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Deputy Probation Officer Ray Abernathy Awarded 2019 Community Hero Award

DUARTE - The San Gabriel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presented longtime Juvenile Probation Officer, Deputy Raymond Abernathy with its prestigious "Community Hero Award" at its annual awards breakfast on February 21st. Abernathy has worked for the LA County Probation Department for nearly 18 years and has also been an integral part of the Duarte Public Safety Office for the past five years. "It is easier to build strong children, then to repair broken men," said Abernathy as he received his award. Many officials from the City of Duarte were present to congratulate Abernathy on his outstanding achievement and thank him for his dedication and passion towards the community including Mayor Paras-Caracci.

In his role as a probation officer, Abernathy has served as a mentor and role model to some of the community's most vulnerable, at-risk students in grades 1st through 8th. His focus is on providing excellent prevention and intervention services in the Duarte Unified School District and adjacent Los Angeles County commu-

nity areas. Specifically, he serves minors in our community under two, State of California grant funded programs for "Gang Reduction & Intervention" and the City's most recent award, the "Violence Intervention and Prevention" grant.

To keep minors out of the probation system and prevent juvenile arrests, Ray carries a heavy caseload and never waivers in his commitment to provide the assistance and guidance that a student and their family may need at different points in life. Abernathy's transferable warmth, trustworthiness and outgoing personality has de-stigmatized what was once seen as a program for "bad kids" and transformed it into a popular, meaningful effort that turns kids' lives around. In fact, Mr. Abernathy has always gone above and beyond what is expected of him in the performance of his assigned duties and consistently focuses on serving as an advocate for minors and their families. The City of Duarte congratulates Deputy Abernathy on his award.



The San Gabriel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presented Juvenile Probation Officer, Deputy Raymond Abernathy with its "Community Hero Award".

Speech Contest Winners Advance to Area Contest

SAN DIMAS - An air quality expert and a university employee won a local Toastmasters Club speech contest, earning the right to compete in a regional competition.

Rich Watson, who has worked for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, won the contest in the international speech category at the "Toast to the Best" Toastmasters Club 5880 in San Dimas on Feb. 21. Watson, who is the club president, delivered a prepared speech about "Wildfire Smoke." Art Douglas finished second with his speech, "It Begins With a Smile," while Eric Wild placed third with "What Art Has Taught Me."

Dan Lee, a Cal Poly Pomona employee, won the evaluation contest. In this competition, Lee and fellow club members Maria del Carmen Covarrubias and Peter Romero listened to a speech from a club member and then took turns giving an evaluation before contest judges.



Rich Watson, left, and Dan Lee were the winners of the Toast to the Best Toastmaster Club 5880 Speech Contest on Feb. 21.

Both Watson and Lee earned the right to advance to the Toastmasters Area 1, Area 2 and Area 3 competition on March 2 at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona.

However, because Lee will be unable to attend the area competition, runner-up Maria Carmen Covarrubias will compete in his place.

Winners at the area competition will continue to advance to the division level and then onto the district level. The District 12 competition is scheduled for May 4. For a schedule of the various area and division competitions, visit the calendar on the District 12 website.

Several Toastmasters officials helped "Toast to the Best" run the speech contest. They included Area A-3 Director

Vince Quinones; Karen de Vries, the immediate past district director; and Pam Lue, the District 12 finance manager.

"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.toastmasters-clubs.org> or email info@toasttothebest.org or call 951-505-0555.

Citrus College Recognized as a National Leader in Hispanic Education

GLENDORA - For the 12th consecutive year, Citrus College has been recognized as one of the nation's top community colleges by the Hispanic Outlook on Education.

A national monthly magazine, the Hispanic Outlook on Education provides education news from a Hispanic perspective. Every year, the publication produces a special edition spotlighting innovations, trends and news affecting the nation's community colleges. The issue also includes a ranking of the leading community colleges in the United States.

This year, the Hispanic Outlook on Education ranked Citrus College 25th out of the nation's more-than-1,100 community colleges for the number of Hispanic students receiving degrees and certificates. The college was also ranked 32nd for total enrollment of Hispanic students.

"Being recognized as a national leader in higher education is always a source of pride for the college community," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The faculty and staff of Citrus College are committed to creating a learning environment in which the values, goals and learning styles of students are recognized and supported. It is gratifying to have this commitment validated by the Hispanic Outlook on Education."

In 2012, the Citrus College community pledged to intensify its efforts to ensure that students complete their college



Photo courtesy Citrus College

The Hispanic Outlook on Education ranked Citrus College 25th out of the nation's more-than-1,100 community colleges for the number of Hispanic students receiving degrees and certificates.

education. This pledge was reaffirmed with the college's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, which has one overarching goal: increase student success and completion.

Over the past several years, the college has introduced a number of innovative programs and services to help fulfill this objective, including the Early Decision program, which assists students as they progress from high school to college; I Will Complete College (IWCC), a program that provides first-time students with individual guidance and support; and the Citrus College Promise, which is designed to cover enrollment fees and other college costs for first-time students.

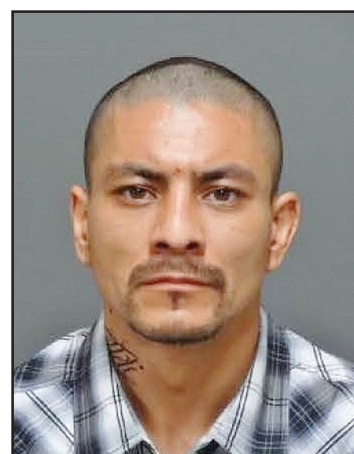
"Citrus College works diligently to provide students with the tools needed to achieve their educational and professional goals," continued Superintendent/President Perri. "Our student population is extremely diverse, so we strive to provide a wide variety of academic, social and financial resources that empower each individual to complete his or her college education. Consistently receiving

recognition for serving students and having high graduation outcomes is a welcomed acknowledgement and validation of this hard work."

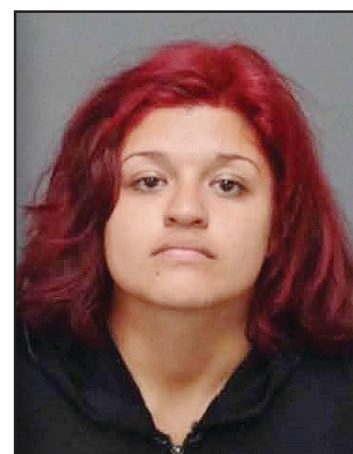
Citrus College's inclusion in the Hispanic Outlook on Education's "Top 50 Community Colleges" rankings is the latest addition to an ever-growing list of institutional recognitions. Most recently, the Campaign for College Opportunity validated Citrus College as a state leader in producing transfer degrees. The college has also been voted the San Gabriel Valley's "Best Community College" by the audiences of two different multimedia organizations.

"I am grateful to the faculty, staff and students of Citrus College who work daily to create a diverse educational community where academic excellence is both fostered and celebrated," said Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Being ranked among the nation's top 50 community colleges for Hispanic students is a reflection of the college community's commitment to student success."

Monterey Park Police Arrest Suspects of Residential Burglary



Raul Ceja, 32, of Los Angeles.



Analleli Geray, 24, of South Gate.

MONTEREY PARK - On February 25, 2019 at approximately 7:21 a.m., Monterey Park Police Department officers responded to the 1200 block of South Lincoln Avenue regarding a residential burglary in progress. Shortly after offic-

ers arrived on scene, two subjects that were seen leaving the residence were detained by officers. Further investigation revealed the subjects burglarized the residence. Both suspects were arrested for residential burglary.

The suspects are identified as: Raul Ceja, 32, from Los Angeles. Analleli Geray, 24, from South Gate.

Ceja has been charged with suspicion of residential burglary. His bail is set at \$50,000. He is set to appear in the Alhambra Superior Court on February 27, 2019.

Geray has been charged with suspicion of residential burglary. Her bail is set at \$50,000.

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Families Explore Thailand at Gilb Museum Program

ARCADIA - Families are invited to enjoy a morning of Thai music, snacks, and a craft at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage on Saturday, **March 9**, from 10 am to noon. Featuring a performance by the Thai Community Arts and Culture Center, this engaging pro-

gram encourages children to experience international cultures through taking a "hands on" approach to learning. For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the Gilb Museum's webpage <https://www.arcadiaca.gov/>

government/city-departments/museum. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.



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Spring into the Season with Upper District's Plant Voucher Program

MONROVIA – Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) launches the region's first ever Residential Plant Voucher Program to residents within its service area. Keeping with the District's core value of providing innovative solutions to water conservation, the goal of the program is to incentivize residents to transform their landscapes with drought-tolerant plants and develop water-efficient gardening practices.

As Upper District enters its 60th year of incorporation, the district continues to lead the region in providing creative and unique programs that encourage the public to make conservation a way of life. The Plant Voucher Program will provide up to \$250 dollars worth of water efficient plants to qualifying residents. Garden View Nursery, centrally located within Upper District's area of service in the City of Irwindale, was selected for its wide selec-

tion of native plants and trees. "We are excited to offer this first-of-its-kind program that we hope will motivate our residents to incorporate more water-efficient practices when gardening. Outdoor water use accounts for nearly 9 billion gallons of water use every day across the United States. Going drought tolerant doesn't mean the landscape can't look vibrant while also saving water," said President Ed Chavez, Upper District Board of Directors.

To participate, residents will be able to apply online starting Friday, March 1st. When applying, residents will be asked to provide a water bill to verify residency within the service area. Upper District serves all or parts of the following cities: Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park,

City of Industry, Covina, El Monte, Glendora, Duarte, Irwindale, La Puente, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City and West Covina.

Once verified, participants will receive a voucher number which they will present at Garden View Nursery for plant pick-up. A list of plants has been pre-approved for this program and are available on the plant voucher program website to access and download. For additional information, please visit www.ecotechservices.net/usgvmwd-plant-voucher. If you have any questions regarding participation guidelines, application process, voucher status, or any other general Program questions please email plantvoucher@ecotechservices.net.

Cesar Chavez Community Volunteer Celebration

DUARTE - Celebrate the birthdate of the late Labor Leader Cesar Chavez by volunteering in your community project on **March 23** on the 32-acre campus of Westminster Gardens. The annual Cesar Chavez Volunteer Project, coordinated by Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and Westminster Gardens, will kickoff at 8:30 a.m. at Westminster Gardens located at 1420 Santo Domingo in the City of Duarte.

The Cesar Chavez Service Project event is one of a number of volunteer projects coordinated annually by AmeriCorps members in service to the City's Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth program.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.access-duarte.com, call (626) 357-7931 ext. 260 or email americorpspr@access-duarte.com

Monterey Park Low Cost Pet Vaccination, Microchip and Licensing Clinic

MONTEREY PARK - The City of Monterey Park, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, will hold a low-cost vaccination and licensing clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Avenue Monterey Park, by the tennis courts.

The licensing of dogs and cats is mandatory. Licenses are valid for one year from the date of issue. While at the clinic, all dogs and cats must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Vaccination clinic price list:
• Rabies vaccine: \$10 (dogs 3 months and older / cats 4 months and older)

- DHLPP vaccine: \$15 (dogs 8 weeks and older).
- Bordetella vaccine: \$15 (dogs 8 weeks and older).
- Canine influenza: \$10 (dogs 7 weeks and older).
- FVRCP: \$15.
- Microchips: \$7.50 (registration not included).

Pet licenses may be purchased at the clinic after the pet is inoculated.

Annual (one year) pet license:

- Unaltered dog: \$60.
- Altered dog: \$20 (with proof).
- Senior discount: \$7.50 (senior age is 60 years or older).
- One dog per household and

dog must be altered, microchipped and have current rabies vaccination.

Military Veterans with Disabilities: \$7.50.

Dog or dogs must be altered, microchipped and have current rabies vaccination.

These prices are valid only during the Monterey Park licensing and vaccination clinic. Vaccinations are cash only, no appointment necessary. Pet licenses can be paid with cash, check or money order. No appointment necessary.

For additional information please call the Monterey Park Police Department Animal Services Bureau at 626-307-1217.

Empty Bowls... Fighting Hunger One Bowl At a Time

GLENDORA - The 16th annual Empty Bowls Benefit will take place on March 8, 2019, 5 - 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 300 N. Glendora Ave. For the \$20 ticket price, individuals will receive a delicious bowl of soup and bread donated by local restaurants, and they will go home with a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl and the satisfaction that they are helping to fight hunger one bowl at a time. The

Citrus College Ceramics department, under the leadership of Mike Hillman, the Tri Community Adult Education's Pioneer Potters, and several local ceramic artists have donated 1,000 bowls to the event, allowing for wide selection and variety. Several service groups will come together, including Citrus College students, Glendora police Auxiliary and Explorers, Kohl's and Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints youth, to support the First Christian Church Empty Bowls project. Proceeds will benefit food assistance programs administered by Shepherd's Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Glendora Police Department. For more info and a complete listing of our event donors, go to www.firstchristianglendora.org/empty-bowls/

Arbor Day Foundation Names Glendora Tree City Usa

Glendora, CA was named in 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Glendora achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and pro-

lamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple ben-

efits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among other benefits.

More information on the program is available at ArborDay.org/TreeCityUSA.

West Covina Unified Named to 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll

WEST COVINA – West Covina Unified School District was named to the College Board's ninth annual Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll, marking its success in promoting college readiness and academic achievement among traditionally underrepresented students.

West Covina Unified is among 373 school districts across the U.S. and Canada and 25 in California recognized this year. This is the second time West Covina Unified – a state-certified district of choice – has been named to the AP District Honor Roll.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this recognition, which truly belongs to our hardworking staff and our students," West Covina High School Principal Ryan D'Errico said. "We are motivated to expand this program and ensure our students have the necessary skills to succeed in college and career."

To earn placement on the Honor Roll, districts had to demonstrate continuous increases in the number of students taking AP courses and passing tests – as well as a commitment to expanding access to AP courses to students of all

backgrounds – from 2016 to 2018.

West Covina High School is the District's AP flagship school and offers 27 AP courses, including music theory, Mandarin and computer science.

From 2016 to 2018, West Covina High expanded AP course enrollment by 83 students, increased the number of tests taken by nearly 300 students, and secured an additional 110 passing scores. To learn more about West Covina High School's AP program and academic offerings, visit wchs.wcusd.org/academics.

International Movies at The Library

ARCADIA – Escape to faraway places through the movie screen at the Arcadia Public Library. The Library is proud to present a year-long series of foreign films on the second Wednesday of each month. Pa-

trons 18 and over are welcome to attend.

Start your Spring on Wednesday, **March 13**, with the engaging Israeli film, *The Wedding Plan*, the story of one woman's determination not to

let a broken engagement stop her plans for marriage. On April 10, the Chinese film, *Mountains May Depart*, a film about a different sort of marital pursuit, will be the featured film. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring your dinner if you wish – dessert is on us.

For more information, please call 626.821.5569 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Donations Needed

COVINA - Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Campus Auxiliary in Covina has a thrift store named The Bargain Box. The Bargain Box welcomes donations in good condition of clothes, shoes, ceramics, dishes and small pieces of furniture. This is a non-profit store and donations are

tax deductible. The hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday from 10am-4pm and Saturday from 12-4. The store is closed Sunday and Monday. The Bargain Box is located at 216 E. Rowland Ave. in Covina. For more information call (626) 332-4847.



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Jessica Patterson: First Latina GOP Chair

In one of the fiercest campaigns the California Republican Party has seen in many years, it overwhelmingly elected Jessica Patterson to be its first chairwoman. A Hacienda Heights resident, wife and mother, pulled in 55% of the vote in the first round against the two competitors, former Assemblyman and gubernatorial candidate, Travis Allen, and political activist, Steve Frank.

Patterson will lead the state party board with several new members including Vice Chairman Peter Kuo, a Taiwanese American businessman from the Silicon Valley; Treasurer Gregory Gandrud who is openly gay, from the Santa Barbara area, with a USC degree in business administration; and, Secretary Randy Berholtz, who has worked with the Election Integrity Project California and various college Republican groups.

"Today we are starting the next chapter in our party's history - no egos, no personal agendas, no drama. We are going to be about one thing: winning," Patterson told the overflow crowd and delegates at the Convention. To show her big tent philosophy, she immediately offered leadership positions on a voter registration task force to Travis Allen and Steve Frank who both had been critical of the lack of increase in Republican registrations this past year and supported a stronger effort in registrations.

Jessica Patterson has a long, wide-ranging political background beginning as a California Republican Party intern moving up to Director of Victory operations in just eight years. She has served as president of the California Federation of Republican



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

Women, volunteer for former Governor Pete Wilson, done an internship with Assembly Member Bob Pacheco, and the California Republican Party and later became the Executive Director of the Ventura County Republican Party. In 2006, she was named Regional Political Director for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in his landslide re-election, went on to serve as the Nevada Victory Director for John McCain for President and served as Field Director for Meg Whitman for Governor. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Marian Bergeson Series, a training program designed to recruit and train the next generation of Republican women in California politics and remains with that organization as a board member.

Most recently, she has served as CEO of the California Trailblazers, a Republican organization that recruits and trains candidates for each election cycle with a well-versed political Board behind her.

- Jeff Randle, Gov. Pete Wilson's Chief of Staff;
- Howard Hakes, founding

member of the New Majority Los Angeles;

- Mario Rodriguez, Chairman of Hispanic 100;
- Lydia Beebe, first female officer at the Chevron Corporation, who was Gov. Pete Wilson's appointee to the Fair Employment & Housing Commission and President George W. Bush's appointment to the Presidio Trust;

- George Andrews, Political Director for the Assembly Republican Caucus;
- David Reade, Chief of Staff to Senator Jim Nielsen.

Patterson will lead the California Republican Party and its members and conservative residents who are tired of seeing the statistics generated by the Democrat supermajority and gubernatorial leadership in this state. Statistics that show Californians are facing the highest housing costs, lowest graduation rates, highest gas taxes and a never ending hand in my pocket for more, including a first-ever water tax. We need leadership that can give us conservative Republicans in Sacramento and change the course we are on now.

When I served on the city council, California was touted as the 5th largest economy and now it has dropped to 7th. Businesses are leaving this state to other areas, primarily Texas, and that means lost jobs further damaging California's economy.

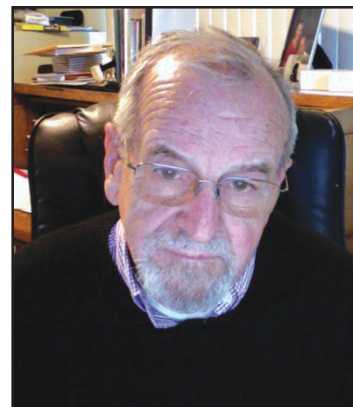
Jessica Patterson is 38-years young, energetic, well-spoken and focused on bringing Republicans' confidence level back and assuring the conservatives of this state that Republicans can do the job bringing California back to being the Golden State.

ASID

I do not usually use this column to review films. But now and then something I have seen has stirred my imagination and my memory. Recently the film, "Wonder" did just that. The central character is a young boy who was born with a seriously deformed face. After a series of surgeries he was able to start attending school. But it was a desperately hard introduction to the public world. He was the subject of ridicule, bullying and the sort of cruelty one occasionally finds among children. If someone touched him, that person was called "unclean," and the taunting escalated.

The film, but sent me back 78 years to the sixth grade at Brookline Grade School in suburban Philadelphia. In my class was a very shy girl whose name was Asid, who for some reason became the target of all the cruelty kids of that age could dream up. For several weeks if anyone touched her, the cry went out, "You've got Asid." It was terrible game played particularly by the class leaders. The viciousness never let up. Day after day Asid, who was desperately shy to begin with, withdrew even more deeply into her solitary shell.

I never played this cruel game, not because I was above such nastiness, but, believe it or not, I too was lonely, shy and withdrawn beyond belief. My wife still stays in contact with her earliest year's classmates; I do not. In fact, I have never had a high school friend with whom I have remained in contact. In that grade school I was the least likely person to act out for good or for ill. And yet I knew that what the real cool kids



Charles H. Bayer

were doing to Asid was wrong. Perhaps it was not simply what my parents has tried to teach me, and not just what my church was all about. While I never took part in the bullying, neither did I come to her defense.

Asid was the one person in the class who was different. Her father was the town's shoe repairman. Asid's brother, Henry, who was a year ahead of his sister, was the friendly outgoing class clown everybody liked. Asid's problem was not his problem so he managed to ignore what was happening to her.

The family was from one of the southern European areas. The family's name ending in "ian" should have been a clue, but I was not paying attention. Henry and Asid both had a delicate skin several shades darker than anyone in the class, and that distinction was no doubt the basis of the racist game that went on beyond the sight of our teachers.

At the end of the school year the time came for the traditional class dance. I had endured three weeks of ballroom dance lessons, but I did not recall a moment of enjoyment. Each boy in the class was expected to ask one of the

girls to be his partner, which meant that his name would be number one on the dance card she had attached to her wrist. I was far too shy to ask any of the girls to be my partner, and by the afternoon of the dance I was still unattached. You might guess who was the only girl also in that situation. So Asid became my dance partner. My name was written on her card, not only for the first dance, but also for several others.

I wish I knew what happened to her after my family moved out of the area. I still can see her in my imagination. My guess is that as she entered her teen years some other boy saw the marvelous, brilliant beauty that emerged in this olive-skinned young woman. I hope so. She probably became one of the region's most attractive and competent women.

Asid has left one other impression on me. For most of my adult life I have been aware of the tragic effects of juvenile bullying and have sought in my work and curriculum writing for High School students to help young people face their own cruelty.

All this came back to me when many years ago, as a pastor, I got a call from a devastated parent whose 8th grade son had hung himself in the family's basement. It seems that Justin was the object of juvenile cruelty, for the day before he had been stuffed in a trashcan by a gang of boys looking for a bit of "childish fun." That incident reignited in the ears of my imagination the taunt, "You've got Asid." You cannot escape from some memories.

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MY TURN: John Wayne May Be Grounded In Santa Ana

"Over the mountains of the moon, down the valley of the shadow, 'ride boldly ride,' the shadow replied... 'if you seek for El Dorado.'"

A nine foot statue stands in front of the Thomas F. Riley Terminal at the Orange County airport. Dedicated in 1982, it commemorates the new name the airport received, John Wayne Airport, Santa Ana, California. But apparently in yet another attempt to cleanse our past culture with revisionist sensitivities, a group wants to remove the name and possibly that statue from the airport. An eight hour long Playboy magazine interview in 1971 given by John Wayne, revealed his honesty, his sometimes blunt but heartfelt cadence, as he described his concerns about the direction Hollywood was going in with its changing landscape of film making. The worst part is, like any such 20/20 hindsight, this rebuke of the language "The Duke" has always been known for, was trying to contradict how an individual lived his life. Arizona State Historian Marshall Trimble said upon hearing the news, "What kind of idiocy are these Leftist lunatics going to come up with next? I wouldn't think they would be able to pull it off but one never knows."

We all know of Wayne's history in Southern California, from Glendale, to USC to the Hollywood film lots. But in the state that I reside in, Arizona, John Wayne made quite a large footprint as well on and off the screen. Since Harry Goulding, way back in the 1930's, first pitched his Monument Valley scenery to director John Ford, Arizona has been a reliable "go to" locale for Ford and Wayne and the whole Ford film troupe. Sedona's Red Rocks and the old adobe structures at Old Tucson continued what began in the Four Corners region.

One implication in the Playboy interview's hit piece reaction was Wayne's treatment of Native Americans. In contrast, him and Ford built a respected, mutually



Charles Lopresto

beneficial relationship and friendship with the Arizona tribes. One can remember the scene in "McLintock," filmed at Old Tucson. The Indians that the cattle baron once fought against asked Wayne's character to speak for them at a hearing meant to incarcerate them at Fort Sill. Hearing the words that G.W. McIntock reads were powerful and honest. "We are an old people and a proud people... charity is a fine thing for widows and orphans...but not for brave warriors...we will fight and we will die Comanche." Anyone who knows Wayne would also know that it was quite possible that John Wayne was not just acting in that particular scene.

But off camera as well, Wayne found enjoyment in Arizona for the lifestyle he preferred over the uncomfortable Hollywood glitz.

Arizona is known for the five "C's." Cotton, Citrus, Climate, Copper and Cattle.

In 1958, John Wayne purchased 4,000 acres of prime cotton land near Eager, Arizona and went into the cotton business. He partnered with a smart and experienced cotton farmer named Louis Johnson. With their now jointly owned 14,000 acres, Wayne gave Johnson the challenge to produce "4 bales of cotton to the acre" for every harvest and each time, if successful, Wayne would buy Johnson a new car. So another "C" was added to the mix—Cadillacs. A man I know, who in his younger days, had business dealings with the farm community headquartered in Phoenix, told me that Wayne

and Johnson would go to the downtown Central Avenue Coulter Cadillac dealership and pick out an El Dorado.

Due to federal cutbacks on water allotments in the 1960's, it became necessary for the two to expand and they transitioned into raising Hereford cattle. Before long the partners had their spread in Eager called the 26 Bar Ranch and another large place called the Red River D Ranch in Springerville, Arizona, in the White Mountains and down in Stanfield, partway between Tucson and Phoenix. Stanfield was home to an 85,000 head feedlot, the largest privately owned, high tech facility of that type anywhere.

John Wayne especially loved his time in Eager, where he became a part of the community. To this day, they celebrate John Wayne Days, complete with a rodeo. Whether it was hanging out in various Tucson and Phoenix restaurants, or managing the many ranches in the state or just kicking back in Eager, the time Wayne spent in Arizona was significant enough to be remembered and cherished.

Stealing a line from Monte Walsh, "all they (cowboys) got is freedom and pride. Keeping their word and looking out for one another. All they got is their rules." The rules are not written down, "they are lived."

The John Wayne that is remembered by the people who knew him, not the revisionists, is all that matters. So I would say to Ethan Wayne, come to Arizona and if your father's legacy is not good enough for Orange County, bring his name and his statue to our state. He will still have a home here.

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.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Capture of Tiburcio

By Joe Castillo

Notorious Bandit (cont.)...

In my previous column, I noted that Tiburcio Vasquez was holding Alessandro Repetto hostage at his Monterey Hills rancho, eight miles east of Los Angeles. The \$800 ransom was paid but Sheriff William Rowland was waiting to capture him with a posse in hand. But the daring Vasquez was too cunning and escaped the trap which had been set for him. He fled through the Alhambra tract and even stopped to rob a couple of water workers, relieving them of their gold watches.

Vasquez fled to the Tujunga Pass and stopped at the home of "Greek George", a former camel-driver who was living near Hollywood. Sheriff Rowland received information that Vasquez was staying at Greek George's rancho and he set about sending an undercover deputy acting as a ranch hand seeking employment. The informant returned with information that Vasquez was indeed staying at the rancho prompting Rowland to organize a group of well-trained, experienced lawmen to complete the arrest.

The posse arranged to meet at IAM with the intent to finish the mission they were brought together for but Sheriff Rowland chose not to go with them to the ranch and be involved with the actual raid, a decision which would follow him for the rest of his life. The posse followed their plan and moved to their location around Greek George's rancho. After taking their positions, they waited until sunrise and at the appointed time, approached the

main house. A gunfight ensued causing Vasquez to flee out the back door, where he was greeted by a round of shotgun blasts. Realizing he was caught, wounded, with no opportunity to escape, Vasquez raised his hands and replied to his captives "Boys you've done well, but I've been a damn fool and I have no one to blame but myself".

They brought the bandit back to the main house but did not know who they had captured and when they asked, he gave the name of Alessandro Martinez. The description of the man was 5 feet 6 inches in height, square built, small hands and feet, thick coarse black hair, low eyebrows, a mustache and of course, cunning eyes. A search of the rancho followed and some of the items which Vasquez had stolen were uncovered, and after more interrogations the bandit admitted that he was Tiburcio Vasquez. He was then taken into custody and transported to Los Angeles where he was held at the county jail.

While waiting for trial, Vasquez was visited by a large

number of people, most of them being females with romantic interests. After Vasquez' wounds were healed, he was put on trial for the murders he committed in Tres Pinos. His defense counsel was paid for by cattle barons Henry Miller and Charles Lux from their cattle business, as a matter of policy and not as support for Vasquez. His new attorneys asked for a change of venue and the trial was moved to San Jose. The change didn't help Vasquez as he was tried, found guilty of murder, and in March 1875 was hanged.

One of California's most notorious bandits and his reign of terror had come to an end. The man who would become known as "Bandito" would meet the same end as the many other California outlaws who turned to a life of crime, becoming a footnote in the notorious history of California...

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Should We Expect Another Pre-Election Rally?

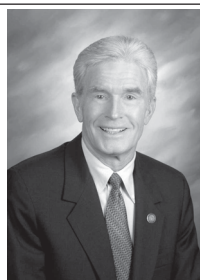
Since 1940, pre-election years have delivered more than twice the average gains of any other year in the election cycle. Why? Pre-election years tend to rise more than most years since Americans are usually optimistic about the "hope and change" that new candidates bring in the months before an election.

The last pre-election year, 2015, was an anomaly because the presumed winners in 2015 looked like a rather dismal re-run between the third Bush (Jeb) and the second Clinton (Hillary), neither of which aroused much enthusiasm—even in their own Party (much less the population at large). To add to the gloom in 2015, U.S. GDP slowed to a snail's pace (+0.7%) in the second half of the year, hence a small -2.2% decline in the Dow in 2015. That malaise eventually contributed to an unexpected victory for Donald Trump.

The President's role (covered by Article II of our Constitution) has often been ceremonial. Our Presidents have been appointed pardoner of selected miscreants, communicator in an annual State of the Union talk, commander in chief (not in the field, but as a civilian controller of armed forces), and maker of treaties (subject to 67% Senate approval).

In more recent times we have appeared to want a President who acted more like a King, an all-powerful President doubling as the leader of the Free World (even if it meant operating beyond Constitutional authority). Interestingly, we now face a multitude of Democratic candidates calling for radical change which may be beyond the Constitution's powers for either the Congress or President. For example:

In A Nutshell What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
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• **Medicare for All** (proposed by Senators Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, and 13 other Senators) would replace all private health insurance with a federally-administered single payer. Some bureaucrat would decide what drugs to pay for, what care to deliver, and how much to pay. Private insurance would be banned. The program would cost at least \$3.5 trillion a year – more than doubling all current spending, and eventually doubling taxes.

• **The Green New Deal** (proposed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and endorsed by 70 other Representatives and four Presidential candidates) calls for the elimination of fossil fuel energy production by 2030, eliminating most cars and airplanes, the refurbishing of virtually every building in America, not to mention free education for life, free housing, free food (but no domestic availability of beef)!

• **A Corporate New Deal** (proposed by Elizabeth Warren) requires businesses with over \$1 billion in annual revenues to elect current employees to be 40% of its Board of Directors, while requiring outside governors to ensure that the company provides vague "benefits" to society beyond mere profits and revenue.

These programs and others

could include a guaranteed job (or comparable income) for all, and vastly higher taxes. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez favors 60% to 70% tax rates for the "tippy-top" taxpayers (yes, that's her quote from *60 Minutes*). Mr. Sanders wants to raise the top death tax rate to 77%. The House Ways and Means committee wants to raise the payroll tax to nearly 15% (14.8%). Ms. Warren wants to add an annual 2% wealth tax on assets above \$50 million and 3% on assets above \$1 billion.

There are a lot more proposals which might bring the American economic engine to a halt, but these comprise a fair sampling of their opening enticements. This, of course, puts the Republicans in the role of trying to save capitalism from the plundering hands of the "kleptocrats". If one of these many socialists becomes President in 2020, we should expect a recession and market crash at least by late 2020 or early 2021.

However, it is hard to imagine that a majority of American voters want to throw out our Country's recent economic progress (especially after living through many prior years of ineffective Washington leadership before Trump's election).

Assuming the craziest socialist candidates fade away, and sanity looks likely to prevail in 2020, then 2019 could be another strong year for financial markets. However, confidence in ongoing beneficial economic conditions could also remain fragile and volatile.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Can I deduct something on my tax return if I don't have a receipt?

It's always better to have a receipt. If you cannot obtain legitimate proof, sometimes an entry on your calendar, diary, or log of some sort might help. "Standard" deductions don't require receipts. Check with your CPA for further tax advice.

Am I going to have to pay taxes on all the profit I make from selling my house?

As a single homeowner, you can exclude up to \$250,000 of capital gains. If you are married, filing separately, each of you can exclude up to \$250,000. If you are married, filing jointly, together you can exclude up to \$500,000 of capital gains. This exclusion is allowed each time you sell or exchange your principal residence, as often as every two years. You are not required to reinvest your proceeds into a new residence to claim the exclusion. To be eligible for the exclusion, you must have owned and lived in your home as your primary residence for a combined period of at least two of the last five years prior to selling or exchanging your principal residence. New tax law: three of last five years.

I have a 401k at work, several CDs, and a little savings. I'm about 5 years from retirement. Should I put some of my money into an annuity rather than a CD?

How you invest depends on



Julia Yoder

your specific financial situation, your personal risk tolerance, age, goals, and other factors that establish what's suitable for you. Some annuities offer an upfront bonus, and they all offer deferred taxes. With CDs you pay taxes on the gains annually; with annuities, you pay taxes when you use the money. Many annuities offer living benefits: access to at least some of the money without penalties, nursing home benefits, death benefits, and more. CDs don't offer those!

I saved and planned, but various things happened during my life which have undermined my plans to have plenty of money in retirement. How can I get over being scared and depressed?

Good and bad events in our lives (marriage, buying a house, unemployment, dependents' needs, serious health issues or accidents, divorce, economy) impact our best-laid plans. Each event typically derails a person's savings for almost 5 years. We

really need to plan for the worst and hope for the best. Insurance and emergency funds help in many cases. Your feelings are normal, and to be expected. What you're experiencing is equivalent to the death of a loved one. And, as such, the 5 stages of grief are applicable. Stage one is denial. This involves not looking at your investment statements, hoping your losses are not real. The second stage is anger, when you ask, "Why did this happen to me?" Stage 3 is reasoning. When it comes to investments, this involves hoping the market will rally enough to return your retirement investment and plans to the way they were. Then comes Stage 4, depression, where folks find themselves giving up in hopelessness. And finally, there's the 5th stage, acceptance. This is where you realize that you've got to make the best of what you have, that bad things don't last forever, and that you need to make necessary adjustments.

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Free Seminars To Help Local Businesses File Business Property Statements

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor is holding a series of seminars across the County for business owners who are required to file Form 571-L declaring business personal property (e.g., equipment, furniture, machinery) worth \$5,000 or more. Participants will re-

ceive guidance on what is considered to be business personal property, what the filing process entails, and who is eligible to file electronically. These seminars are part of a public awareness campaign intended to provide Los Angeles County residents and business owners with useful information about services and

property tax savings programs offered by the Assessor's Office.

Space is limited. RSVP information and additional details about the business seminars can be found at assessor.eventbrite.com. For more information, please call (213) 974-3101 or visit assessor.lacounty.gov.

National Organization Names Citrus College an Award of Excellence Finalist

GLENDORA - Citrus College is one of only four community colleges in the nation that has been selected as a finalist for the 2019 American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Award of Excellence in the Student Success category.

The AACC is a national organization working to promote the important role that two-year colleges serve in today's society. They provide advocacy, leadership and support for community colleges throughout the United States.

Every year, the AACC recognizes the exceptional work accomplished by the nation's community colleges by presenting Awards of Excellence in six categories: Student Success, Advancing Diversity, CEO/Board Relationship, Community College Safety and Planning, Faculty Innovation, and Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership. While only 20 of

the nation's more than 1,100 community colleges were selected as finalists, only two of these colleges are from California.

"I have personally witnessed the extraordinary efforts of our faculty, staff and management to embrace student success and completion as the institution's highest priority," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Being named a finalist for this prestigious award is an extremely fitting validation of the college's efforts, which have led to stellar student outcomes."

The AACC Award of Excellence in the Student Success category recognizes a community college that has demonstrated a sustained commitment to student achievement. The criteria used to determine this year's finalists include the development of a comprehensive strategic completion plan, the achievement of measurable and

significant increases in degree completion, certificate completion, and transfer from two-year to four-year institutions.

In a letter submitted to the AACC, U.S. Rep. Judy Chu of the 27th Congressional District expressed her support of Citrus College and cited the college's diversity statistics, promise program and collaboration with K-12 partners as reasons for its eligibility.

"Citrus College is a model institution for student success," wrote Rep. Chu. "I am confident that Citrus College will stand out as a clear champion."

Additional factors that make Citrus College an ideal candidate for the 2019 AACC Award of Excellence in the Student Success category are its 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, with the overarching goal of increasing student success and completion, and the college's progress in creating associate degrees for transfer. The increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded, as well as the college's improved transfer rates, are also significant.

"Citrus College is proud of its efforts to align with the AACC's 21st Century Initiatives for improving college readiness, increasing student completion rates and investing in collaborative support structures," said Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "On behalf of the board of trustees, I extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Perri for her leadership, and to the faculty, staff, management and students of Citrus College who make recognitions such as these possible."

THE CAR GURU
WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW
By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialist

Never Assume

In a recent study of several hundred people, the question was asked, "Does the auto shop where you take your vehicle employ certified technicians?" The vast majority answered that they assumed that they were certified.

Sadly, this is not the case! Someone who cuts hair or does manicures is required to be state certified and take continuing education classes, but a mechanic, who works on tires, engines or brakes doesn't need a single day of training nor are they required to have the proper tools.

The only certification system we have in the automotive repair industry is strictly voluntary and is administered by Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) which offers a series of written tests that a technician

can take to be certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At Certified Auto, I require all the staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well.

A smog technician is the only exception. Smog technicians are licensed by the state and require continuing education.

I recommend using an AAA Approved auto shop because they require ASE certified technicians and those technicians must have a minimum set of tools for the cars they work on. AAA approved shops have tough standards and you, the consumer, have a voice through the arbitration system if you feel something went wrong with your car repair.

In these uncertain times, sav-

ing a few dollars is always something to consider, but don't get so caught up with a low price that you get poor service/repair. This will cost you more later. Have a knowledgeable certified technician perform the service or repairs on your car; it will save you time and money in the long run. Before you agree to have any work performed, ask if the technician working on your car is certified for that year, make & model.

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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.

ARCADIA 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.

BALDWIN PARK Tanaka Farms Strawberry Tour

Join us on Thursday, **March 21**, from 8:30 am -3:30 pm as we take a one hour long wagon ride around the Tanaka Farms. Learn about the farming methods and history of our farm from your friendly tour guide. You will see how fruits and vegetables grow! Throughout the tour, you will sample several seasonal fruits and vegetables. The last stop on this tour is in the strawberry patch where you can pick and eat

strawberries! Everyone will take home a one pound basket of strawberries! We will also be stopping by the Irvine Spectrum Center, an outdoor shopping center with over 130 stores and 35 restaurants for shopping and dining. Meals not included. Limited Tickets! Tickets are \$20 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA Garden Club Meeting

On Thursday **February 28**, Gracella Gibbs of Los Artistes will demonstrate how to make arrangements for the Friendship Garden Club's upcoming Annual Flower Show which uses the Norman Edwards style of arranging. The Club meets at the Covina Woman's Club, 128 S. San Jose, Covina. The presentation will last one half hour following the business meeting and a craft boutique beginning at 11:00am. Ms. Gibbs will be available for questions during a tea following her program. All interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 626-422-7904.

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.

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

Blood Pressure Checks

Health Care Partners will provide a medical assistant to do free blood pressure checks. No appointment needed. **Every 2nd Tuesday** of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Meals on Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

Senior Lunch

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

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 par-

ticipation 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 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.

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

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Oranges

Enjoy a "Slice of La Verne's Past" while picking some of the best tasting oranges around at Heritage Park. The Heritage Foundation offers you one of the last working orange groves in the area as a place to enjoy with your family. Bags of oranges are \$5, and mesh bags and the picking poles are supplied. The historic Weber house will also be open for tours from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Orange Picking opens Saturdays beginning January 12 and continuing approximately until the beginning of March. For more information call (909) 293-9005 or check out their web site at www.laverneheritage.org. Heritage Park is at 5001 Via De Mission, La Verne.

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

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.

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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.

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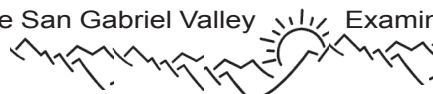
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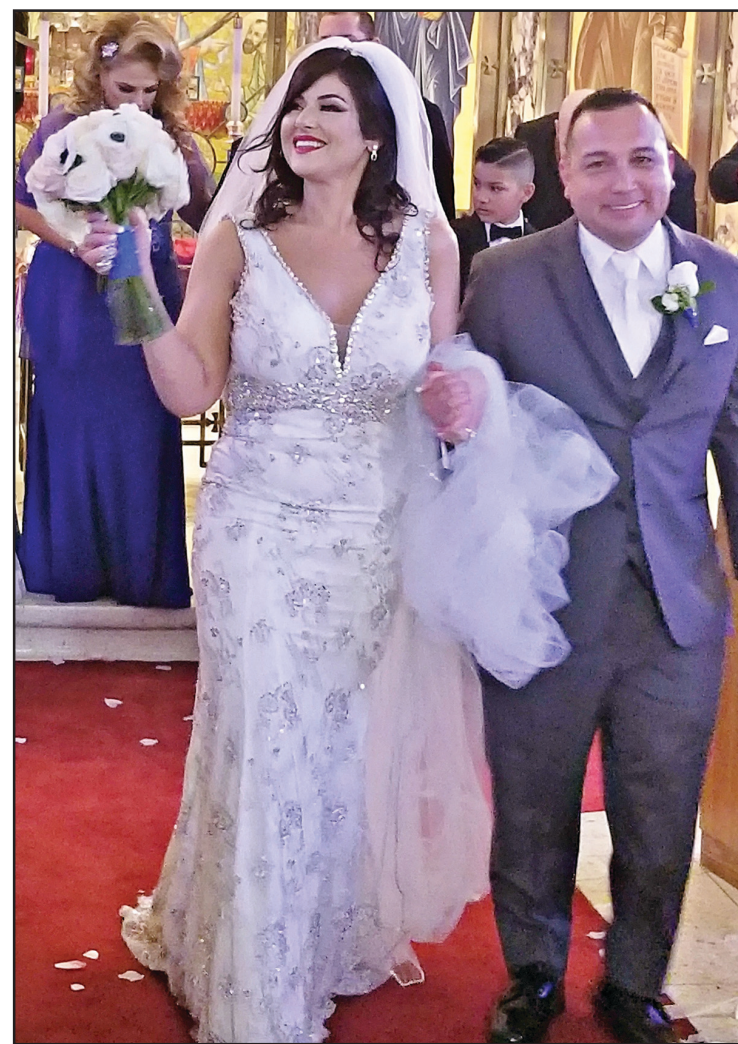
PASADENA - The beautiful orthodox ceremony was held at St Anthony's Church in Pasadena, Ca. Inna Hwemeil married Michael Romero. It was on Sunday February 24th when they exchanged their marriage vows.

Inna is a Realtor with The Associates Realty Group and Mike is a Detective with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Hollenbeck. The bride was given away by the eldest of her many cousins.

After the wedding ceremony, the couple hopped into

a vintage LAPD cruiser and drove to the reception at the Imperial Palace on Lake Avenue in Pasadena. The Imperial Palace was decorated with beautiful centerpieces of white Hydrangeas designed by Wild and Blooms (626) 589-3503, who also designed the bouquets and boutonnières.

Some of those present were family and, friends of Mike from the Hollenbeck station, Inna's many cousins and friends, some of whom were Sultan, Shanaz, Mike, Samira, Jason, Nathan and Tyler



Mr and Mrs Michael Romero immediately after the church ceremony.

Library Hosts Talk On Anita Baldwin — Unconventional Woman

ARCADIA—The Arcadia Public Library and the Arcadia Historical Society present a special program on Anita Baldwin, the only daughter of "Lucky Baldwin" and his third wife, Jane Virginia Dexter. Anita Baldwin was a composer, philanthropist, patriot, horsewoman, mother, seamstress, poet, author, and animal advocate—she was truly a Renaissance woman. Learn about her fascinating history, talents and contributions to society at

the Arcadia Public Library, Saturday, **March 16**, from 2 to 3:30 pm. There will be light refreshments and a musical interlude.

For more information, please call 626.821.5569, or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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