacation Bible School." My memory of those weeks includes the verse:*

*"I really do think I never will drink whisky, beer or rum, or anything else that makes drunk come."*

*As a six year old I didn't have the faintest idea what that was about, but it was recited every day throughout the two weeks, so it must have been important.*

*When I was twelve, with three other children my age, I spent a series of Saturday mornings with our minister. Those sessions were required in our denomination prior to joining the church, so that is what we*

*did.*

*In my high school years Saturday evenings were spent at rallies of "Youth For Christ." One night following a very long sermon, which was identical to very long sermons I heard every other Saturday, I began to think about what I had just heard—again. Because of what I had done or even thought about doing, God was so angry with me that he had condemned me to be tortured forever—and there was nothing I could do about it. But God had a way out which involved having his only son killed. As a result, God's honor was satisfied, and he was no longer angry with me. Jesus' blood bought God off. The more I thought about it, the clearer it became that the God I had believed was full of love turned out to be a monster. From then on, if that is what Christians believed, count me out.*

*A few weeks ago in an effort to defend the administration's policy separating young children from their parents, the President's secretary proclaimed the policy to be biblical because scripture commanded obedience to the law. If that is what religion commands, I no longer want to be identified with it, so "none" is where I have come out.*

*As time went on I realized that many of these devout believers were in partnership with politicians committed to violence, racial and ethnic bigotry, super-nationalism, the right of the rich to be even richer while the poor were left out—on and on. So looking at what I had learned Christians believed, and how they understood the role of religion in society, I decided to opt out, and from then on you could put me down as a "none," or even more accurately, a "no longer."*

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# Lonesome "Rose" Blew It For Many People

Actor Andy Griffith is well known, and was well loved, for his depiction of homespun characters with a big heart, Sheriff Andy Taylor and recruit Will Stockdale (No Time for Sergeants). But in a much more grim and cynical role, Griffith played a hobo who displayed that same homespun image but disguised a darker personality when he was discovered by a media promoter played by Patricia Neal. In an early version of reality TV, the nobody named Lonesome Rhodes would be transformed into a media star, but when his true personality began to come out, it was left up to Neal to finally bring down her own creation. The film was Elia Kazan's "Face in the Crowd."

Comedienne Roseanne Barr was doing "stand up" when she was given the opportunity to star in her own sitcom. Times were different then, and traditional wholesome characters were the norm. Roseanne would provide the much desired edginess that TV executives were anxious to tap into.

When her show was rebooted and restarted decades later, the images were in reverse. Edgy Progressivism was now the norm and a traditional figure was only representing what TV executives now considered a marginal audience.

But audiences responded in great numbers to Roseanne, not necessarily because she was a traditional character. She was not. But she did support Trump and went against the new normal. Disney and ABC might have chosen this reboot on a whim, because they never expected the success. They were the same folks that never expected Hilary to lose and never wanted to admit a Trump leaning audience



**Charles Lopresto**

mattered. They are like the NY Times who puts out a best seller list, and then reluctantly has to acknowledge that a best selling author, say like Conservative Bill O'Reilly, tops the list and they can't avoid it.

Maybe they put Roseanne on the air to provide a "makeup call" for cancelling the other Conservative show "Last Man Standing," still believing it could only be a fluke that a traditional market still existed.

A lot was riding on Roseanne. And for the moment, the Conservative television viewer was getting a place in the sun. But she went too far, with her comments

about Valerie Jarrett, and failed to realize the leash on Conservatives is not nearly as long as the leash for Liberals who make terrible comments directed at the unprotected species—Trump, Conservatives and faith based people—on a daily basis. It was naive and unrealistic to expect comments from one side being weighed in the same way comments from the other side are.

Roseanne's comments were stupid and not being defended on either side. But the bigger tragedy is the opportunity for "Main Street" Americans, lost, after those in TV board rooms had to accept the success of Conservative television. They needed a way out, and Roseanne gave it to them. They could NOW go back to calling their decision a mere whim after all.

It took a lot more for Patricia Neal to bring down Lonesome Rhodes. She didn't get to receive a way out with a simple tweet on a silver platter. If only it had been that easy.

And if only the proof that Trump voters mattered could have been that easy.

# Community Summer Dance Festival

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# Long Overdue Tough Trade Talk

Trade wars (real or potential) are now major news. World trade with China, Europe, Canada and Mexico appears to be in a slow-motion meltdown. Actions of the Trump White House to bring the U.S. trade deficit back into some semblance of balance are at risk of devolving into a trade war with widespread economic impact. Trying to have a rational discussion with nations on the receiving end of favorable tariff policies for the past 30 years is practically impossible.

Many of our trading partner countries have been on a tariff-based support system heavily skewed against the USA. It is almost unbelievable our prior leaders allowed this to happen. For example, the standard tariff for importing cars into the U.S. is 2.5 percent of their value, while the European Union charges a flat 10% on imported automobiles. Our trade deficit with the EU last year was \$151 billion, up 147% from \$61 billion in 2009.

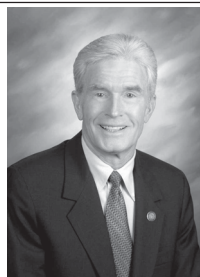
And the 10% duty is just the average. For hyper-ecological nations like Norway, residents of Oslo have to pay a 25% tax on top of the purchase price due to the U.S. car's low fuel efficiency. A new 2019 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 is taxed so heavily in Norway that one Mustang might cost as much as \$250,000 over there vs. a list price in the U.S. of just \$54,845.

The U.S. trade imbalance with China is far worse than the U.S./Europe imbalance. In 2017 the U.S. trade deficit with China reached \$375 billion. The U.S. bought \$505+ billion from China and U.S. exports to China were only \$130 billion.

A stickier issue that needs to be addressed is how China undercuts American companies by acquiring U.S. technologies. China has been getting American-owned technologies too easily. President Xi and the Chinese government do not see it this way. They call the trade policy they practice a "successful policy."

President Trump has already moved ahead with tariffs against the EU, Canada and Mexico, so he isn't bluffing. U.S. equity markets are sensing that he isn't about to blink on China, either. Canadian tariffs on U.S. goods, in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and

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aluminum, went into effect July 1. The initial \$34 billion tariff on Chinese imports would be followed up by tariffs on another \$16 billion in Chinese goods, with the potential to apply as much as \$250 billion in total against China.

China plans to retaliate with tariffs of its own on \$34 billion of U.S. goods and agriculture. This initial salvo has investors on high alert because the first tariffs enacted may open the way for an escalation of further tariffs, assuming neither side budges.

On the other hand, let's assume that President Trump and President Xi don't want to go down the road of potential mutual economic destruction, so they will come to terms on trade. Most Wall Street chief investment officers are in this camp and for the most part it makes incredibly more sense than the alternative.

Recently, there was a prevailing tone of neutral-to-mild optimism that neither the U.S. nor China will actually allow the threatened tariffs to be triggered on Friday, July 6. But since there hasn't been any movement by either government from their current positions, it now appears that the U.S. will go ahead and place tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese goods.

It would be a huge positive if the U.S. and China could reach a deal. If not, we could see some sell first, ask questions later volatility in the stock market. The idea of an all-out trade war while the emerging markets indexes are correcting only exacerbates the notion of global growth slowing in the second half of 2018, while also stoking fears of inflation if we have to pay more for imported goods.

Because the U.S. and China view fair trade through two very different sets of lenses, I think

the best investors can hope for are new measures that show tangible progress in lowering the deficit to alleviate the threat of a full-blown trade war. This could come in the form of lower and fewer tariffs by both sides with the mutual goal of targeting a lower U.S./China trade deficit. This is the more realistic scenario that I see unfolding, and it would be quite bullish news for stocks heading into the second quarter reporting period. Neither side has to blink first. Both might agree to amenable terms so that China's leaders can save face while the chart on the U.S. trade deficits improves dramatically over time.

### DON'T GIVE UP ON THE STOCK MARKET

Even though a wave of tariff escalations sent the Dow Jones average down recently, the truth of the matter is that the U.S. should have the leverage to avoid a full trade war. China needs the U.S. because it is its biggest export market.

The next two weeks mark the annual Russell realignment, so I expect to see many stocks surging higher as they are added to the Russell 1000, 2000, and 3000 indices (The Russell 3000 index is composed of the Russell 1000 & 2000 indexes). Quarter-ending window dressing should also positively impact stocks this week, especially growth stocks with strong sales and earnings. Furthermore, the crisis in emerging markets is causing worldwide capital flight to the U.S. dollar. In 2017 most investment funds flowed into international stocks, including emerging markets and multinational stocks. However, in 2018 that flow has been diverted to domestic stocks, propelling the Russell 2000 index higher. The interesting path now may lead into domestic micro-, small-, and mid-capitalization companies with strong forecasted sales and earnings.

The stock market may still be the best place to be, since the S&P 500 yields approximately 1.9% and dividends are taxed at a maximum federal rate of just 23.8%. That means investors should earn more staying in the stock market (probably) than by putting their money in a bank, where their interest income is taxed at maximum federal rates. Furthermore, the 10-year Treasury bond yield has declined significantly since mid-June's Federal Open Market Committee meeting. This means the yield curve is "flattening," removing pressure on the Fed to hike key interest rates in upcoming months. This might create a 'nirvana' environment of moderate interest rates, 4% GDP growth, and strong company earnings.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

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

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



**Julia Yoder**

many long-term care insurance claims are a result of long-recovery time for injuries suffered in auto or personal accidents which can happen at any age.

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

It is possible to move the money to another qualified (pre-tax) investment product without triggering a taxable event. (Qualified funds are tax-deferred - you pay taxes when you take the money out.) "Moving" the money is not considered accessing the money. You can walk into your credit union or bank and they will guide you into opening an IRA. Once your money is in an IRA, you can 'roll' some or all of it into another Qualified product.

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

In a variable annuity, your money can be at risk, and you are charged fees. I recommend fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. With

those policies, your money is not in the stock market; it only 'mirrors' the index. Some offer bonuses, others credit your account with a good percentage of growth even if the stock market has even a fraction of growth, offers no loss to you if the stock market loses, gives accelerated benefits for specific needs, and guarantees lifetime income. (All guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.)

*We'd like to plan ahead to have a nice funeral for our parents, but we're worried that the expense might be prohibitive. What can we do?*

Your parents' wishes for a funeral are what are important. Do they want an elaborate funeral? Or do they just want to be cremated? The average funeral costs \$6,000 or more, but the government benefits only pay around \$250. A practical way to feel more confident is to purchase final expense insurance. Benefits from this type of insurance pay cash to the family, income tax free.

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## THE CAR GURU

**WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW**

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## Air Conditioning ... To Seal Or Not To Seal? That Is The Question

I wanted to share with you a situation that happened at our shop recently. One of our customers, we'll call him Bob, had a situation with his air conditioning system. It was not cooling but that is not an unusual situation during this hot weather. Even systems that are in good condition can lose up to 4 ounces of Freon a year. He shopped around looking for an inexpensive option and ended up taking his car to another repair facility to fix it. They added the Freon but within a day or so it was still not cooling. This shop did a thorough ex-

amination and found that the condenser had a leak. They gave Bob an estimate of \$650 to replace and recharge it.

Bob decided to try other options that he had heard about and researched online. He had read about sealers and decided to try it. He chose one for \$200. He wasn't sure it would work but felt it was worth it if he saved \$450. Sadly, it didn't work.

He then brought the car to us to see what we could do. When he told us the scenario we were concerned because we had seen the results of other quick fixes with sealant in the past. We checked out the vehicle and found the problem. He had used an extreme overdose of sealer. Many do-it-yourselfers feel that more is better when using a sealant but actually it is just the opposite. The sealer is designed to become a solid when it comes in contact with air and that is why only a small amount is needed. When too much sealer is used the results, as with this vehicle, is damage to every part of the air conditioning system.

Instead of replacing the original condenser as the first shop advised, it now needed the con-

denser plus a compressor, expansion valve, switches and most of the hoses. That \$650 estimate is now a cost of more than \$2500!

Most of the time when your A/C isn't cooling it is just a case of adding Freon. That is the good news. When it involves more though, A/C failures are one of the most expensive automotive repairs because it is challenging to find small leaks. Only large leaks can be found with a visual inspection.

We truly understand why Bob tried to fix the leak(s) himself. He hoped to save money and in this economy, who isn't? I will tell you that when it comes to this type of repair, we don't recommend you try it on your own unless you have a lot of automotive experience. If you do decide to try it yourself though, please proceed with caution and don't overdo the sealer. Too much can be a very costly mistake.

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## 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 Specialty Summer Camps

Looking for something fun and educational for your children this summer? Registration for week-long specialty camps is now open. These Specialty Summer Camps offer academic and creative programs for youth of all ages. A list of these fun and exciting camps are 3D Art, Computer Animation, Engineering with Legos, Science, Sewing, Skateboarding, Video Game Coding.

Specialty Summer Camps are one week long from June 11-August 10. Prices vary depending on the camp. Extended care in the morning and afternoon is also available for most camps. Don't miss out and sign-up early! For more information, please visit our website at [www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation](http://www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation) or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

## Instructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation) for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more information.

## 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 Whale Watching Cruise in Newport Beach

Come whale watching with us in Newport Beach on Thursday, July 27th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Nautilus boat has an indoor snack bar with beverages and munchies available for pur-

chase. The Nautilus also has both indoor and outdoor seating. View the whales from the top observation deck for great photo opportunities. The boat tour will last approximately two hours. The boat will departure at 12:00 pm. Upon return, you will then be able to spend the rest of the day strolling through Balboa Pier and nearby food and dining areas. Limited Tickets! Meals not included. Tickets are \$25 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

## McNeill Fitness Program

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

## COVINA Understanding And Responding To Dementia

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Alzheimer's Association presents a seminar "Understanding and Responding to Dementia - Related Behaviors" on Friday, July 13, 10:45-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Learn about some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs and how to intervene effectively. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## Oldies But Goodies Singing Club!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts Oldies but Goodies Singing Club at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays (June 28, July 12 and 26 and August 16 and 30) from 2:15-3 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## Free Ice Cream Social! (Ages 50+)

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department, along with co-sponsor AGA, inc. is hosting Free Ice Cream Socials at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Friday, July 6 and August 3 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## BUNCO!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## Senior Lunch Program

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts a daily nutrition program for senior citizens at their senior programs site, located at the former Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 12 pm. For those 60 and older there is a \$3 suggested donation. For those under 60, the fee is \$5.

For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

## Community Garden Parcels

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

## Walk The Walk

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

## Medicare & Vitality Center

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

## DUARTE 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.

## 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 Shingles 101

On Monday, July 16, from 10:30am-11:30am, Dr. McAuley from Health Care Partners will

be at the La Fetra Center providing information and breaking the myths of shingles. Every year at least 1 million people in the United States get diagnosed with shingles so it is important to be educated of how it affects individuals. RSVP by calling the La Fetra Center (626)914-0560.

## 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](http://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, 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.

## Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or email at [jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us](mailto:jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us).

## LA VERNE

## Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900  
To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

## MONROVIA

## Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital.

The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

## Caring Crafters

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

## Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

## SAN DIMAS

## San Dimas

## Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Be-

# Classic Car Nights at Lake Avenue Church

PASADENA - Lake Avenue Church is hosting free Classic Car Nights on Friday nights throughout the summer, on **July 13 and 27**, and August 10 and 24, from 6-8 p.m. The church's west parking lot will be transformed into a car enthusiast's paradise of classic, vintage, exotic and newer sports cars well, along with music and burgers. Also, the final event of the summer on August 24 will feature a special

chili-cook-off, judged by local personalities, live music and more. Admission is free. Donations to cover the cost of the food are appreciated. For more information, contact Rich Kasten at [carnights@gmail.com](mailto:carnights@gmail.com).

## 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.

chili-cook-off, judged by local personalities, live music and more. Admission is free. Donations to cover the cost of the food are appreciated. For more information, contact Rich Kasten at [carnights@gmail.com](mailto:carnights@gmail.com).

Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway.

# JPL Portable Planetarium Coming To The Library

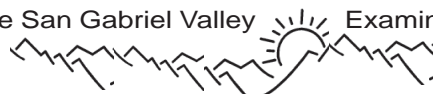
GLENDORA - One day only! On Wednesday, **July 25**, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) will be running its popular portable planetarium in the library's Bidwell Forum meeting area. Participants of all ages are invited to attend a live, interactive, and immersive presentation about space science. Explore the night sky with a NASA specialist, ask your questions, and discover new wonders being studied right now in your own backyard at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The following is a list of scheduled start times for each presentation (all times PM):

1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15.

As this program is anticipated to be a high demand event with limited space, please call the Glendora Library at (626) 852-4891 to reserve your spot. When you call, please include your preferred show time and the number of people (adults and children under 12) in your party.

The Glendora Library is located at 140 S Glendora Ave, Glendora. Please call us at 626/852-4891 or visit [www.glendoralibrary.org](http://www.glendoralibrary.org) for more details.



# Orange County District Attorney Will Not File Charges Against Spence

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - The Orange County District Attorney's Office will not file charges against West Covina City Councilman Mike Spence regarding a May 4 incident where Spence was found unconscious due to a possible self-medication. He has admitted that he has had alcohol and medication abuse in the past.

Spence was found in a Costa Mesa hotel room by an individual who called 911 that he was not responsive. Paramedics arrived in less than four minutes and provided first-aid and transported him to a hospital. It was believed at the time that it was a possible drug overdose and treated as such. Police were called for this incident.

The Costa Mesa Police Department did put together a report on the incident and submitted it to the DAs office for their evaluation to see if any criminal charges were needed to be filed. At the time of the incident, Spence was not arrested or cited. Subsequently, the Orange County District Attorney's Office has declined to file any charges and does not plan on filing any charges.

Spence was disturbed with the fact that the chief of the Costa Mesa police department contacted the West Covina police



**West Covina Councilman and Former Mayor Mike Spence.**

chief and told him of the incident. Being that this is a medical issue is of concern to Spence and he felt it was a violation of his privacy. The chief of the West Covina Police Department notified the city manager who sent information out to the rest of the city Council about the incident.

The West Covina City Council concerned that the drug over-

dose incident reflected poorly for the mayor of West Covina, made a motion to request Spence to resign as mayor and possibly consider resigning from the city Council. It takes a super-majority vote for the council to remove an individual as mayor. The mayor is basically a ceremonial position.

Spence, realizing that the attention has turned more towards him as mayor and not city business, which he thought had more priority, offered to resign at the end of that particular month. However the City Council voted 4-0 to make his resignation effective immediately. Mike Spence is still on the Council and will continue to serve out the rest of his term.

He still continues to work on his personal issues and he has the support of his family. He enjoys serving the people and working hard to help solve and/or resolve some of the city problems. At this time, he has not indicated if he will run for another term. He appreciates the support of his family and friends and is sorry if he has disappointed anyone. He has vowed to continue to do his work for the city.

# WASC Awards M.I.T. High School Maximum Six-Year Accreditation



**MIT students with Creating Creators staff at The Cinema Project red carpet event.**

**DUARTE** - Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) is proud to announce that Mount Olive Innovation and Technology High School (MIT) was recently granted a Six-Year Accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

WASC Accreditation is nationally recognized and assures our community that the educational programs at MIT are evaluated for quality. The WASC Commission awarded the maximum Six-Year Accreditation status as a result of a year-long process conducted at MIT including a self-study report and a successful on-site visit in March, 2018.

"News of the Six-Year WASC accreditation confirms that the educational program at MIT reflects the highest possible standards. We are extremely proud of the work of Principal, Kevin Morris, and the entire MIT staff," stated Nadia Hillman, DUSD Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

MIT provides an alternative high school setting for approximately 100 students whose needs are met in a flexible, personalized and self-paced program. Among the many exceptional offerings available at MIT, specifically noted by the WASC visitation team, was the Accelerated 180 Degree Diploma Program. Given special recognition by WASC for being student-centered, forward thinking and innovative in its design, this program allows students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and industry certifications upon graduation. The emerging and developing certification-bearing Career Technology Pathways available for students through this program are Patient Care, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Forestry and Natural Resources, Information Support and Services, as well as Production and Managerial Arts.

MIT is also known for the unique partnerships they have established with esteemed businesses and organizations that lead

to college and career connections for their students. A prime example being the development of a Welding Technology Program in collaboration with Mt. San Antonio College, Delafield Corporation, SoCal Gas Company and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce that provides students the skills and knowledge necessary to obtain employment in a variety of industries related to welding and fabrication that include construction, aerospace, lighting, and automotive after-market industries. Through this unique partnership, students have the opportunity to obtain an Associate of Science Degree in Welding, as well as four academic certificates of completion for Structural Steel - Manual and Semi-Automatic, and Light Gage Steel.

Another highlight of the MIT program, launched just this year, is The Cinema Project. In collaboration with the company Creating Creators, students are trained by professionals in the film production industry to film, edit, market, and distribute their own cinematic creations. Through this program, students are afforded networking channels with the biggest names in the industry today including Disney and HBO with support from the National Association of Latino Independent Producers.

Other respected community partners with which MIT has forged career exploration and training programs are The City of Hope, Outward Bound Adventures, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and many community college and university partners such as Azusa Pacific and Rio Hondo.

"MIT would like to thank our District Administration, Technology Department, Maintenance, Food Services, the City of Duarte, D'Veal Family and Youth Services, Public Safety, Creating Creators, our parents, and students for their continued support of MIT," stated Kevin Morris, MIT Principal.

"I would also like to thank the MIT staff for their hard work and dedication in the WASC process and pay a very special thank you to MIT teachers, Laurent Lanuquette and Stephen Clayton, for taking on the job as WASC Co-Chairs and leading our MIT Team to our Six-Year WASC Accreditation. They both spent many long hours writing and revising our WASC document until it was perfect. They did an outstanding job!"

Over the course of the next six years, MIT will continue the process of self-evaluation and prepare a progress report for a mid-cycle visit. The report and visit are opportunities for MIT to demonstrate they are continually making appropriate progress in the implementation of their schoolwide plan to further increase student achievement.

To learn more about the unique programs offered by MIT High School, please visit [www.duarteusd.org](http://www.duarteusd.org) and schedule a campus tour at [www.come2duarteusd.org](http://www.come2duarteusd.org).



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# Arcadia's New Theatre Company Presents Modern Adaptation Of Greek Drama Antigone

**ARCADIA** - Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation will debut the fast-paced modern adaptation of the famous Greek classic Antigone at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center's Black Box Theatre. Directed by award-winning Whitney LaBarge of Arcadia Stage, the production features Kaitlin Aquino as princess Antigone fresh from her captivating lead role in The Giver, Hollywood actor Mark Peterson portraying the tyrant uncle Creon, and a stellar cast bringing to life profound themes of loyalty, justice, betrayal, and family honor.

Antigone is the premiere performance of Vaulting Ambition, Arcadia's new theatre company that integrates professionals side-by-side with emerging talent. For maximum immersion, the production takes place in the intimate Black Box Theatre with only 80 seats per performance.

For more details and ticket information, visit [www.arcadiapaf.org/antigone](http://www.arcadiapaf.org/antigone) or call the box office at (626) 821-1781. Performance dates are July 12th and 13th at 8:00pm, and July 15th matinee at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15 student admission, \$25 general admission, and \$30 VIP.

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# Hema and Janaki Ratnayake Drive in 5th European Austin Healey Meeting

By Jayam Rutnam

**AZUSA** - Car collector Hema Ratnayake of Azusa, Ca., and his wife Janakie took part in the 5th European Austin Healey Meeting which began in mid June in the Black Forest town of Rust, Germany.

Many Austin Healey enthusiasts from all over the world participated in the event. The meeting took them through the beautiful Swiss/Austrian Alps. Travelling through the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Germany and Austria in Hema's restored 1959 Austin Healey 100-6. The highest speed they hit was 80



Hema and Janakie pose in front of their Austin Healey. mph, with an average speed of participants stayed at historic 5 Star hotels along the way.

# Breath Savers Helping Members Living With Lung Disease

**COVINA** - Breath Savers is a support and education group at Inter-Community Hospital in Covina. Its main purpose is to provide health education, personal contact and social involvement to help members share the challenges and victories inherent in living with lung disease. For those diagnosed with chronic obstructive lung disease, the simple act of breathing becomes a minute-by-minute struggle. Learning to cope with the challenges of respiratory disease becomes a little easier with the support at Inter-Community Hospital's Breath Savers group. Pulmonary patients are encouraged to attend monthly meetings to further their knowledge about lung disease. Our Daily Breath is a free monthly newsletter that offers articles about how to maintain good health, luncheon updates, speaker topics and schedules of events and trips.

A Scholarship Fund has been established through Breath Savers. The fund provides financial assistance toward the cost of en-



Mrs. Houghton and daughter at the 2017 Walk-a-thon. rollment in the hospital's Pulmonary Rehab program. Patients with no insurance coverage and those with high deductibles benefit from the scholarship fund. To date over 30 patients have completed the rehab program paid for in full or in part by the scholarship fund. The primary fundraising event is the Sheldon Houghton Memorial Walk-a-thon held annually in October. Breath Savers was established in 1970. This is an all-volunteer organization whose Board Members are patients and others who are dedicated in helping support the group. Patients, family members and friends are all invited to attend our events. If you have questions about the group, please contact Nancy Anderson in the Pulmonary Rehab Department at (626) 915-6283. Citrus Valley Medical Center is located at 210 W San Bernardino Rd in Covina.



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