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Glendora Takes the Challenge!

GLENDORA - It's been 27 years of fun and games and the Great Trivia Challenge is still going strong! What began in 1992 as a fundraising event hosted by the GPL Friends Foundation is now a community-loved tradition that promotes friendly competition to support the Glendora Public Library.

On February 9th the Friends Foundation gathered eighteen teams sponsored by local businesses and service organizations, to battle it out at the Great Trivia Challenge by answering a series of increasingly difficult trivia questions prompted by Master of Ceremonies, Todd Launchbaugh. Teams represented included: Ameriprise Financial Athens Services, Azusa Pacific University, Crestwood Communities, Foothill Christian School, Forest Lawn, Glaze/Merrick Family, Glendora Education Foundation, Glendora Kiwanians, Glendora Rotary Club, In-N-Out Burger, Implantsmile.com, Kiwanis Club of Glendora, Law Office of Newell & Havens, RG Business Insurance, Seidners Collision, Shepherd's Pantry, and Social Model Recovery.



Shepherd's Pantry came in first place with team members MaryAnn Borer, Rich Janicki and Rochelle White.

After several rounds of questions, the team representing Shepherd's Pantry came in first place and claimed the gold medal with team members MaryAnn Borer, Rich Janicki and Rochelle White. Claiming second place and the silver medal, was the team representing the Law Office of Newell & Havens. While these teams were the Trivia winners, the real winner is the Glendora Public Library and each of you as all proceeds from this event benefit the life changing programs and services of the Glendora Public Library which

includes adult literacy, new parent education, children and teen programs, cultural events and more.

This year's Trivia completion was coordinated by a volunteer committee led by Amanda Petralia, and was sponsored by Athens Services, Azusa Pa-



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cific University, Crestwood Communities, RG Business Insurance Agency-Affiliate of CDS Insurance Services and an anonymous donor. To relive the Trivia Challenge action, visit the Friends Foundation's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gplffoundation

For more information about how you can support the Glendora Public Library and Friends Foundation, contact the Foundation office at 626-852-4894 or gplfriendsfoundation@glendoralibrary.org

West Covina Police Officers Take that Extra Step to Help Homeless Veteran



Officers from left, Dave Sifling, Jeff Mosley and Anthony Coppi pose for a picture with homeless veteran in a wheelchair, William Mack along with the crew from Starbucks.

By WCPD/G. Ogden

WEST COVINA - Recently West Covina Police Officers Jeff Mosley and Dave Sifling encountered a homeless person sleeping in a sleeping bag on the concrete floor in front of a store at The Heights in West Covina which is a shopping plaza on Azusa Avenue just north of Amar next to Big League Dreams. When the officers contacted the man, they learned he was a home-

less veteran in desperate need.

The man, William Mack had lost his legs to a bone infection and was dependent on a wheelchair that was by his side. The officers invited Mr. Mack for a cup of coffee and biscuit at Starbucks.

While in Starbucks with the officers, Mr. Mack shared that he was from Florida, where his brother and mother are currently located. The officers hearing

this, assisted him with a cell phone to call his family to let them know he was okay.

Utilizing additional resources from WCPD, the officers requested Officer Anthony Coppi, who works as a H.O.P.E (Homeless Outreach) Officer, to come down to Starbucks and Officer Coppi assisted with additional resources getting Mr. Mack off the streets, and soon, back to his family.

Acclaimed Author Speaks at Citrus College Women's History Event



A special reception welcoming award-winning author Charmaine Craig was held in the Citrus College Art Gallery as part of Women's History Month. Community leaders, donors and other friends of the college were in attendance. Pictured (L-R): Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, member of the board of trustees; Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the board of trustees; Charmaine Craig, author and keynote speaker; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, vice president of the board of trustees; and Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, member of the board of trustees.

GLENDORA - Award-winning author Charmaine Craig spoke before an audience of community members, students, faculty and staff during a special engagement recently hosted by Citrus College in celebration of Women's History Month.

The event was held in the college's Haugh Performing Arts Center on March 21. During her presentation, Ms. Craig discussed her family's history in Burma, now known as Myanmar. She shared the poignant story of her mother and grandparents who lived in the southeast Asian country when it was under British rule, occupied by Japan during World War II and through its civil war. Their experiences during the country's turbulent move toward independence serve as the basis

of her novel, "Miss Burma."

"Women's History Month provides Citrus College with the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of visionary women throughout history," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The experiences shared by Ms. Craig were sobering, yet fascinating. Her personal story emphasizes the extraordinary contributions women have made and shines a spotlight on many of the issues facing women today."

Longlisted for the 2017 National Book Award for Fiction, "Miss Burma" is Ms. Craig's second novel. Her first novel, "The Good Men," was a national bestseller translated into six languages. Ms. Craig studied literature at Harvard College, received her master's degree in fine arts from the University of California, Irvine, and serves as a faculty member in the Department of Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside.

"Our goal for this event was to

highlight women's issues and to champion the incredible women who have brought about change in the world," said Dr. Maryann Tolano-Leveque, dean of students at Citrus College. "Ms. Craig's presentation was both captivating and inspirational. It served as a reminder of the significant role women play in society."

Prior to the presentation, a special reception was held in the Visual Arts Building's Art Gallery. Community leaders, donors and other friends of Citrus College were in attendance.

"I am proud that Citrus College hosts events such as the Women's History Month celebration," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "It is important to acknowledge and honor the many women who have used their talent and knowledge to make a difference in the lives of others. Our hope is that these events inspire future generations of strong leaders."

Duarte And Bradbury Honor The Environment, April 13th, During Joint "Earth Day" Volunteer Project

DUARTE/BRADBURY - Duarte and Bradbury will honor the Earth with a variety of joint community volunteer projects starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 13th at the Duarte Teen Center. This year's Earth Day celebration, sponsored by the City of Duarte, the City of Bradbury, Burretec Waste Industries, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District will include planting projects, cleaning Duarte parks, beautifying green spaces in Bradbury, and trash pickup in retail parking lots along Huntington Drive.

Some 70 volunteers including 50 teens from the Duarte Area



Resource Team (D.A.R.T), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), are expected to participate in the day's activities along with staff from Duarte and Bradbury. A continental breakfast and guest speaker will kick off Earth Day activities at 9:00

am. Mayors of both Cities will also be on hand to officially welcome and thank the volunteers. The day will conclude with lunch, and participation in arts and crafts, and other educational activities.

Upcoming Event?
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The knot too shabby BAZAAR: A Vintage, Repurposed, Handmade Festival

GLENDORA - The knot too shabby BAZAAR is a spring festival held on April 6 on the corner lot of Glendora Ave. and Bennett Ave. in the quaint Glendora Village. In addition to free admission, furniture painting workshops, a furniture makeover competition, and giveaways, the celebration boasts dozens of high quality artisans from all over Southern California.

The event invites a variety of vendors from local communities who create beautiful handmade goods from home décor to fashion accessories.

"We celebrate the originality and uniqueness of what the local handmade community has to offer," owner Michele Rivard remarks. "In an economy where vintage design and 'found' objects have become mass-produced by our favorite big box stores and celebrity designers, supporting those who still value the authenticity of true antiques and handmade items is even more important to us." The highlights include a vast array of refinished furniture from traditional whites to bold colors. Rustic art created from salvaged materials, retro-

inspired jewelry, and antique housewares are just a few of the unique items.

A limited number of vintage & furniture vendor spaces are available for the spring marketplace. Please visit the knot too shabby website to apply.

Admission is free, but shoppers should RSVP at the official Facebook event for exciting updates and to easily invite your friends and family to join in on the fun. You won't want to miss the genuine local experience that this festival has to offer.

St. Dorothy Catholic Church Celebrates New Parking Lot



Student Nicole C. gets ready to cut the ribbon, while Monsignor Norm and others gather round.

GLENDORA - After almost a year of construction, the parishioners of St. Dorothy Catholic Parish have something to celebrate. The finishing touches have been placed on a beautiful new concrete parking lot for the parish community.

Ground broke in April 2018 with the removal of 67,000 square feet of asphalt that inhabited much of the St. Dorothy property. Through the vision of former pastor, Father Mark Warnstedt, plans were made to upgrade the infrastructure of the parish and add a safety gate around St. Dorothy Catholic School. The chain link fence that bordered Steffen Street on the south side of the parish campus was also replaced with a sturdy, yet elegant, wall with new plantings. According to principal Adrienne Ferguson, "St. Dorothy's was a beautiful, but open campus. We can now offer security and peace of mind that our students are safer while keeping the beauty of our campus."

In an effort to be "green-friendly," new photocell-controlled LED light fixtures were placed around the new parking lot to uniformly light the campus. Additionally, a massive infiltration chamber was dug deep into the earth to retain stormwater in compliance with new state codes. Many of the students were jokingly happy about the "new pool" being dug on the St. Dorothy campus. The 7,097 cubic feet chamber will store and percolate rain water into aquifers.

Parishioners gathered after the 11:30 am mass on Sunday,

March 17th to officially open the parking lot and show off the new motorized gates. A ribbon cutting ceremony was presided over by the parish administrator, Monsignor Norman Priebe, where he expressed gratitude for all who helped make the project possible. Alongside many school & religious education program children, families, and parishioners, St. Dorothy School president Nicole C. had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Everyone was invited to remain for refreshments and view plans for future church renovations.

The new parking lot is but the beginning of a campus overhaul

at St. Dorothy's. "The parish has been serving the Catholic community in Glendora for 60 years," said Monsignor Norm, "and we are planning for 60 more years and beyond." The parish plans to renovate and update its current church building. "The dream to share the Good News of Jesus and worship as one community in a newly-renovated church is tremendously exciting. We can't wait to see what God has in store for our future as a parish community," said Monsignor Norm.

The parish of St. Dorothy Church is located on 241 S. Valley Center Ave. in Glendora.

Foothill Gold Line

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B (Azusa to Montclair)

Notice of Availability & Public Meeting/Hearing

You are invited to review and comment on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and to attend a Public Meeting hosted by the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority). The purpose of the Draft SEIR and Public Meeting are to evaluate through analysis, documentation and discussion the changes proposed to the phasing and design of the 12.3-mile, six-station Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B Project (Project) and to solicit public feedback on the Draft SEIR. Proposed project modifications include construction and operation of the Project in four construction phases (see map below), rather than two phases; relocating the future parking facility at the Pomona Station from the north side of the station to the south side; and implementing a new mitigation measure that would widen White Avenue near the La Verne Station (from 1st Street to 6th Street in La Verne).

The Draft SEIR has concluded that one new significant unmitigable traffic impact will occur as a result of the proposed changes to the project, at the intersection of Glendora Avenue/Route 66. All other impacts have been mitigated to less than significant levels.

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD:

March 22, 2019 - May 6, 2019

The Draft SEIR is available for a 45-day public review and comment period. The document is available at www.foothillgoldline.org and the Construction Authority's office: 406 East Huntington Drive, Suite 202, Monrovia, CA 91016

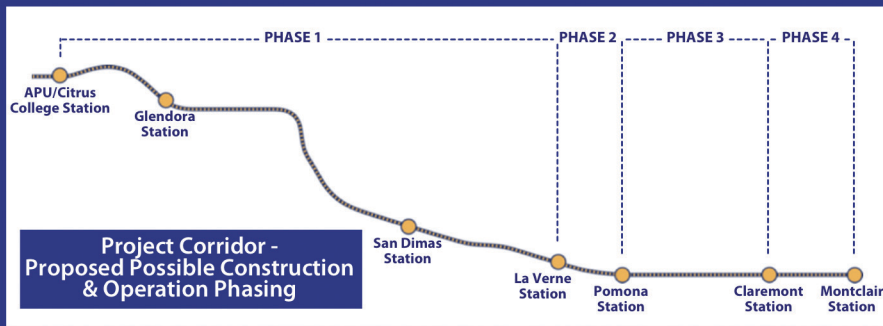
Additional copies are available at local city halls (public information counters) and libraries in the corridor cities of Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

PUBLIC MEETING/HEARING:

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (6:00 PM start time for public hearing)
La Verne Community Center
3680 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

Written comments on the Draft SEIR will be accepted if received by May 6, 2019, addressed to:
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Los Angeles County Supervisors Approve Acquisition Of Property In Walnut Park For New Park Project

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the acquisition of property in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park for the Walnut Park Acquisition Project and the Walnut Park Pocket Park Development Project. The Board previously approved a motion for the submission of grants to fund the projects.

The Walnut Park Pocket - Park Development Project is rooted in the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (PNA), which identified Walnut Park as one of the most park-poor communities in the County. The study of unincorporated Walnut Park identified the acquisition and development of land for a new community/neighborhood park in the area as the number one priority for the community. The Walnut Park Community Park Plan effort in 2015/2016, with

community participation stemming from outreach efforts, resulted in a conceptual design for a pocket park in this community.

In October 2018, the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation entered into negotiations with a potential seller to acquire approximately 0.5 acres of privately-owned, unimproved vacant real property located in Walnut Park for park and recreational purposes. The site is located at 2603-2611 Grand Avenue and 2614 Hope Street in the County of Los Angeles.

"Today's action will facilitate a much-needed community park in park-poor Walnut Park. As we saw two weeks ago at the Board of Supervisors, there is a very high need for high-quality, accessible neighborhood parks," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "A park provides tremendous value to a community, especially those which are dense and underserved. Parks deliver numerous physical and mental health benefits to the community that they serve. Through programming like Parks After Dark, they also provide safe and fun spaces for children and families. Residents of Walnut Park will enjoy this new park for generations to come."

The estimated budget for Walnut Park Acquisition Project is \$1,279,500 which includes funds for the acquisition and related costs, including title and escrow. In addition, the Department of

Parks and Recreation (DPR) submitted a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) in the amount of \$300,000 for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Prop A), to fund the Walnut Pocket Park Development Project.

"The Board of Supervisors continues to support our Department's mission of serving as stewards of parklands by responding to the needs of the community," said John Wicker, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Director. "Through these collaborations, we are building strong and resilient communities one park at a time."

Walnut Park is a 0.75-square mile unincorporated community in Los Angeles County located approximately five miles south of Downtown Los Angeles and approximately three miles from the Los Angeles River. Green space is scarce; currently, the only green space located in and available to the community is Walnut Nature Park, a joint-use park with the Los Angeles Unified School District, approximately 4.5 acres in size. In addition, the community has limited availability of vacant land that has the potential to be converted into community park space.

County Approves Herbicide Ban While Study Is Conducted And Viable Alternatives Are Explored

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Sheila Kuehl that directs county departments to stop the use of the herbicide glyphosate while a full investigation is conducted to examine whether the chemical is appropriate for use by the county based on potential environmental and health impacts.

"I am asking county departments to stop the use of herbicides until public health and environmental professionals can determine if it's safe for further use in L.A. County and explore alternative methods for vegetation management," Barger said.

The use of glyphosate, a main ingredient in the herbicide brand called "Roundup," is a well-known and effective weed abatement method used by many public and private entities. The Agricultural Commissioner, who has established protocols for its use in full compliance with all Federal and State regulations, also uses herbicide. Despite these controls, however, there is a growing body of scientific study around the safety of using herbicides and the potential for negative impacts on human, animal, and environmental health.

"In a 2015 study led by 17 experts from 11 countries, the

World Health Agency's International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded that glyphosate should be classified as 'probably carcinogenic to humans,'" Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said. "That conclusion makes it imperative that we question any long-term use of this controversial herbicide, and that's exactly what this motion calls for."

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbors, and the Agricultural Commission, will study the issue and report back to the Board with findings and alternatives within 30 days.

Crash on 10 Freeway Kills 1, Injures 2. Suspected DUI Driver Arrested

By George Ogden
West Covina - The DUI driver, who was involved in a collision involving an SUV and a car on the San Bernardino (10) Freeway in West Covina in which he killed his passenger, has been identified.

The traffic collision occurred on the I-10 freeway just before 10 p.m., Sunday March 17, killing one and injuring two includ-

ing the DUI driver. He has been identified as Gerardo Alvarez, 67, of La Puente who was arrested for DUI and a murder charge as the result of a fatality while impaired. His bail was set at \$2,100,000.00.

His passenger was an 89-year-old La Puente man who died at the scene.

Alvarez allegedly was driving

a 1998 Ford Explorer at a high rate of speed and came up on slower traffic. He crashed into the rear of a 2002 Nissan Altima, injuring that driver of the Nissan. The Ford Explorer flipped over and ended up on its roof. Alvarez was injured and taken to the hospital in serious condition with a head injury. Alvarez was arrested at the hospital by the CHP.

Relay For Life of Claremont/La Verne

CLAREMONT/LA VERNE - Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in our communities across the world a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones who have lost the battle, and to fight back against the disease.

We need teams: For your own team by gathering 8-15 of your family, friends, and colleagues who love having fun and making

a difference.

We need cancer survivors to honor: Invite a Cancer Survivor To Relay. They will be honored for their courage and strength with an honorary lap. The individuals are celebrated in various ways, from complimentary food and a free t-shirt to enjoying fun activities throughout the day.

We need volunteers at relay: Volunteers to help set up and

break-down the event and to help the day of Relay.

For questions and additional information, email claremontlavereelay@gmail.com or call Debbie Hughes, Event Lead at (909) 772-9234.

Relay for Life will be held at Claremont High School, 1601 N. Indian Hill, Claremont on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 AM - Sunday until April 28, 9:00 AM



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"TIME JOCKEY" - Zorro!

By Joe Castillo

Fictional or Real?... The story of Zorro is a reflection of early California, of the Rancho period when the Spanish still had a hold on Alta California with Mexico beginning to rebel against its European ruler. The book by Isabel Allende is splendidly written from the days of Diego de la Vega's birth until his early exploits as the masked marvel Zorro. The setting for the book is the surrounding areas of the Mission San Gabriel and not the Monterey area as depicted in the movies and television shows.

De la Vega's father is the Alcalde of the Pueblo of Los Angeles, Alejandro de la Vega, who also has a large rancho with an elaborate house, maintained by an ample supply of servants. De la Vega maintained his rancho with a large collection of livestock, crops and vineyards while becoming a leader of the community. Prior to becoming a powerful land owner, De la Vega

served in the Spanish military and had been assigned to the Mission as a Captain of the Guard. His duties included keeping the peace, especially with the neophytes who were working the vast Mission lands and crops.

During one rebellious attack on the Mission, De la Vega encountered his future wife, the rebellious spiritual leader of the Mission neophytes, Toypurina. But Toypurina is wounded by De la Vega in a duel and may have died if De La Vega had not personally nursed her back to health. After a few months, Del la Vega and Toypurina get romantically involved, are married and eventually have a son, Diego de la Vega, who eventually becomes the masked hero called Zorro. The story continues with young De la Vega growing up on his father's rancho and then eventually traveling to Barcelona to attend school and learn the fine art of fencing. But De la Vega finds himself in the middle of the French

invasion of Spain, the Spanish Inquisition and the eventual revolution in Spain.

During this period of time in Spain, De la Vega learns about the injustices and mistreatment of the peasants and indigenous people of Spain by the military and government, and became a leader in fighting for the rights of others. De la Vega eventually flees Spain and Europe to return back to Alta California but during his return voyage meets up with the notorious pirate Jean Lafitte and his equally notorious brother Pierre. The adventurous story takes a short detour in Louisiana but in short time De la Vega continued his journey to Alta California and the Mission San Gabriel. When he arrived at his fathers' rancho, his home is not how he remembered it and the Spanish had tightened their reign on the Mission, neophytes and mestizos who worked and lived in the Los Angeles - San Gabriel area. De la Vega realized his purpose in life is to fight for those who could not fight for themselves and he dons the mask of Zorro to fulfill his life's mission.

Foothill Transit Launches New Electric Bus Service

DUARTE - Foothill Transit has partnered with the City of Duarte to operate the city's two local bus lines and convert their fleet to zero-emission, all electric 35' buses.

Foothill Transit and the City of Duarte will launch the new service, named duartEbus, on April 1. The newly-liveried, three-bus fleet will be charged, operated, and maintained out of Foothill Transit's Arcadia Operations Yard, running nearly identical routes and schedules as the well-loved city system.

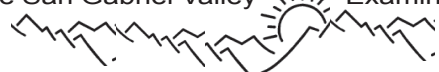
Changes made focused on accessibility and safety, prompting the closure of five stops on both the Line 860 Blue and Line 861

Green, and eliminating age restrictions to open transit access to all customers. The previously free transit system will also incorporate Foothill Transit's fare structure. With a TAP card, the one way fare will be \$1.25 (\$0.50 for seniors and people with disabilities*). The fare will be \$1.50 (\$0.75*) if the customer is paying cash.

The deployment of this new electric bus fleet will make the City of Duarte the first all-electric city system in Southern California. "This partnership is transformative for both Duarte and for Foothill Transit," said Doran Barnes, Executive Director of Foothill Transit.

The story of Zorro is a historical novel but the events of early California under both Spanish and Mexican rule, certainly may have created an opportunity for a Zorro-like person to perform heroic deeds to protect those who were being taking advantage of. Whether fictional or real, the story of Zorro leaves you wondering what life was like in California and Europe in the early 1800's when so much was happening here and the entire world...

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Emperor Newsom's New Agenda

Remember the story about the Emperor's New Clothes written by Hans Christian Andersen. The emperor was told by two weavers the clothes they would make for him would be invisible to those who were incompetent and unfit to hold positions in the Emperor's administration. When the Emperor went out among his subjects in his "new clothes" not a one had the intestinal fortitude to declare the man naked for fear of being called stupid or incompetent or suffering retribution. A child in the crowd finally yelled out, "But he isn't wearing anything at all!"

Compare Gov. Gavin Newsom's history, gubernatorial campaign and the agenda he's putting out today as he goes around the state putting out pieces of contradictory material hoping the voters won't notice and the Democrats in the Assembly and Senate who won't call him out for fear of being taken from their committee positions and suffering political retribution.

Newsom, before being elected and on the campaign trail, supported repeal of the gas tax. A gas tax publicly promoted to fix potholes but quietly being constructed to support more infrastructure, paying off loans from the California general fund and creating hoops for local government to jump through to make it impossible to get a piece of that tax to fix potholes. When the gas tax was called out for what it really was, it quickly became a trailer bill to the budget and was made law in the middle of the night in Sacramento. No action for repeal from Newsom since his election.

In 2004, then-Mayor Newsom of San Francisco, came forth with orders for same-sex couples to be issued marriage licenses by county clerks in defiance of the overwhelmingly voter-approved Prop. 22 on March 7, 2000. 61.40% of the voters said "no" to same sex marriage, but under orders from Newsom, between February 11 and March 11, 2004, 4,000 marriage licenses were issued until Democrat California Attorney General, Bill Lockyer, filed suit to end the practice. August 2004, the California Supreme Court voided all the licenses that had been issued. Then-Governor, Arnold



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
Schwarzenegger, spoke out saying "... traveling down this dangerous path of ignoring the rule of law" is not wise.

The people have spoken at least three times, twice this decade, demanding enforcement of the death penalty in California and the most recent directive by the people demanded that process be expedited. Gov. Gavin Newsom pre-election spoke honestly about his opposition to the death penalty but also vowed to honor the voice of the people. However, with a flourish of his gubernatorial power post election, Newsom has just reprieved 737 on death row telling the Business Insider there will be no more executions while he is in office and provided a flyer of a post on the door of San Quentin gas chamber, "Closed per executive order."

Dan Walters in one of his columns shared comment by Newsom who said defiantly, "The will of the voters is also entrusted in me on the basis of my constitutional right as governor to grant a reprieve to condemned prisoners."

Gov. Newsom opposed Prop. 10, the rent control initiative allowing local governments to enact rent controls, as did almost 60% of the voters in November. But in January news broke Newsom was having talks about reviewing the issue and perhaps enacting a rent cap. The housing bills coming out of Sacramento, along with rumors of Newsom's conversations, suggest the will of the voting public may be once again ignored.

To create affordable housing Gov. Newsom wants 3.5 million new housing starts by 2025. He believes the more housing the

more affordability and local governments aren't doing enough, have abdicated their responsibilities and need to step-up and do their share. To implement Newsom's housing affordability program are SB 50, Sen. Scott Wiener (D-SF) and SB 330 titled "Housing Crisis Act of 2019" introduced by Sen. Nancy Skinner (D, Berkeley) and proposing high-density units within a half-mile of a rail transit station, within a quarter-mile of a high-frequency bus stop, within "job-rich" neighborhoods, go as high as 55 feet to 5 stories, require no setbacks, no parking and reduce or eliminate environmental review to short-cut the building process and cut costs. Impact on cities and counties has not been assessed and no discussion of the public's right to discuss impacts on their neighborhoods. Not available is the legislative analysis of either bill with hearings coming up in April.

Number one on Gov. Newsom's to-do list is Combat Homelessness. 135,000 is the latest estimate, up 14%, but it doesn't seem anyone has assessed (pardon the term) the category each falls into. We have those in hard economic times who genuinely need and appreciate help; those who don't want to be sheltered ever; the mentally ill who need medication / intervention; and, those addicted to alcohol or drugs needing intervention. Former Gov. Brown released 45,000 criminals early from incarceration due to prison overcrowding. Which part of the homeless population are they?

Usurping the long-standing rule of local governments' authority to set the development standards in their zoning ordinance makes Gov. Newsom's effort to dump any kind of housing, anywhere, and call it homeless problem solved makes this a local government fight and not a Republican or Democrat issue.

Beware Sacramento you are in dangerous territory here! Both Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Democrats supporting these legislative proposals and executive orders may be left with no cover just like the Emperor wandering around looking for the incompetents lacking any intestinal fortitude.

California Driver's License Implied Consent, Know the Law

In California, about that signature on your driver's license... it implies that the license holder has given their consent to a breath test or blood test to measure their blood alcohol content (BAC) upon being arrested for a DUI. It is important to keep in mind that implied consent laws only apply to chemical testing required after the DUI arrest. This could be the breathalyzer or blood test. A urine sample is no longer used in California.

Roadside Breath Tests. Officers will frequently ask motorists to submit to a PAS or PBT (also referred to as "preliminary alcohol screening" (PAS) or "preliminary breath test" (PBT), prior to making a DUI arrest. This form of testing should be viewed as another form of field sobriety test which is not covered by California's implied consent law. Although you cannot be penalized for refusing this test unless you are under 21 or have prior DUI convictions, keep in mind that the results can still be used



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

against you in a DUI/DWI prosecution. Take note, that if you refuse the breathalyzer test in the field (PBT), you will "force the hand" of the officer. He or she will most likely arrest you for suspicion of DUI. You will no longer be offered the test in the field even if you change your mind. You will be taken into custody and taken to the station where at that time you will fall under the Implied Consent Law. Your vehicle will most likely be impounded. Now you have a choice of two tests... Breathalyzer or Blood test.

Can you refuse breathalyzer California? Sure, you can... however... in California, refusing a breathalyzer test is its own charge separate from the DUI. ... If you've refused the test twice before or if you've been convicted of reckless driving or DUI twice or more during the past 10 years, your license will be suspended for 3 years.

Again... Implied Consent Law. This law states that by driving a vehicle you have agreed to submit to chemical tests of your breath or blood to determine al-

cohol or drug content, if asked to do so by a law enforcement officer.

What Are Consequences for Refusing to Submit to Chemical Tests after a DUI Arrest in California?

Consequences for refusing to submit to a chemical test after an arrest are severe in the state of California. The penalties for refusal (known as "refusal enhancement penalties") will be levied on top of standard DUI penalties. Refusal enhancement penalties may include:

- First-time DUI offense: Driver's license suspension for 1 year, with possible jail time up to 48 hours and 9 months of alcohol education courses.
- Second-time DUI offense: Driver's license suspension for 2 years, with possible jail time up to 96 hours
- Third-time DUI offense: Driver's license suspension for 3 years, with possible jail time up to 10 days

It is worth noting that failing to submit to a test can result in charges for both the DUI as well as the refusal. Failing to complete a blood alcohol content test can also result in charges, for instance, purposely not blowing hard enough into the breathalyzer. Driving is NOT A RIGHT. It is a privilege. California DMV and the Courts can actually go beyond this. In fact, they can pull your license for much longer or for life in California. This is rare, but it has happened.

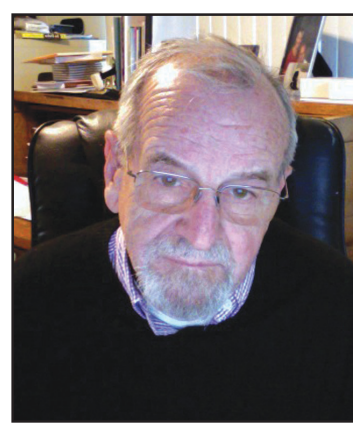
"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Affirmative \$\$\$ Action

There were some very positive things flowing from the oft-maligned good old days. They were certainly good for me. But then I grew up as a middle-class, white, male suburbanite with all the advantages those terms guaranteed. My parents were positive intelligent models. My schools were well funded. My community was safe. Along with scores of other books, we had—and used—The World Book Encyclopedia. I was given music lessons even if they never took. But I also had season tickets to concerts by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and learned to listen to real musicians. When I needed glasses or dental work, I got them. So when I arrived at the college starting line I came in a first-class carriage.

Not so with many others my age. Without any of the advantages I assumed to be normal, they arrived at the college starting line on the back of a mule dragging a bucket of cement. Yet I believed that deep in the heart of what made America great was a dream to provide a more level playing field. I assumed that a just and benevolent nation would find ways to support those who did not have the advantages I enjoyed.

I had learned that the nation's commitment to fairness began with FDR and his New Deal. In more recent years it flourished with the federal program "Head Start" and was nourished with food stamps and "Aid to Dependent Children." All this was accompanied by the demise of segregation. These efforts were largely generated by liberal Congresses and progressive Administrations, and were aimed at offering some modicum of equal opportunity to the less fortunate who had arrived at the college admissions office with limited resources and backgrounds—if they arrived there at all.



Charles H. Bayer

A significant block of wise political conservatives was committed to similar goals. While its members might have been increasingly unhappy with what they called government give-away programs, they knew that the nation's massive inequality had to be addressed, and concluded that programs offering a hand-out were better than public assistance.

The government policy called Affirmative Action was initiated by President Kennedy and aimed at insuring equal opportunities in federal employment. It quickly was expanded to provide remedial help for those who might have lacked the tools necessary for admission to college. However, Affirmative Action was attacked by many conservatives who saw it as a way to establish race-based quotas. White students who held that they were denied college admission when their slots were filled by less-qualified Black students brought a brace of court cases. While race might have been included in the application process, it was not the only or final criterion. Nevertheless, suspicion fueled the resentment, and Affirmative Action came under a withering attack. Thus programs aimed at

assisting many who lacked the advantages so many others had enjoyed were either seriously curtailed or in some cases terminated.

This reaction was part of a right-wing movement aimed at limiting or even eliminating programs that helped provide some measure of equity without resorting to what was called welfare. This mindset has fed the Trump administration's hostility to a variety of social policies and programs. Thousands of regulations mandating protection for the less fortunate and for America's consumers have been eliminated. The beneficiaries have been America's corporations and other big-money interests. The same political mindset can be seen in last year's massive tax bonanza, which substantially benefited the nation's wealthiest citizens. These reversals in public policy evidence the same mentality that has attempted to shut down affirmative action initiatives.

But the sour icing on this poison cake has recently come to light with the scandal revealing ways in which very wealthy parents were able to buy their children's admission to elegant universities using all sorts of dishonest and illegal devices. One wonders what marginal prospective students feel now that they know that those who had their ways bought had stolen the places of the less fortunate. What we now have is affirmative action on behalf of the wealthy! But given the mindset of many of those among America's conservative elite, who should be surprised? That's just the way it is in a society in which the golden rule has been replaced by the rule of those who control the gold.

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It Is A Matter Of Character, Not The Level Of Prestige That Makes A Person Who They Are

"Assistant coach Jack Stovall had him wrapped up for Arizona State..." wrote Dean Smith in his book "The Sun Devils, Eight Decades of Arizona State Football." The biggest player that the staff of Frank Kush ever recruited was waiting with Stovall for a flight to Tempe from the San Francisco airport. But college recruiting is like a spy novel with "recruiters from assorted other universities determined to change" the mind of a star player. When the player decided to take a restroom break, a USC recruiter followed him in. After a series of back and forth discussions, O.J. Simpson, was convinced to commit with the Trojans.

ASU has had a unique, intense relationship with Southern California for a long time, competing for talent and resources. And ASU has provided an interesting locale for Hollywood's films on many occasions. "The Nutty Professor," first introduced by Jerry Lewis in 1963 depicted an ASU professor and the real campus was used in the filming. In 1987, director Ron Casden made "Campus Man," based on a true story of a would-be entrepreneur who publishes a beefcake calendar of ASU athletes, eventually running afoul of some NCAA regulations.

The most famous ASU film from Hollywood was, of course, "Jerry Maguire," made back when the NFL Cardinals played in Sun Devil Stadium. Cuba Gooding Jr. played the greatest "fictional" Sun Devil athlete of all time. Rod "show me the money" Tidwell was a Cardinal recruit who famously bragged "I went to Arizona State! I'm a Sun Devil, man!"

But with the good comes the bad, and somehow, somewhat unfairly, Arizona State acquired a reputation for being not the most academic institution and a

punching bag for many a pundit or comedian.

Fast forward to the current scandal of some 50 elitists illegally manipulating the college entrance procedures to "fast pass" their children into schools they consider prestigious. One school included, USC. But it was the statement from Lori Loughlin, who along with her husband and fellow actress Felicity Huffman, participated in the scam, who said something that raised my eyebrows..."I have some concerns and want to fully understand the game plan and make sure we have a roadmap for success as it relates to (our daughter) and"...here it comes..."getting her into a school other than ASU."

Ooops!
One can debate what is wrong with this story on so many levels. The Progressive community in Los Angeles is on the forefront of ridiculing the same "White privilege" they were utilizing in this scam. How many minority and disadvantaged students they claim to care about, as they tweet and make award show speeches all while ridiculing President Trump, were screwed in the process of obtaining those coveted spaces for their daughters, who expressed a lack of desire to even go to the university unless they could party?

What we have is yet another

"ism." Credentialism, which actually starts in kindergarten advancing all the way to college in a quest for a top-level school. It's an obsession and a misguided priority for privileged children and their families judging, and being judged, by these elite schools. It is no longer how they perform in school, but what school they attend, that counts.

I am a graduate of ASU and attend many Sun Devil Football games. Prior to one game with USC several years ago, I say a poster displayed at one tailgate party. The left half of the poster was a picture of O.J. Simpson with a title "USC Graduate." On the right half, Pat Tillman labeled "ASU Graduate." And a byline "Enough Said," or something to that effect.

We all make our opportunities work for us, regardless of the place we choose. A graduate of ASU or Wichita State can go just as far, and maybe in contrast to the daughters of Loughlin and Huffman, with their potential pedigree from Yale or USC, a whole lot farther.

We should not allow credentialism to force us to apologize for the school we attended. I will not apologize for ASU, and no one else should have to apologize for the school they chose.

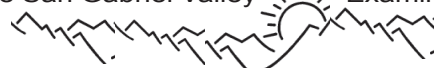
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Is Earnings Recession Hype Over The Top?

The bulk of fourth-quarter earnings have been announced and the average stock has posted a 5.7% sales increase and a 14.3% earnings increase - the fifth straight quarter of double-digit earnings growth.

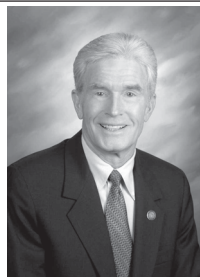
Despite that great news, the S&P declined slightly as CNBC kept warning about a coming "earnings recession." They are referring to the analyst community's forecast that first-quarter 2019 S&P 500 earnings could decline 2.9%, due largely to much more difficult year-over-year comparisons. Specifically, FactSet is expecting that only four of the 11 S&P sectors will post positive earnings growth in the first quarter, namely Healthcare (up 5.4%), Utilities (+3.9%), Industrials (+3.1%), and Real Estate (+1.9%).

However, 2018 was a year of 24% earnings growth and a temporary 6% decline in the S&P 500. Why couldn't a following year of flat earnings not impact the market very much? If the late 2018 extreme correction reflected the anticipated drop in 2019 earnings growth, then the market may now look forward to 2020 earnings (more than 2019's already "priced in" expected relatively flat earnings).

The doomsday stories have dominated much of the media, so volatility continues to prevail. There's the very real threat of Brexit and a European recession. There's the political nonsense of the Green New Deal and the latest "end of the world" rhetoric. How about the China "miracle" of a levitating market with deteriorating fundamentals? One might think that can't go on forever. Wall Street analysts have been warning of a correction in this "overbought" market and many appear to be glad it has arrived. Yes, there are problems in Europe and China, but the U.S. remains the oasis - with a strong currency, stock market, and economy.

In her first full day in Con-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

gress, as the youngest woman ever elected to that honorable body, AOC actually said, "The world is going to end in 12 years," unless we re-invent our way of living, from scratch.

Maybe she should read some history books or listen to some of us old codgers who have endured worse scares. Instead, she parrots the fears of a generation that has grown up with warnings of worst-case scenarios of global warming (now called "climate change" to cover all possible outcomes). Scary videos have convinced an army of youthful non-scientists that we are about to die, but these radical fears are not new.

Shortly after I graduated from college in 1968, a slew of books came out warning of similar Apocalypses: In 1968, the brothers William and Paul Paddock wrote a book called "Famine 1975," in which they said that it was impossible for food production to keep up with population growth. In 1968, Paul Ehrlich published "The Population Bomb," in which he opened by saying, "The battle to feed humanity is over. In the 1970s and 1980s, hundreds of millions of people will starve to death," leaving "only 22.6 million starved Americans alive in 1990."

In that era, the "Coming Ice Age" was considered more of a risk than global warming, since the planet had actually cooled slightly between 1940 and 1975. Cal-Davis professor Kenneth Watt warned about a pending Ice Age.

Is today really "the most divided" America has ever been? We obsess over a minor face-off between a Kentucky high school boy and a Native American in Washington DC. For comparison, in 1969 Indian demonstrators took over the former federal prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay and stayed there for 19 months, declaring it their own sovereign nation.

President Trump only mocks the press and its "fake news," but President Richard Nixon compiled an "enemies list" of his press tormenters and had them audited. He also used VP Spiro Agnew as his attack dog. Agnew called the press "impudent snobs" and "nattering nabobs of negativism."

All through this, the U.S. economy kept growing, with the GDP reaching \$1 trillion for the first time in history. The Boeing 747 made its debut, and the U.S. made two round trips to the moon - Apollos 11 and 12 - all in 1969. The Federal Budget was balanced under Nixon for the last time, until 30 years later, in 1999.

We can focus on all the bad news, or we can look at the progress mankind is continuously generating. Likewise, we can plot historic trends into the future using inaccurate static (straight-line) projections of past trends to create computerized models of doom. However, these flawed approaches have not worked well in the past, nor should they be expected to reveal the future accurately today. Mankind's tendency to worry about imagined problems, while seeking solutions for same, appears to have something to do with all of the negative reporting recently. Or, could it just be the negative politics?

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Your Money - Ask Julia

What taxes would I have to pay if I flip real estate?

When you buy a home, fix it, and sell it, you will have to pay taxes based on the amount of time you held onto this asset. If you hold onto it for a year or less, you're going to be taxed on your short-term gains at ordinary income-tax rates. If you hold this asset for more than a year, you're going to be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate. If you "flip" real estate too frequently, you are considered "in business" - opening a whole different set of rules. You can defer tax on your real estate gain by exchanging it for another property, known as a like-kind, or Section 1031 exchange. This must be clearly stated in escrow. You can do unlimited 1031 exchanges your whole life.

Is this true? Can I invest in an IRA for 2018 even though it's 2019?

Yes, you can, but the deadline is April 15. A traditional IRA is tax-deductible. Those funds and the growth will be taxed upon withdrawal. Although a Roth IRA is not tax deductible, it has many benefits upon withdrawing funds. Since you would have already paid taxes on the money you invest into a Roth IRA, that amount will be free of taxes in the future. Unique to Roth IRAs, the growth (interest earned) is not only tax deferred, it can also be income tax free.

Is it better to go to my bank for a home loan? Or is it better to use a mortgage broker?

Bank loan originators are not required to be licensed and are not held to the same standards and regulations as brokers in terms



Julia Yoder

of testing and ongoing training, mortgages are not their main focus (they also offer auto, boat, personal, etc. loans), are only able to offer limited loan products they have in-house, often charge higher rates, and are slower to adapt to change due to large organizational operations. An independent mortgage professional is a licensed mortgage expert (consistently undergoing continuous training), specializes in mortgages only, partners with several lenders to offer multiple loan products giving you more options, often offers lower rates and cheaper costs due to less overhead, and adapts to industry changes quickly.

I have some money saved that I'm not using. Should I put that money in CDs, or do you have something that is still safe, but could earn a higher rate?

If that money is your only emergency fund, you probably want to leave some of that money there. If you want safe, tax-advantaged savings for future use, and/or to leave to heirs, then I would recommend moving some of that money elsewhere. If suitable for you, consider a fixed-

indexed annuity, or a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy.

I read an article the other day that said if you have an adjustable rate mortgage you could be in for a huge adjustment because the Fed's will be raising rates. Can you look over my adjustable mortgage loan paperwork and explain it to me?

Yes. Scan your document(s) and attach it to an email to me and I'll look it over, and explain it to you so that you can make an informed decision, rather than an emotional one, on whether it's best to refinance or not. This is a free service. If you cannot scan, send me an email and I'll reply with my address so you can send me a copy of your document(s). Meanwhile, rest assured that most adjustable rate mortgages protect the borrower from huge adjustments through "caps"-the maximum amount of each adjustment. Years ago, adjustable rate mortgages didn't have "caps" so the borrower could be shocked by ridiculously large adjustments.

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Toastmasters Sharpen Public Speaking Skills

SAN DIMAS - A professor, college student and drama teacher gave the winning speeches at the latest meeting of a local Toastmasters Club.

Jon Phillips, a Cal Poly Pomona professor, was named the best speaker at the "Toast to the Best" Toastmaster Club 5880's meeting on March 7 in San Dimas. Phillips gave a speech about the pursuing doctoral degrees.

Eric Wild, a Cal Poly Pomona student, was the winner of the table topics section of the meeting, which challenges participants in impromptu speaking.

Drama teacher Peter Romero was chosen the best evaluator for his evaluation of Art Douglas' speech.

Watson to Compete in Division Contest

Club President Rich Watson will compete in the Division A speech contest on April 6. Watson finished 2nd in the area competition on March 2, but



From left to right, Eric Wild, Jon Phillips, and Peter Romero were the winners at the Toast to the Best Toastmaster Club 5880 meeting on March 7 in San Dimas.

advanced to the division level because the winner is unable to participate. The Division A Contest is from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Health Science Center, 450 East 2nd St. in Pomona.

District Celebration Coming Up

The District 12 Toastmasters will hold a celebration on

March 30. Details to come. Check the District 12 website at <https://www.d12toastmasters.org>.

"Toast to the Best" is open to all who are interested in improving their public speaking or leadership skills. The Toastmaster club meets at 7 p.m., every first, third, and fifth Thursdays in the Parish Hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 505 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas. For more information, visit <https://5880.toastmastersclubs.org/>, email info@toasttothebest.org, or call 951-505-0555.

New Sales and Use Tax Rates Effective April 1

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) has notified seller's permit holders that new sales and use tax rates will take effect beginning April 1, 2019. The new rates are the result of voter-approved initiatives.

To find the correct rate for your home or business location, visit www.cdtfa.ca.gov and click the Tax & Fee Rates button. Please note that the new rates will not be available online until April 1, 2019, when they take effect.

Garden Club Plant Sale

COVINA - On Thursday March 28 at 11:00 am, the Friendship Garden Club will hold a plant sale prior to their regular business meeting. This month's guest speaker, Don Delano, Chief Horticulturist at the Fairplex, will speak on spring planting. Club members will provide a homemade tea following Mr. Delano's presentation. The Club meets at the Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina. The plant sale, meeting and tea are open to the public and all interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 626-422-7904.



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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

The Sound of Silence

The job of a muffler is to keep your vehicle quiet. There is a lot involved for a piece of equipment that doesn't look too intricate. It silences the noise of your car in these ways:

- Changes the pressure pulses
- Dampens the pressure pulses

The noise is measured in decibels and the muffler dissipates the level of sound.

There are two types of muf-

flers; direct-fit or universal. A direct-fit muffler doesn't require modifications. A repair shop just has to line it up and bolt it on. They are, however, not readily available for all vehicles.

A universal muffler is easy to find and usually requires some modifications. This is done by lengthening or shortening pipes or even replacing them. New hangers are a must to keep the new equipment from rattling. Thankfully these modifications

are not difficult or expensive; they just take more time. If you are replacing a direct-fit muffler with a universal muffler, don't expect it to muffle the noise as well as the direct-fit. It will be acceptable, but different.

It is hard to imagine the noise level if we didn't have mufflers on our vehicles! If yours needs replacing, just give us a call. The sound of silence can be golden.

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West Covina Police Lt. Benschop Retires



Lt. Pat Benschop retires from the West Covina Police Department

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Congratulations to Lt. Pat Benschop who is retiring from the West Covina Police Department. His final roll call was Monday, March 11 and he leaves the department after 30 years of public service, and 23 of them with the WCPD.

Benschop was well liked and was great with the com-

munity. When dealt with youthful offenders he always made an effort to point them in the right direction. He will be missed by the department.

However, this doesn't end his career with law enforcement. He plans to move on with a specialty field with a different agency. He had a great send-off on his last day and his last 10-7 and signing off.

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Glendora Woman's Club To Present "Mardi Gras On The Avenue" Fashion Show



Glendora Woman's Club Fashion Show committee members, from left, co-president Joy Martau, reservations chair Chris Ohrmund, and co-president Carolyn Cunningham display the show's flyer, an opportunity basket and Tickets, and the colorful masks for the Mardi Gras on The Avenue" Fashion Show set for April 9th at the Glendora Woman's Club Ballroom. Photo by Rose Myers.

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - "Mardi Gras on the Avenue" will be the theme for the Glendora Woman's Club's Annual Fashion Show and luncheon set for Tuesday, April 9. The event will be held at the club's ballroom at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora, said Fashion Show co- chairs Carolyn Cunningham and Joy Martau.

The social hour will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the catered luncheon at noon served by Cambria Catering.

Featured at the Fashion Show will be a selection of contempo-

rary casual fashions and accessories that will be presented by One The Avenue Boutique in Glendora, with commentary by Patti Clow. Clubmembers will serve as models and will be escorted by the Rev. Luff Johnson, according to Helen Storland, model coordinator.

Greeting guests as they arrive will be Steven B. Flowers, vice president of the Glendora Historical Society, with the Josh Elmore and Friends group providing the music for the event.

In keeping with the Mardi Gras theme, table centerpieces will be arranged by Loretta Salazar and Susan Lepkojus with Margaux Viera creating the colorful Fashion Show flyers.

Included at the Fashion show will be door prizes and drawings for the opportunity baskets that will be on display, said committee members.

Helping to publicize the club's Fashion Show on April 9 with be the club's banners display across Glendora Avenue, beginning the second week of March.

Funds raised from the Annual Show help support the club's philanthropic activities and community service projects said club co-presidents Mrs. Martau and Mrs. Cunningham.

To purchase Fashion Show tickets at \$40 per person by the reservation deadline of April 1, call Chris at 909-598-0554

Newcomers and Friends Invites Residents to General Meeting

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

On April 3, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held in Jordan Hall at Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 West Duarte Road, in Arcadia.

This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. You can bring a friend along or just come and meet your future friends!

Newcomers and Friends is a friendly, caring group of women of diverse ages. This group currently has 132 members of various backgrounds and has existed since 1965.

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@gmail.com or visit them online at www.sgvnewcomers.com



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APU Community Counseling Center Recognized for 30 Years of Service

AZUSA - Crowds gathered in front of Azusa Pacific University's Community Counseling Center to commemorate 30 years of service. Providers from across San Gabriel Valley showed their support by attending an Open House celebration on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 13, 2019. More than 100 attendees from four cities came together for the event. In attendance were APU's Provost Dr. Mark Stanton; APU's Associate Dean of School of Behavioral & Applied Sciences Dr. Rukshan Fernando; Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt and Glendora Police representative Renita Ulloa; Azusa Mayor Joseph Rocha; Mayor Pro-temp Robert Gonzales; Council Member Edward Alvarez; Duarte Councilwoman Liz Reilly; Glendora Mayor Mendell Thompson. Also, in attendance was the Azusa Unified School District Superintendent, Linda Kaminski, three



Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha with Azusa Council Member Edward Alvarez, Sally Mansour, Executive Director, Community Counseling Center (APU), Gabriela Arellanes, MSW Intern (APU).

Assistant-Superintendents, several school Principals, and AUSD School Board Members Yolanda Peña, Adrian Greer, and Gabriela Arellanes. Other Unified School Board Members in attendance

were Dr. Rukshan Fernando from Glendora and Reyna Diaz from Duarte. The Center received certificates of recognition from the offices of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Barbara Dickerson; Senator Susan Rubio, Edward Barrera; Supervisor Hilda Solis, Eva Thiel-Maiz presented the Center with certificates of recognition. The overwhelming support set a tone of hope, wellness, and collaboration for the rest of the celebration.

Executive Director, Sally Mansour, welcomed stakeholders from Glendora, Azusa, Covina, and Duarte with a history of the center and future vision. Established in 1989 by APU's Department of Graduate Psychology, the Center began as a training and counseling site. In 1995 the Center was known as The Family Counseling Center; in 2000 The Child and Family Development Center. Soon after, its name was changed to APU's Community Counseling Center. The clinic lives up to its name today by having transformed into a network of

outreach and service integration, where 50% of services take place in the community. Staffed by graduate students in APU's School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences, the center offers low-cost counseling and psychological assessments for the San Gabriel Valley community. Both Dr. Fernando and Dr. Stanton shared that the APU CCC Clinic provides services for about 800 individuals annually.

Capping opening remarks Mayor Joseph Rocha underscored the Center's much needed services, "A family that I know personally needed counseling services, APU CCC was able to open the doors of hope for this family... with the sliding-scale provided, the family was able to receive services, allowing them to reach the help needed for the entire family. The APU CCC is in here for its surrounding communities, and I am happy to celebrate 30 years of service with them. I hope they keep their doors open for another 30 years more."

The program concluded with an invitation for partnership and collaboration from Ms. Mansour for future projects and events. Doors were opened to welcome invitees into this hidden gem where student clinicians and leadership showcased the services provided. Posters highlighted the Center's story in numbers and services offered. Chatting over Pieology Pizza and dessert, community providers and leaders networked and shared about the community's mental health needs and the Center's value.

Ms. Mansour shared during the event "What distinguishes APU's Community Counseling Center from other university-based sites is that we have a very active role in the community. Whether in partnership with school districts, participation in city projects, or collaboration with health networks, we have made community wellness our priority. We are intentional about outreach and have taken our services beyond clinic walls."

Gabriela Arellanes, a master's in social work Intern, expressed her appreciation for the APU CCC, "What I like about this Clinic, is the loving and caring environment that is provided for its interns. I have learned so much from my Field Supervisors Kendra Valdez and Sally Mansour, they both are compassionate and knowledgeable mental health professionals that train the interns, in providing micro and macro level services for the community."

The event's success was marked by representatives from various sectors in the community networking and engaging in conversations about capacity building and advancing wellbeing in the San Gabriel Valley.

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