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Glendora Community Coordinating Council's May Recognition Awards

GLENDORA - Joe Babineau is one of those who serves everywhere and everyone. For the past 31 years he has been a member of the Glendora Rotary Club. Through Rotary he served as President, directed the club with Meals on Wheels and constructed homes in Mexico. Joe was the Ambassador for the Glendora Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Citizen of the Year Committee. In addition, he volunteers with Eye-DAS transporting members to and from their monthly meetings and has been the past Master of the Glendora Masonic Lodge three times. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is truly honored to recognize Joe as our May Humanitarian Award recipient.

Avishka Jayasekara is a senior at Glendora High School and a servant of service. At Glendora High School she is Co-President of the National Honor Society, Co-President of the Orchestra Committee, section leader for the orchestra cello section, Key Club spirit leader and has been on the varsity golf team for four years. She is a volunteer at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital where she is a member of the Star Program, assisted nurses as directed and worked with patients in offering items of daily care.



Joe Babineau receiving Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Award from President, Gene Morrill.

Avishka worked with the Sri Lanka Charity raising money for a Sri Lanka orphanage, Sri Lanka hospitals and the TRAIL foundation. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very proud and honored to recognize Avishka with our May Youth Recognition Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at www.glendoraordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank Foothill Presbyterian Hospital for being our meeting sponsor.



Avishka Jayasekara receiving Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Youth Recognition Award from President, Gene Morrill.

Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Awards



Back row, left to right: Benjamin Islas, Kathryn San Diego, Abbigael Aday, Isaac Aday, Melissa Mendoza, Natalie Taby. Front row: Madison Markstrom, Allison Kim, Sarah Eltiste, Manuel Hernandez-Meza.

GLENDORA - The Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary held its annual scholarship awards dinner on May 22nd to recognize deserving students who are planning to further their studies in a medically related field. Thanks to the fundraising of the Hospital Auxiliary and the Junior Volunteers, along with the generosity of Citrus Valley Health Partners Foundation, individuals, and families, 17 scholarships were presented that evening.

The scholarship recipients and

their families were invited to an awards dinner catered by Claro's Italian Market. The highlight of the evening came when Jade Knight, scholarship committee chairman, called the award winners to the podium where each gave a short speech about themselves and their plans for the future. All of this year's winners should be very proud of what they have accomplished thus far and should look forward to even more success as they go forward towards their goals.

2018 Scholarship Recipients

Sarah Eltiste, Allison Kim, Jenna Winslow, Melissa Mendoza, Audrey Canoy, Kathryn San Diego, Manuel Hernandez-Meza, Dominic Allaf, Jesus Ramirez, Abbigael Aday, Emily Rodriguez, Natalie Taby, Hailey Humenyzik, Isaac Aday, Jo Ann Sun, Benjamin Islas and Madison Markstrom.

If you might be interested in joining this community organization, we would like to invite you to find out more about joining the hospital auxiliary by calling the volunteer office at (626) 857-3103.

50th Anniversary of RFK's Assassination

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - June 5th marked 50 years since Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles by Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestinian with Jordanian citizenship. Many of us are old enough to remember that day and a sad day it was.

Russell Rentschler shared that day with the VFW in West Covina as he remembered it, as well as sharing the Los Angeles Times and the Harold Examiner newspapers that carried the story.

The following is by Russell Rentschler:

We always remember certain historical events in our life; one of the first ones I remember was the assassination of a Presidential candidate, Senator Robert Kennedy. Even though I was only seven and a half years old and in the first grade, I still remember it vividly. As our school year was coming to an end, we were planning the annual June festival at our school. Unfortunately, we were told by our teacher that this festival would be delayed for one week out of respect for the death of Robert Kennedy.

I remember getting up on Saturday morning, June 8th 1968, with my bowl of Cheerios to watch cartoons as usual. However, every channel, and I mean every channel, had live coverage of Senator Kennedy's funeral from New York City. I remember seeing a long procession of cars following a hearse that would arrive at St. Patrick's Cathedral. I remember watching the Senator's brother, Ted Kennedy, give the emotional eulogy for his brother, and I remember watching them load the flag draped casket into a hearse that would be transported to a train that carried the Senator's body to Arlington National Cemetery for burial.

The train ride took all day and of course I did not watch the whole thing on TV because like most little boys, I wanted to go out and play with my friends. I



Russell Rentschler shares his newspapers and the headlines of Robert Kennedy being shot.

remember after dinner my parents turned on the television and we watched as the Senator's body arrived at Arlington Cemetery. This was and still is the only night time burial conducted at Arlington National Cemetery.

Fast forward twenty years to 1988. I had the opportunity to attend a reunion gathering of Robert Kennedy's campaign staff at Loyola Marymount University. I had the opportunity to see and hear those involved in Senator Kennedy's campaign and heard the memories they shared. I also had the opportunity to have my picture taken with Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the eldest daughter of Robert Kennedy.

Also in 1988, I was working the graveyard shift as a police officer. My partner and I, having not much to do in the middle of the night, decided to go visit the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Blvd. This was the site where Kennedy had celebrated his vic-

tory in the crucial California primary in 1968. We were fortunate enough to meet an employee of the hotel and who was working the night of Kennedy's victory. He gave us a grand tour of the hotel, starting with the Embassy Ballroom where Kennedy gave his victory speech, and then the path Kennedy walked through the kitchen where he was shot. He told us that Sirhan Sirhan was not an employee of the hotel; however, he took a butler's jacket and wore it to gain access to the kitchen. This employee also took us up to room 511 where the Kennedy campaign was staying. It was a corner suite that had three large rooms and was very impressive. I felt very privileged to be able to see how this history took place and how tragically it ended.

Today, the site of the Ambassador Hotel is now a K-12 school named after Senator Robert Kennedy. Hopefully his legacy will not be forgotten.

Healing Connections Serves the Community

DUARTE - After suffering a teen suicide every year for five years, the Monrovia Community felt enough was enough. Through these tragedies, a new organization was formed. Healing Connections is a task force made up of community members, city officials, student and MUSD staff whose mission is to raise the community's awareness of suicide and other related mental health issues. At a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting, founding member, Mary Ann Lutz came and shared the ongoing support Healing Connections is providing throughout the area. The volunteers visit local schools, service clubs, teen commissions, churches and other community-based gatherings to give presentations on suicide prevention and share what is being done to aid and support those dealing with emotional issues. Healing Connections

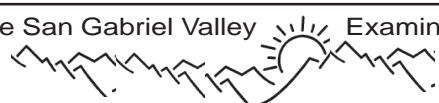


Mary Ann Lutz, founding member Healing Connections, Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis Secretary.

sponsors a city-wide campaign during the month of March called March 4 Balance. This campaign is designed to coordinate, engage and execute a series of community outreach and educational events to raise awareness. The events culmi-

nate in a community rally at the end of the month.

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



River Ross Steals the Show at Patriot Week Closing Ceremony

GLENDORA - It was the closing ceremony of Patriot Week in the parking lot of America's Christian Credit Union, where every year, veterans, first responders, council members, policemen, boy scouts and members of the legion gather to honor those who have given their lives in the service to our country.

The opening remarks were given by CEO/President of ACCU Mendell L. Thompson, who also is the Mayor of Glendora. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Boy Scouts Troop 483 and the opening prayer was by Cindy Davenport.

Then it was time for the Announcement of Essay Winners which was by Richard Mathews of ACCU.

One of the First Place Winners was an 8th Grader, River Ross of Upland, Ca. River is "Home Schooled" and his teacher is his Mom, Susan Ross.

According to Susan Ross, "River is a 13-year old twin who is a kind, extremely friendly, loving and creative child. He has a strong love and faith in Jesus Christ and a strong community of friends and family who love him deeply. He has been an avid reader since he was taught to read when he was 5 years old. His love for reading good books and his involvement in Theatre Arts have formed a breeding ground for naturally inspired writing with a desire to make his characters come alive and keeps the reader thirsting for more. He is a gifted actor and has been performing in Musical Theatre since he was 10 years old."

Here are some excerpts of River's patriotic essay, entitled "Always There" which is perfectly aligned with the theme of "Patriots and Their Pets." He speaks of himself as being a dog waiting to be chosen by a veteran, which he read with so much feeling. Unfortunately, we at the San Gabriel Valley Examiner are unable to print the whole essay. We are also aware that the essay loses so much meaning when not



River Ross speaks to the audience at ACCU's Patriot Week Closing day where he read his winning essay.

printed in its entirety. At least we are able to print some of it!

"Of course, I didn't think he would take me that day. The probability was very unlikely, but I had a sliver of hope. It was tingling and utilizing all my strength to stay calm and look professional as he walked by. I guess I let out a small noise, maybe a whine or soft bark, because he stopped and looked at me. I had been told I was cute by the friendly woman that worked at my shelter, and I tried with all my might to look adorable. Sadly, I curled up into a ball and fell asleep.

After some time, I woke up, and the old veteran was back. He was looking over the notes with Janice that she had taken the day before. Finally, they came to a conclusion, and she started walking over towards me. My heart fluttered. This was my chance! She took the key to my cage. She bent over to let me

out. And- took the dog in the cage next to me out.

To my surprise, the next day he was back. I don't really understand human language, except for some commands I had been taught, but I could easily detect his sorrow. He handed Janice an empty leash. I think something terrible happened to the other dog, and he had come back for a replacement.

On the drive to my new home, I could barely contain my excitement. When we finally reached his home (and now mine, too!) I had calmed down a little, remembering my training. I collectedly led him to the door, where he opened it and showed me my bed and where my food would be.

Over the years, I've found out that he used to be a soldier. He fought in World War II. Sometimes in the middle of the night he'll wake up screaming. So I immediately go to his side and start to lick his face, and that always helps him to calm down.

Now, we are best friends, and I feel accomplished and accepted with him. He loves me, and I love him. But I'm not the real hero. It's he. He's the real hero. He chose to fight in the war, to protect our country, and I was just chosen. I didn't have a choice. He's the one that deserves your respect, not me. He may have anxiety and hardships, and without a doubt, I'm always there for him, but I know that he will always be there for me, too. He may be America's hero, but he's my hero too."

There is no doubt that River Ross will achieve his goals to be a great writer, writing fiction best sellers!

20 Arcadia High Students Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists



Arcadia High School National Merit Scholarship Finalists: (Alphabetical order by last name) Ethan Chen, Justin Chen*, Liang-Wei Chen, Sean Chen, Conner Ching, Andrea Fang, Nicholas Figueira, Xinyang Gu, Daniel Ho, Frank Lee, Derek Li, James Shin, Arianna Togelang*, Regina Wang, Elyse Yao, Benjamin Yeh, Xiaoke Ying, Warren Yuan, Edward Zeng*, and Louis Zhao. Arcadia High School National Hispanic Scholars: (Alphabetical order by last name) Nicole Bocanegra, James Gassner, Charles Guerra, Phillip Lau, and Gabriel Moreano

ARCADIA - Arcadia High School had another impressive showing in this year's National Merit Scholarship program with all 20 Apache semifinalists named as 2018 National Merit Scholarship Finalists. This year marks the 25th consecutive year that Arcadia High School has had over 85 percent of its students advance from semifinalists to finalists in this prestigious program.

"We continue to be amazed by our students year in and year out," expressed Arcadia Unified Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdal. "The recognition our students receive in this program serves as another great opportunity to not only celebrate our students' dedication to learning but to recognize the outstanding work our teachers, counselors, and staff do to motivate our students to imagine, inquire, and inspire throughout their educational journeys in our district and beyond."

Students honored each year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) represent less than one percent of high school seniors in the United States. Approximately 1.6 million juniors from more than 22,000 high schools vied for entrance into the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). While some high schools have less than a handful of seniors invited into this program each year, in the past 20 years, 547 Arcadia High students have been named Semifinalists, while 527 Apaches have reached the finalist phase.

Finalists who are chosen as scholarship winners are those candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. According to the NMSC, by the conclusion of its 2018 competition, about 7,500 Finalists will have been selected to receive National Merit Scholarships.

Arcadia High School has three students who have been selected as winners of a coveted National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship--Justin Chen (pursuing a career in engineering at Columbia University), Arianna Togelang (pursuing a career in economics at Stanford University), and Edward Zeng (pursuing a career in applied mathematics at University of California, Berkeley).

Western Christian PSP 8th Grade Graduation



Some of the graduates, Rebecca Kenz, Samantha Djahansahi, Faith Cheatwood and Ariana Fera, graduated to High School.

CHINO HILLS - The Graduation Ceremony for Western Christian PSP was held on June 1st, 2018 at the Chino Hills Community Church. The 8th Grade Speeches were by Andrew

Held, Ariana Fera and Katelyn Wavra. The Keynote Speaker was Pastor Charley Cheatwood and the Diploma Presentation was by Bill and Marilyn Stephens.

Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExaminer@aol.com. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

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State Assembly Passes AB 1971 - Bill Moves to State Senate

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The State Assembly passed AB 1971, legislation which amends the state's definition of "gravely disabled" to include medical treatment as a basic human need for those suffering from a serious mental illness, just as necessary to well-being as food, clothing, or shelter. AB 1971 is sponsored by Los Angeles County, the Steinberg Institute, and the California Psychiatric Association. The bill passed with bipartisan support by a vote of 66-0.

The proposal for the change in state law came by way of a board motion authored by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Mark Ridley-Thomas. Through collaboration, AB 1971 was jointly authored by Assemblymembers Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles), Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), and Phillip Chen (R-Brea). "More than 830 homeless people died on the streets of

L.A. County last year. Many of these deaths were preventable with proper medical attention," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "It's time for California to join 37 other states who consider medical treatment a basic human need for those suffering from a serious mental illness. I am pleased that the Legislature is moving forward on this vital effort, and I commend the authors of this legislation."

"It is inhumane to be a bystander when we have the power to do something to save lives within this vulnerable population," said Assemblymember Santiago (D-Los Angeles). "We need to ensure there is proper medical care for homeless individuals with mental illness who are suffering on the streets with serious physical ailments."

"It's no secret that in Los Angeles, and communities across California, we're grappling with a homeless crisis," said Assemblymember Friedman (D-Glendale). "If we can open the door to treatment for

those struggling with severe mental illness, we can get our most vulnerable the health care they need and get them off of the streets."

"Thirty-nine percent of the nation's chronic homeless population, which is defined as those individuals that have lived on the streets for over a year and are suffering from mental illness, reside in California," said Assemblyman Phillip Chen (R-Brea). "By fine-tuning the definition of 'gravely disabled,' we can make a dramatic positive difference for Californians with mental illness and empower them to live fulfilling lives."

"Acknowledging that signs of physical harm due to self-neglect as a result of serious mental conditions are a rational and objective means for detecting grave disability," said Dr. Jonathan Sherin, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

AB 1971 now moves to the California State Senate, where it will await a committee hearing.

Board Approves CSEA & DUSD Compensation Agreement

Classified Staff Receive Salary Increase

DUARTE - The Board of Education of the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) approved the tentative agreement reached with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for compensation at the Special Meeting held on Friday, June 1, 2018.

The terms of the negotiated agreement between DUSD and CSEA stipulates a one year classified salary schedule increase of 2.0%, retroactive to January 1, 2018. In addition, four Memorandums of Understanding also included within the agreement were approved by the Board that provide for the inclusion of proctors in the bargaining unit, adding a new classification of Lead Intensive Behavioral Instructional Assistant, changes to the classification of Head Custodian I, II, III, and cash-in-lieu benefits at testation.

"CSEA members are pleased with this raise. It shows growth in our partnership and is setting a good foundation. We hope that

our relationship continues to grow and we build trust in our partnership. Our members and executive board see good things are happening, and this agreement will ensure camaraderie and morale will definitely be on the rise," stated Alicia D'Amato Brieno, President of CSEA, Duarte Chapter 25. The members of the negotiating teams for both DUSD and CSEA are to be commended for reaching a mutually beneficial result for both parties.

Attracting and retaining the highest qualified workforce by offering just compensation was one of seven primary initiatives contained in the district's five-year strategic plan, known as the Competitive Advantage Plan (CAP), certified by Resolution and adopted by the Board at its Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2016.

This opportunity to increase compensation for classified employees, as well as for the salary increase agreement reached with

certificated staff, was the direct result of the CAP initiatives that led to a significant increase in enrollment after 15 consecutive years of decline.

At the Special Meeting held on June 1, the Board also approved the first iteration of the CAP. In this updated version that extends the CAP to 2022, solidifying competitive salaries for all staff has been moved to the primary position among the seven key strategies.

"The Board's first priority as now embraced in the first strategy of the district's adopted Competitive Advantage Plan (CAP) has been to improve compensation for all who work within the district. The approval of the CSEA salary agreement is an affirmation of this priority and is only possible through the collaboration among leaders and the continued increase in student enrollment in the district. Watch Duarte rise!" stated Board President, Douglas Edwards.

Arcadia Provides Language Access Services

City Seeks Volunteer Translators

ARCADIA - In order to ensure equal access to City services, the City of Arcadia has adopted a Language Access Services Policy to ensure that translation services are accessible to all. Included in the mix of translation service offerings, the City is seeking the assistance of volunteer translators to support the City's language access goals. If you are interested in serving your community as a volunteer translator, please visit the City's website at ArcadiaCA.gov/translate and download the City's Volunteer Translator Application. Volunteer translators are expected to be available on an on-call, as-needed basis based upon your availability.

The City of Arcadia understands and appreciates the value of providing outreach and access

to City services, information, and programs for limited English-proficient (LEP) residents. The City serves a significant population of limited English-proficient residents, businesses, visitors, and their families. According to the 2010 census, approximately 60% of Arcadia residents are of Asian/Pacific Island descent, and the vast majority of residents are ethnic Chinese who predominantly speak Mandarin. The City has formally recognized the following languages: Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Spanish, Korean, Tagalog, Japanese, Vietnamese, and Hindi.

If you would like to learn more about the program of the City's Language Access Services Policy, please contact the City Manager's Office at 574-5401.

Homeless Count Shows Progress and Promise

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The overall 4 percent homeless count decrease, released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) shows that the county is making progress in its effort to address the homelessness crisis - but we "have a lot of work to do," announced Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

"The numbers are promising in the fact that there are significant reductions in homelessness among veterans and the chronically homeless," she said. "In my district, there is an estimated 25 percent decrease overall - much of this can be attributed to increases in housing placements and an uptick in the coordination between county agencies and community-based providers."

Supervisor Barger also initiated the opening of 24-hour shel-

ter in Lancaster, which provides bridge housing support and other critical service in conjunction with the Salvation Army. In addition, she is supporting the development of a year-round crisis housing facility in Santa Clarita and permanent supportive housing across the district. She credits the cities in her district, which have joined forces with the county to address the needs in their individual municipalities.

"In the Antelope Valley, and across the district, leaders and communities have come on board in a very significant way," she added. "This gives us hope and strengthens our resolve to ensure that Measure H funding is fully utilized to provide housing and services to those in need."

"Clearly, there is a significant

percentage of individuals suffering from mental illness among the homeless population - and access to health care is a vital component to help them reestablish productive lives," she added.

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Injunction Imposed To Stop Dumping In Browns Canyon

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Declaring an important victory for communities and the environment in the Browns Canyon area of the Santa Susana Mountains, Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced that Superior Court Judge Stephen P. Pfahler has ruled in favor of the county in its ongoing dispute with the owner and operator of an illegal dump in an ecologically sensitive area near Oat Mountain.

"I applaud the court's decision to finally put an end to the illegal dumping, the hundreds of trucks a day on Browns

Canyon Road, and the general nuisance our local communities have had to endure for far too long," said Supervisor Barger. "The county will immediately confer with law enforcement, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and all necessary regulatory agencies to help vigorously enforce the Court's order and ensure that the defendants adhere to Judge Pfahler's order."

In his ruling, Judge Pfahler agreed with the county that Wayne Fishback, Charles Lee,

ABC Waste and Cepheid LLC have been violating his 2015 order prohibiting the transport and deposit of concrete and related construction debris to the illegal dump. The county brought its motion when it became apparent that the defendant continued the illegal dumping despite the Court previously enjoining the activity. Judge Pfahler confirmed his prior order and imposed additional significant restrictions on the defendants' activities including a ban on all Class 6 trucks and higher from the properties.

Heritage Day At Centennial Heritage Park

GLENDORA - Heritage Day, sponsored by the City of Glendora's Community Services Department along with the Glendora Preservation Foundation, will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. This family - friendly event is held on the beautiful grounds of Centennial Heritage Park, 725 E. Mauna Loa Ave. in Glendora.

The event boasts numerous activities for young and old alike to participate in that are a part of Glendora's rich history. Tours of historic properties - The Hamilton House, and the Orton Englehart Workshop will be offered, as well as exhibitions in blacksmithing, spinning, panning for gold, rope

making, butter making, arrow-head making, archery, pottery, doll making and a number of other hands on activities for kids to enjoy. BBQ and refreshments will be available for purchase.

This year we will once again be incorporating the South Hills Trails into the festivities, by offering a guided hike for families including a scavenger hunt for children to participate in, and Youth will be rewarded with their very own butterfly net. The Glendora Trails Committee will be there with local insects and animals on display for kids to see and learn about local conservation.

We are excited to have the live animal's exhibit showcas-

ing animals from our local foothills back again this year! Come visit a brown bear, wolf, skunk, porcupine, snake and other local animals which reside in the foothills to learn about them and know how to preserve wildlife.

Due to limited on-site parking, a shuttle service from City Hall to the venue will be available beginning at 11am and running every 30 minutes until 3pm. The event is free; however a \$2.00 donation is suggested. Join us for this fun filled educational day where we celebrate our local surroundings and history. For additional information contact the Crowther Teen and Family Center at (626) 914-2357.

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Water Restrictions Become Law With Water Tax Pending

Democrat Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-L.A.) along with Democrat Assemblywoman Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) has leveled new mandates on cities, water districts and large agricultural water districts requiring creation of strict annual water budgets or face fines if they don't meet the standards or adhere to those budgets. To become law, both bills had to pass this legislative session, and they have and Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law AB 1668 (Friedman) and SB 606 (Hertzberg) that will require overall targets for indoor and outdoor water consumption.



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

be applied to the standard, and is sufficient to allow the urban retail water supplier to verify its accuracy at the parcel level. To me, that says, our local water boards are going to become the water police monitoring each parcel of land and each household.

- Authorizes an urban retail water supplier to use alternative data in calculating their outdoor water use standard if the water supplier demonstrates to the DWR that the alternative data are equivalent, or superior, to the data provided by the DWR.

- Requires annual reporting of the previous year's water use with the urban water use objective.

- Costs are added up with a one-time DWR cost of \$250,000 for a feasibility study requiring water loss reporting by wholesalers; and \$520,000 first year costs and \$325,000 annually for DWR to file annual reports to SWRCB.

- Annual increased costs to SWRCB of \$150,000.

- No estimated costs for local water districts or agricultural districts or cities.

- Beginning in 2027, fines of \$1,000 per day during non-drought years, and \$10,000 per day during declared drought emergencies and certain dry years.

It seems the Governor has forgotten about Prop 1, the water bond approved in 2014 by an overwhelming 67% of the voters who were told that was to improve water storage and water availability to serve the Central Valley farming communities and Southern California when we are hit

with drought. The Water Commission has been debating 11 projects and after 5 years we question will we ever get approval of new water storage and if so, when, to prevent draconian restricted water use policy being implemented.

Not only faced with water restrictions, we are now told through various sources we can expect the water tax – SB 623 (Monning, D-Carmel) to resurface. The bill last year said this tax was "to provide an ongoing funding stream to ensure that disadvantaged communities have access to clean, safe, affordable, drinking water." Brown is gearing up to ensure this passes by planning on a trailer bill in the budget to ensure implementation much like the gas tax trailer bill snuck through last year.

Brown touts a \$13.5 billion reserve and apparently he and Sacramento Democrats don't think there is enough money there and in several bonds to provide safe drinking water for the poor in rural communities without taxing water. Brown's comments to the Mercury News included, "In preparation for the next drought and our changing environment, we must use our precious resources wisely... We have efficiency goals for energy and cars – and now we have them for water."

California Republican Party says, "... while 11 applicants are jumping through hoop after hoop to fight for a share of just \$2.7 billion in Water Bond funding [to provide additional water storage] High-Speed Rail continues to run billions over budget with no end in sight. This project appears as though it'll never be completed, leaving behind an expensive trail of wreckage and empty promises."

CAGOP goes on to say, "We need to provide water to cities and farms, [and] we have 11 projects worthy of funding, but the Democrats' priority is to secure Jerry Brown's legacy. Even though High-Speed Rail funds can't be spent on water storage, the state's uneven approach to both projects highlights Democrats' out-of-touch priorities."

"You've Got To Be Kidding!"

Let's set the scene. This Galilean teacher is in his office looking over the agenda for the next week, when a messenger appears.

"Boss, I've been working with a couple of your marketers, and they have a problem."

"So what's going on?"

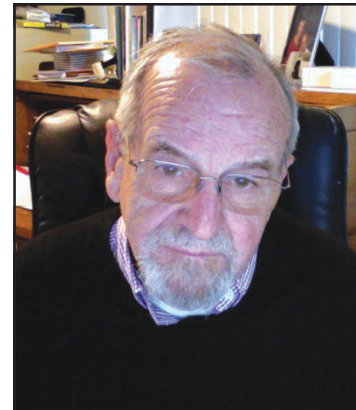
"It seems as if this advance team has out-performed your highest predictions. They have rented a large field for the event, and distributed a boxcar load of advertizing brochures, and the response has been overwhelming. In fact we may not be able to produce what we promised. And the event is to be kicked-off next week. You are to make your big pitch on the final evening. But on that afternoon the brochures promise a big picnic, and we just don't have any food ordered. What do you want us to do?"

"Come on. You guys got us into this, and you've got to solve it."

"But boss, there will be crowds of poor people who may not have had anything to eat that day, and they trust us. We have got to help them. The only option we can think of is to use what money we have in our treasury. We've got a lot of wealthy friends who keep the till well supplied, and would be happy to take care of those coming to our event who have nothing. Just say the word and we'll get right to it."

"You have got to be kidding! Feeding a multitude like that lulls able-bodied people into lives of dependency and complacency."

Obviously the column thus far is only peripherally about the problem Jesus' disciples had in providing food for a crowd of hungry people. In the gospel ac-



Charles H. Bayer

count the main point is Jesus' affirmation, that the heart of God's work is support of the least and the poorest who simply need the things that make life possible—like food! Feeding the hungry becomes a mandate for anyone claiming allegiance to Jesus. Here lies the focus of all the world's religions. Whether the Biblical story centers on the willingness of a young boy ready to share what he had, or some divine creation of food, the message is the same. The hungry of this world must be fed, and it is the task of all those who follow Jesus to see that it is done.

The last sentence in the above fantasy—'Feeding like that lulls able-bodied people into lives of dependency and complacency.' is a quote from Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, uttered as a justification for the recently adopted tax bill and its drastic cut of SNAP (supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program better known as Food Stamps) SNAP is a program that offers minimal nourishment to the most needy among us. Here is just another indication that some politically driven affluent Americans are more than ready to take food from

the mouths of our neediest children and their families, in order in order to fund middle class greed. This attack on Food Stamps is consistent with a score of other Administration initiatives geared to gut every program focused on caring for the least among us.

Years ago a group of downtown churches in the Missouri city where we lived established a program that offered noon meals seven days a week. For decades the average number of meals served at "The Open Door Food Kitchen" was about two hundred. Who came? The poor, the disabled, single mothers and their children, the homeless came. The only qualification for being welcomed was to be hungry. So it was when this Galilean teacher and his friends fed the multitudes on a Judean hillside. Nobody had to prove that lunch would not make them dependent and complacent.

Some day it will be clear that much of this administration's draconian agenda has been a massive exercise in cruelty, and that this cruelty has fallen heavily on many of those who in 2016 voted for Donald Trump, and to this day remain forgotten. Contrary to the intent of what is emblazoned on baseball caps, America's greatness may not lie in securing even more for those already economically secure, but in providing ways for the least among us to live in dignity. The cynicism evidenced by this Administration is only matched by words attributed to Marie-Antoinette, Queen of France, when told that her nation's poor had no bread said. "Let them eat cake."

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And You Wonder Why...

With the change of diversity in our state legislators and their philosophy that it is okay to release criminals back into our streets so they can commit more crime and to brutalize our communities. Some wonder why people move away.



George Ogden

That's just the way it is! Some legal staffer caught wind of this and all hell broke loose. He was found to be discriminating for profit and/or gain and got nailed for it.

How interesting to see what people are and who they are. Certain people just don't want to live around other races for various reasons. This is their prerogative however. Obviously race plays a role in this. They call this "White Flight" and real-estate agents love this. However, they are careful not to stir the pot and show homes to all races.

One man sued a real estate

agent and his company because they sold a black family the home next to their home. They complained that their home lost value because of this and they wanted restitution.

The case was thrown out of court as they could not prove that they lost anything because of that action that took place with the next neighbor's property and who lived there.

I guess there is a stigma about people and what people think about other races. Sadly there are statistics that somewhat support the cruel things that are said. Often they apply that to a family that moves into the neighborhood that is not of the same race. You have to wonder why these people are not even given a chance and are already not accepted. When is this going to stop? Is this the future of our society? Well, it sure looks like it.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Treaty of 1851

By Joe Castillo

Indian Lands... In the 1820's, the Mexican government instituted the secularization of the Spanish Missions in the hopes that all Mission lands would be returned to the Indians. But the corrupt Mexican land owners had other ideas and knew that the Mexico City government would be unable to check on its desired promises. Even the benefactors of the Treaty, the California Indians, had no knowledge of Mexico's desires of giving them the former Mission lands. The distribution of Mission lands as required by Spanish secularization fell into the hands of dishonest Mexican officials who granted the available land to their friends, relatives and other corrupt officials who would be able to aid them in the future. Then along came the Mexican-American War and when the United States and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, it was agreed that all land claim titles as granted by the previous Mexican regime would be honored.

In March 3, 1851, the Land Claim Act was passed placing a requirement by Congress that all land claims had to be proven and finalized within a two year period or else the property in question would be available for homesteading. The two year period was an inadequate amount of time as exemplified in one claim to property given by the California governor to Antonio del Valle in 1839 which was not reaffirmed until 1858 and then patented in 1875. It took nearly 35 years for del Valle to finally receive full title to the land granted to him but by the time of the final decree, he was long deceased and his heirs had lost the land to greedy land grabbers.

Shortly after statehood, on September 8, 1850, the two U.S. Senators from California, John C. Fremont and William Gwin proposed to cease all California Indian land claims with the first step being to move the existing California Indians to reservations. The Treaty of 1851 divided California into 18 different regions and U.S. Indian officials

negotiated with random groups of tribes to agree to a treaty which would move each identified Indian tribe to predefined sites which would be used as a reservation. The Senate authorized the act and President Millard Fillmore appointed three commissioners to implement the act itself and to obtain signatures of all the appropriate Indian parties. The problem was that the Indians were not the primary "owners" of the land identified in the treaties and were only inhabitants of various areas with other non-signatory tribes also living within the same boundaries. Each of the various tribes ended up signing away land which was not considered their own and were merely just giving the land away.

But the biggest problem was that each Indian tribe received a small parcel of land for their reservation while ceding their vast ancestral lands within their identified regions to representatives of the United States. The United States didn't keep many of their promises as documented in their treaties with Native Americans but the injustices done to the original inhabitants of this land were the most grievance of our Nation...

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"La Dolce Vita" Gala Benefit

DUARTE -An evening toast-ing "La Dolce Vita," a gala celebration of community history, music, food, and wine will benefit the Duarte Historical Museum on Saturday, June 16.

The public is invited to join in the festivities that will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Duarte headquartered D'Aquino's Importing Company and Italian Cultural Foundation, 1850 Business


Center Dr. Tickets are \$30.

Proceeds from the evening will support the Duarte Historical Society & Museum in its mission to upgrade the museum's computer programs to better archive and protect Duarte history and artifacts.

Tickets may be purchased on the Museum website: www.RanchoDeDuarte.org. or by calling (626) 253-6600.

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Why All The Negativity?

The May employment report was strong across the board, with a solid rise in hiring, another drop in the unemployment rate and a 0.3% rise in average hourly earnings. If anyone has any doubts about a June quarter point rate hike, they should set them aside now.

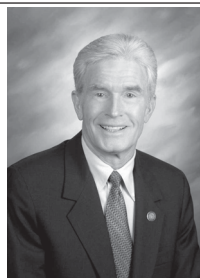
Thursday's Chicago Purchasing Managers Index emphasized how hard it is to find skilled workers in almost every industry surveyed. Friday's employment report makes a similar case for the economy beyond Chicago. At 3.8%, the unemployment rate is now at its 2000 cycle low. If it falls any more, we'll have to go back 50-60 years to find a comparable level of employment health.

The equity market had another violent and volatile reaction at the beginning of the week as Italy is in turmoil. Italian 10-yr yields at 3.07% were higher than US yields for the first time since last summer. US 10-yr notes at 2.86% (Tuesday) were also up (from a low of 2.80%). A flight to quality saw massive dollar conversions being placed in Treasury Notes.

Elsewhere in Europe (as if we don't have enough to worry about) Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy's opponents are mobilizing a no confidence vote. According to Bloomberg News, it will likely result in an early return to the polls. Britain's Brexit talks will get tricky again next month and French President Macron is pushing ahead with economic reforms despite a wave of strikes.

In Brazil, the government conceded to truck drivers' demand for lower diesel prices, but the trucking strike continues. To make matters worse, oil workers are threatening to join them. Brazil's currency dropped 2.3% in reaction. Stocks dropped 4.49%, doubling the loss since the strike began a week ago. Petrobras, with its own pre-existing problems and now facing a strike of its own,

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

was down 15%.

We have a lot to be thankful for, such as the fact that the 10-year Treasury bond yield has fallen under 3% and the Fed's FOMC minutes revealed that any inflation fears are likely "temporary." Furthermore, the fact that small-capitalization stocks in the Russell 2000 continue to exhibit tremendous relative strength is a good sign, since the breadth and power of the overall stock market is expanding. Traditionally, when the Russell 2000 leads, it is very bullish for the market, so June and July could be very positive!

On Tuesday, Trim Tabs Investment Research reported that the stock buy-back boom continues at a relentless pace with U.S. companies announcing a whopping \$6.1 billion per day in buy-backs after their first-quarter earnings announcements. When the fourth-quarter announcements were released in January and February, Trim Tabs pointed out that stock buy-backs, hit an amazing \$6.6 billion daily pace. Trim Tabs concluded by saying, "The buyback boom early this year confirms our view that the main use of corporate America's tax savings will be takeovers and stock buybacks rather than capital investment or hiring."

Another reason why June should be favorable is the rise in small-cap stocks combined with the annual realignment of the Russell indexes. The Russell 2000 hit another new high last week. The recent small-to-mid

capitalization stock melt up is being helped by a strong U.S. dollar (that diverts investors from large multinationals to domestic stocks). Even without the strong dollar as a tailwind, the annual Russell realignment in June often also propels many small-capitalization stocks significantly higher.

The "melt up" trading range in small-capitalization stocks is the strongest in at least two decades and is expected to accelerate in June as institutional investors position their portfolios ahead on the stocks that they expect to be added to the Russell 2000 and 3000 indices. Several years ago, I remember that some of the small stocks that Russell added surged over 19% during the week of the realignment. These oversized surges were possible due to the fact that the liquidity in many small-cap stocks is so thin.

Another reason to anticipate strong markets in June is that Treasury bond yields have suddenly stopped rising. Rates fell because the FOMC comments about inflation were dovish, as the Fed made it clear that inflation has been subdued; and, if inflation perks up above its 2% target rate in the upcoming months, it may be temporary.

The FOMC said that only a "few" FOMC members expected inflation to rise above its 2% target. The bottom line is that the FOMC is not worried about runaway inflation, which means that further interest rate hikes beyond June may not be as certain as many Wall Street analysts fear. That change in expectations caused market rates like the 10-year Treasury bond to decline after the FOMC minutes were released.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

I currently rent a 2 bedroom, 1 bath place for \$1,800 per month. This includes water and trash. I have about \$10,000 in savings, and my parents said they could help with another \$10,000. I'd love to be a homeowner, but how do I figure out if I could afford the payments?

You've done really well to save up \$10,000, and are blessed to have that offer from your parents! The most direct way to know what you can afford is to apply for a mortgage. (see below). Once you have the preapproval letter in hand, you'll be ready to work with a Realtor and make offers on properties! Let me know if you need a referral to a quality Realtor in your area. Interest rates are still low, and rising. Don't procrastinate.

My teacher's retirement funds are in a 403(b). I'm trying to decide whether or not it's a good idea to leave it there, or to invest it in something else. What do you suggest?

Before making a decision, it's most wise to review your complete financial picture and talk about your goals and dreams during retirement. If the plan allows partial withdrawals, you might find it beneficial some of those funds to an account that guarantees you cannot lose your money, and which guarantees you get a lifetime income, even if your investment funds run out. These accounts offer 'living' benefits, and can be more flexible regarding beneficiaries. Let me know if you need a referral to a knowledgeable and caring financial advisor in your area.

Is there a way for us to help



Julia Yoder

our children pay the taxes when inheriting our estate?

The income-tax free benefit from a life insurance policy is typically paid quickly to the heirs, thus providing them with the funds to help with final expenses and estate taxes that exceed the prevailing exemption amount.

A collection company keeps calling me. I cannot afford to pay the \$2,200 balance. I feel bad, but what can I do?

Answer their call. Since your credit is already harmed, ask them if they can offer you a "settlement" amount instead of the whole \$2,200. When they tell you a dollar amount, hesitate, groan, and tell them it'll take you a couple of days to figure out if you can come up with that amount. Sometimes they'll come back with an even smaller settlement, and often they'll post-date the payment until the end of that month, or freeze the account and let you make steady, small payments. If they refuse to negotiate, consider a balance transfer to another credit card with zero or low interest. Then review your

budget and pay it off as quickly as possible. This will take discipline, but you can do it!

We have an FHA loan. What can you tell us about refinancing?

With interest rates so low, you might want to look into a Conventional loan, possibly with no mortgage insurance. If your FHA mortgage was endorsed on or before May 31, 2009, you might look at an FHA Streamline refinance. It has minimal qualifications and paperwork. You can contact me for more help, or apply online (see below).

I take care of my elderly dad who is housebound. He really wants to get his hair done, but I cannot take him to a beautician. Does anyone make house calls?

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Hundreds of Employment Opportunities Available at Annual El Monte Job Fair

EL MONTE - Unemployment in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) has been falling, with most current data showing a 4.2% unemployment rate, according to a report by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. Despite the regional decrease, the City of El Monte is among the cities in the SGV with the highest unemployment rate. To connect the community to employment opportunities, the City of El Monte is hosting a FREE job fair on Friday, June

15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Ave., El Monte.

The job fair will feature over 50 vendors, representing companies such as Amtrak, Caltrans, Courtyard by Marriott, Valley Vista Services and more. Employers are looking to fill open positions and will be accepting applications for jobs on the spot. Computers will also be available for online applications.

The City of El Monte rec-

ommends that participants bring several copies of their resumes, as experts will be available to review resumes.

The City of El Monte's Job Fair has been able to bring employment opportunities to thousands of community members. Last year, over 3,000 jobs were available to more than 2,500 participants.

For more information, contact the City of El Monte Administration Office at 626-580-2001.

Hanley Investment Group Arranges Sale of Newly Constructed Multi-Tenant Retail Property for \$8.3 Million

6,777 SF Retail Pad Building to LA Fitness Sells for \$1,225 psf

BALDWIN PARK - Hanley Investment Group Real Estate Advisors, a nationally-recognized real estate brokerage and advisory firm specializing in retail property sales, announced that the firm completed the sale of a 6,777-square-foot new construction multi-tenant retail pad building occupied by The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (with drive-thru), Chipotle, Jersey Mike's Subs and WaBa Grill at 13916 Garvey Avenue in Baldwin Park, Calif. The sale price was \$8.3 million, representing \$1,225 per square foot and a cap rate of 4.30%.

Hanley Investment Group's Executive Vice President Bill Asher and Vice President Lee Csenar represented the seller, a private developer based in

Orange County, Calif. The buyer, a private investor, was represented by Dennis Earls of Secured Properties, both based in Los Angeles, Calif.

Built in late 2017, the freeway-adjacent retail building is situated on 1.29 acres on a pad that is shadow-anchored by LA Fitness at the signalized intersection of Garvey Avenue and Vineland Avenue. The property is located at the on/offramp to Interstate 10 freeway with average daily traffic counts of 220,000 cars per day and has an 80-foot freeway pylon sign.

Asher said, "There was no shortage of interest in the property due to its outstanding Los Angeles County location, quality of tenants and new long-term leases." The property is 100% leased to national and regional

quick-service food tenants. Three of the four tenants featured triple-net corporate guaranteed leases including Chipotle (2,000 sq. ft.), The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf with Drive-Thru (1,825 sq. ft.), and WaBa Grill (1,500 sq. ft.). The lease for Jersey Mike's Subs (1,425 sq. ft.), a chain with more than 1,500 locations nationwide, is guaranteed by an experienced multi-unit franchisee operator.

"We generated multiple qualified offers and selected an experienced 1031 exchange buyer based in Southern California who had owned other similar assets in his portfolio in the past," Asher noted. "We secured premium pricing that was 30-60 basis points better regarding cap rate than most of the other offers."

Csenar added, "We marketed the property and opened escrow before the tenants opened for business. We achieved record pricing due to the internet-resistant, food-based tenancy that has continued to attract retail investors as the market continues to transition due to the impact of internet retailing."



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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

The Light... What Does It Mean?

Understanding your service reminder light

Most of us don't read the owner's manual, if you even have one anymore. Many car manuals can only be found online now. Carmakers have come up with service reminders in the form of a warning indicator light, that appears on the gauge cluster (near the speedometer). Often, it comes on well before the service is required to give you time to schedule the appointment.

There are several types of warning systems:

1. Set mileage system. The light comes on every time you

have driven a set number of miles and an oil change is needed. This varies among different carmakers, but it is roughly every 5,000 miles. In some systems, you can set the interval yourself.

2. Oil sensor system. An onboard computer analyzes how the car is being driven, and the light comes on when an oil change is required. Driving only short trips will trigger the light sooner; highway driving means you can go many more miles between service visits.

3. Oil Level or Low System.

This light should not be ignored! It means the oil level is low and needs immediate attention. You should visit your trusted shop for advice or check and add the correct type of oil for your vehicle. Using incorrect oil is not recommended unless it is an emergency and you have no choice.

Service your car is a choice made by you. I recommend finding a trusted maintenance shop and consulting with them for service intervals. The random statement of changing oil every 7,500 miles does not apply to every car. Some manufacturers have issued service bulletins to rescind the extended oil change interval due to excessive engine sludge build up

New technology, the direct fuel injection, the 0W20 oil, the higher system temperatures and the smaller engines creating more power is great for fuel economy, but makes servicing your car on time a must. Ignoring your fluid changes will cost you big time in the future.

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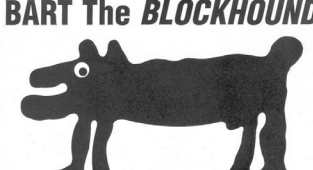
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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite everyone to our Annual Auction, **June 21** at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Auction promptly at 7: p.m. Checks & cash payments only. Refreshments. Join us for great fun and lovely orchids!

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 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 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 pinochle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

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

BALDWIN PARK

Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant

On Wednesday, **June 13th** from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, the Julia McNeill Senior Center will be providing transportation to Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant in Buena Park. Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant first opened in 1934 with Mrs. Knott and her children serving the first customers in their tea room. The restaurant has grown over the years into one of the largest in California, but the classic fried chicken dinner is still made the same way today using Mrs. Knott's recipes. The chicken lunch includes two pieces of fried chicken, handmade biscuits, mashed potatoes smothered with gravy, and choice of side salad, chicken noodle soup or cherry rhubarb. If you still have an appetite for dessert, try the boysenberry pie. Limited Space! Meals not included. Tickets are \$5.

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

The Basics - Memory Loss, Dementia And Alzheimer's Disease

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Alzheimer's Association presents a seminar "The Basics - Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease" on Friday, **June 22**, 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 detection, causes, risk factors, stages, and treatments of Alzheimer's disease. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Tech Talk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Tech Talk. This is a great opportunity for seniors to learn how to navigate the digital world. Bring one electronic device at a time, such as a cell phone, tablet

or nook, iPad, laptop computers, and more! Tech Talk is free and is taught by members of our Covina T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) in a one-on-one setting. Program takes place at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Tech Talk is on **June 28**, from 3:30-4:30 pm. 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.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Basketball And T-Ball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Winter Basketball for ages 18 months-11 years and T-ball for ages 3-6. These programs provide instruction and fun in a non-competitive atmosphere. For more information or to register, please call (626) 384-5340 or visit covina.gov.

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.

Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts "Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball" at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark

Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

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

Glendora Adult Basketball Program

Southland Sports Association is offering adult basketball leagues in Glendora. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday leagues begin the week June 25, 2018.

Registration will be accepted, Monday, June 18, through Friday, June 22, 2016.

For more information, please contact Frank Ortiz, Adult Sports Coordinator, at (818) 425-9789 or go to www.ci.glendora.ca.us.

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, 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.

LA VERNE

Get About

Transportation

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

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

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

MONROVIA

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

Stretching is essential for our bodies. The Department of Community Services invites seniors to join our weekly senior

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

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

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

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

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

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.

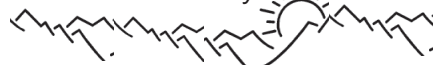
Rummage Sale to Aid Scholarship Fund

GLENDORA - Glenkirk Church will be holding its annual Rummage Sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 at 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora

Items for sale include furniture, clothing for adults and children, sporting goods, kitchen and

bath items, appliances, toys, electronics, books and jewelry. All proceeds benefit Glenkirk's Scholarship fund to help children and adults attend church service projects, conferences, and camps.

For more information call 626-914-4833



Citrus College Celebrates Alumni Month, Names 2018 Distinguished Alumni Recipient

GLENDORA - This May, as has been the tradition of the college since 2011, Citrus College is celebrating Alumni Month by honoring graduates who are a strong force behind the college's growth and progress.

Long after they cast their mortarboards into the sky, Citrus College alumni continue to contribute to institutional success. Whether they are supporting college services by donating their time, ideas or financial resources, or advancing the college's reputation within their professions and communities, they serve as role models by forging paths for others to follow. Many alumni are also active with the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association or the Citrus College Foundation, as both organizations exist to further the college's goal of success and completion for its students.

By recognizing the vision and hard work of alumni, Citrus College hopes to bridge the gap between college completion and finding a rewarding career for its current student body.

"When our students hear

about the tremendous academic and career accomplishments of our alumni, they realize that achieving their own dreams is possible," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Alumni Month is a time for the college to pause and reflect on the triumphs of its past students, but also, perhaps even more importantly, to highlight a successful path for future generations."

The crowning moment of Citrus College's Alumni Month is the naming of its Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Each year, for over half a century, the college singles out alumni who have set an example through their professional and lifelong development, community service, and influence at Citrus College, and awards them with the honorary title. Former recipients include medical professionals, lawyers, business executives, artists, educators, performers, civil servants and skilled workers.

This year's recipient is Karen M. Cullen, Citrus College class of 1964. A fearless educator

and selfless community leader, she is the great-granddaughter of Glendora's first permanent settler, William B. Cullen, a civil war veteran who arrived in 1874. In an unbroken line, Ms. Cullen, her extended family, siblings, mother, father and grandfather all attended Citrus College.

After graduating from Citrus College and the University of La Verne, Ms. Cullen moved to Connecticut in the late 1960s where she began a teaching career. She eventually made her way to the South. As our nation was experiencing social change during the civil rights movement, Ms. Cullen insisted on teaching in schools serving African-American students as well as white students. When she walked onto campus, as the first-and-only Caucasian teacher, she unknowingly became a pioneer in racial integration efforts.

Her involvement in the local community is equally impressive. After moving back to Glendora, Ms. Cullen rolled up her sleeves to assist with Empty Bowls, an annual fundraising event founded by Citrus College alumni and established in partnership with the college's ceramics program. Empty



Karen M. Cullen, class of 1964, is the Citrus College 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Photo courtesy Citrus College. Bowls features ceramic bowls created by Citrus College students and faculty, and the results have been significant by providing more than 100,000

meals and raising over \$70,000 to combat hunger. She served on the board of directors of the Glendora Historical Society and helped organize the Dreams to Reality program at Rubel Castle, which helps local alternative high school students envision and realize their dreams. Her vision to develop a community art center eventually resulted in the creation of the Fine Arts Academy in Glendora, where she taught and helped coordinate activities. Ms. Cullen also served as a class substitute for the After Stroke support group at the La Fetra Center in Glendora, and she has volunteered at local rehabilitation, developmentally disabled and residential care facilities. Finally, she was the founder, instructor and program director of the Citrus College Youth Orchestra.

Ms. Cullen did all of this while simultaneously teaching elementary school for another 20 years before her retirement from education.

In addition to receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, Ms. Cullen will be honored at Citrus College's 102nd annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 16, where she will deliver a speech to inspire the thousands in attendance. Ms. Cullen will then be congratulated by her peers and members of the college community at the annual Alumni Reception immediately following the commencement ceremony.

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Monrovia Troop 66 Tours San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

by Mark Peters

Pendleton, CA - On the morning of May 12th, 2018, 12 Boy Scouts from Monrovia Troop 66 arrived at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Established in 1969, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) was, at one point in time, one of California's greatest power generators. At its peak, it produced enough electricity to power over 1.4 million homes. Its initial success led to the creation of its second and third units in 1983 and 1984, respectively. However, in spite of all of its success in nuclear energy production, SONGS was shut down in 2013 after faulty replacement parts were delivered to the power plant, which could have potentially led to leakage, further fueling the public's fears and qualms over nuclear power. The station is now property of Camp Pendleton's Marine Corps and employs 500 people, most of whom are part of SONGS's elite security team.

As part of Troop 66's nuclear science education, we will go back to April 28th, 2018 where these young men were immersed into a world of physics and nuclear science. Marie Blatnik, Nuclear Physicist & Caltech Graduate Student educated our Scouts for 8 hours. Ms. Blatnik is an amazing professor and has an ability to teach graduate level material to our Scouts where they not only grasped it but enjoyed it. They learned about radiation, the periodic table elements, modern particle physics, radiation safety, elemental decay, how nuclear energy is used to produce energy and the use of Giger counters to detect real



Monrovia Troop 66 Boy Scouts at San Onofre

radiated materials. Ms. Blatnik gave them a tour of the Caltech lab where real-world applications are developed and created. She was able to give Troop 66 an experience into a world that not many see and into a career that not many know about. Ms. Blatnik went out of her way to help our Scouts by becoming trained as a merit badge counselor for our Troop and for this we are truly indebted to her.

Ms. Blatnik was able to join Troop 66 for their guided tour of SONGS, stopping at designated "learning stations" where trained radiation and nuclear professionals educated the scouts on everything related to nuclear power and its management. The first of many stations was about radiation, seemingly the most notorious and fear-inducing bi-product of nuclear energy. The Scouts learned all about how radioactivity was measured and managed in order to maintain a safe

working environment for all SONGS employees. Each station educated the scouts on different aspects of the power plant, from radiation hazards, to the inner core of the reactor and how the energy is transformed to steam to power the generators.

The tour was nothing but educating and a once in a lifetime opportunity for these scouts as SONGS will not be around to tour much longer. Our tour could not have been possible if it was not for the coordination and help of Julie Holt, Mechanical Engineer & Radiation Protection Technician. This day turned into a Scout day with her planning where Troop 66 hosted 3 other Troops at this tour and Ms. Holt turned a simple tour into an amazing education that impacted over 40 Scouts.

A very special Thank you to the team from SCE, SONGS and Nuclear Subject Matter Experts John Ramsdell, Scott

Genschaw, John Mourer, Vinny Barone, Engineering Manager; Liese Mosher, Tammy Bauer, Lynn Sakamoto, John Scott, Health Physicist & Radiation Protection Technician, and Julie Holt, Mechanical Engineer & Radiation Protection Technician. A Heartfelt Thank you to Ms. Marie Blatnik of Caltech for your unwavering desire to educate our youth and for your passion in nuclear science so that others may benefit from your knowledge.

Troop 66 Boy Scouts who were part of this journey were Willem Aponno, Austin Arias, Adrian Guerrero, Roman Bonilla (Troop 185), Lucas Guerrero, Xavier Jaso, Nathan Juarez, William Kurutz, Devin Mari, Dylan Mari, Degas M. Peters, and Joe Vierheilg, and leaders David Mari, Asst. Scout Master, Peter Vierheilg, Asst. Scout Master, Rhonda Aponno, Asst. Scout Master and Sam Kurutz, Asst. Scout Master.

Seven Ways to Set Your Summer Up for Success

Summer is supposed to be the time when you throw the schedule out the window. But, here's the thing: if you have no plan for your summer days, they'll slip by with nothing to show for them. And before you know it, summer will be gone!

"Summer time is a grand opportunity to make amazing memories! I encourage parents to be prepared for summer with your kids...rather than surprised by how badly it can go if there are no plans." DeVonna Drey, Children's Pastor at Church of the Open Door

With nearly two decades of experience in Children's Ministry, DeVonna is "crazy passionate" about shepherding children and their families - here are seven ways DeVonna shares to make memories and set your summer up for success:

1. Plan something special for your family each week...maybe a Friday night camp-out in the back yard...like a "night-cation" "day-cations" are amazing as well!
2. If you are a stay at home parent in the summer, plan a weekly beach or pool day with neighbors and friends.
3. Maybe offer a fun cooking class for your kids and a couple of friends...video tape them learning how to cook spaghetti or tacos...let them watch it later while they eat!
4. Do things for others! Make some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and homemade cookies, pack 10 sack lunches and as

you are going through the day running errands and may see a homeless person, hand out the lunches...this is a great opportunity for your kids to see simple ways of showing kindness to others.

5. Take your kids to an animal shelter to pet the animals if it is possible.

6. Arrange a time of collecting clothes and toys they no longer use and have them help wash and clean them and take them to a thrift store. Be purposeful in allowing your kids to



do as much of the tasks as possible.

7. Parenting Magazine has named VBS one of the top 10 activities for your child's summer calendar for many years. I say take your kids to as many of these summer day programs as you can - start with our Vacation Bible Adventure on June 11-15th! They will enjoy the different themes and make lots of new friends. They will learn and grow in their faith and in their love for God.

DeVonna's advice to all parents this summer, "Give extra hugs, enjoy every moment...as a mom of three amazing grown sons...I can tell you...my memories of summers with my boys are amongst the sweetest I have."

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