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Royal Oaks Trail in Duarte Renamed The Donald and Bernice Watson Recreation Trail

By Joan Schmidt

DUARTE - Recently, the Royal Oaks Trail in Duarte was renamed the Donald and Bernice Watson Recreation Trail. The special Ribbon-Cutting event was well-attended including their City Council Members and Mayor Pro tem: Margaret Finlay, John Fasana, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and Liz Reilly; Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos; Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera; Past Duarte Mayor Jim Kirchner and Kathy; Past Duarte and Arcadia Mayor, Bob Harbicht and Patsy; MAD Town Council Members Dave Hall, Terrence Williams, Michelle Wright and Joan Schmidt; Pastor Chris Bourne, Second Baptist Church; Allen Edison, President, Pasadena NAACP, Staff from their Recreation Department and of course, the Guest of Honor, Donald Watson and his two daughters, Paula and Susan. His son lives in Maryland and was unable to attend. Sadly, his wife Bernice passed away in 2012.

Donald Watson was the first African American Mayor of Duarte; in fact the first in the whole San Gabriel Valley. He and his wife moved to Duarte and raised their three children there. Donald still resides in the



Donald Watson (center), with family and city officials during the cutting of the ribbon at a ceremony for the renaming of the city's recreational trail along Royal Oaks Drive after him and his wife, Bernice.

same house. His campaign manager when he first ran was Bob Harbicht and Donald won by only two votes! While in office, it was his vision that this area was so special; that is why there is a Royal Oaks Park and Royal Oaks Trail. (Now the Donald and Bernice Recreation Trail.)

Bernice was the Public Information Officer for the Duarte Unified School District. She was a strong supporter of her community and created the first pamphlet documenting the history of Duarte after inquiries from so many school families. She and Council Member

Aloysia Moore co-authored "On The Duarte", a comprehensive account of the lives and times of key persons and events in Duarte's History.

The event was so wonderful. Paula and Susan explained the roles of their parents in Duarte. They also told how their parents came to Duarte

and bought a home on a street with all white neighbors, who welcomed them and their children. Then Council Members spoke. Margaret Finlay spoke of her parents and how much they utilized the trail with the Harbicht's. Margaret, her husband Brad, their five children and today, their fifteen grandkids are still enjoying it. The Recreation Trail is fabulous for walking or bike-riding.

Tzeitel Paras Caracci spoke of her mom's friendship with Bernice and how wonderful Bernice was.

Don was almost moved to tears and he said, "Duarte is my kind of Town." Yes, Duarte is truly a wonderful town, and blessed to have such residents as Don and Bernice Watson Family.

America Sings on February 28th



Photo of the Glendora High School Advanced Mixed Choir, the a Royal Stewarts, performing at the Holiday Stroll in the Glendora Village in December. They will be headlining the America Sings concert at Citrus College on Feb. 28. (Photo by Fred Ortega)

GLENDORA - Forty-nine years ago, two teachers at Glendora High School worked to create a choir festival that would include all the choral singers in the Glendora Unified School District. Gordie Norman was the band director at that time and established Bandorama in 1969. It was a great success, so in 1971, Mr. Norman suggested to Donald Clarke, the choir director, that they should do a similar thing with the choirs at GHS. It worked - and this year on February 28th at 7 p.m., the combined choirs from grades 4-12 will sing together at Haugh Auditorium in

Citrus College at the annual America Sings performance, sponsored by the Rotary Club.

First, in the program, the choirs from Goddard and Sandburg Middle Schools will sing separately some of their literature including excerpts from their musicals. They will be followed by Silhouettes and Royal Stewarts from Glendora High School giving a glimpse of the very popular show choir sets that they are performing in competitions throughout Southern California. The combined elementary school choirs, directed by

Sarah Stockham, will then present a sample of the music they are performing this season.

Finally, all choirs will combine for a Patriotic Fantasy, complete with the National Anthem, Beautiful America and a Salute to the Armed Forces, complete with color guard bearing flags of all branches of our military. The finale will be "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", sung by over 600 young voices. It is a very popular concert and will likely sell out. Tickets are available for \$15 from choir members and online at ghschoirs.com.

Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet School Expands College and Career Readiness with Paxton Patterson Lab



Monrovia Unified School District Board of Education celebrates the grand opening of Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet School's Paxton Patterson Lab while on a tour of the lab on Feb. 4.

MONROVIA - Monrovia Unified School District's Board of Education and Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet School introduced new tools for teaching students audio communications, computer graphics and animation, flight technology and more during the school's unveiling of its new Paxton Patterson Lab on Feb. 4.

The lab offers students hands-on instruction in career technical education (CTE) pathways, which they can pursue in high school, college, and careers.

"Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet School provides an educational environment structured to stimulate excitement about learning and foster innovation in

our students," Board of Education President Rob Hammond said. "The opening of the Paxton Patterson Lab will ensure our students are prepared for their transition to high school and beyond."

The lab, which contains a series of topically focused stations, will give students an opportunity to develop creative and critical-thinking skills as they collaborate with each other in hands-on learning tasks.

"The opening of this lab today is a great example of the wonderful things happening across our District," Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "Whether the focus is in science, the arts or bi-literacy, each

school in our District provides a critical component to our world-class education."

Students will receive access to lessons in fields such as audio communications, computer-aided drafting and design, computer graphics and animation, flight technology, health science, robotics, sports medicine, video production, structural engineering, and more.

"Today, Santa Fe takes another step forward in our commitment to giving our students outstanding opportunities for their future," Principal Geoff Zamarripa said. "This new lab will be a center of innovation that illuminates a path to our students' goals."

Restaurant: Impossible Needs Volunteers for T. Phillips Episode

GLENDORA - Restaurant: Impossible is coming to Glendora on February 25th & 26th! We are seeking enthusiastic individuals that would love to work with Robert Irvine and his talented renovation team as design and construction volunteers on the show! Restaurant: Impossible is filming an episode at T. Phillips and one of the special aspects of their show is community involvement

Volunteers may be any licensed or certified individuals in painting, crafting, constructing, remodeling, cleaning, decorating etc. (depending on your skill set). We are always looking for skilled contractors, elec-

tricians, plumbers, upholsters' and painters to help out and donate their time but we welcome all skill sets and skill levels always.

The volunteer schedule is as follows:

Shift #1 - Tuesday, February 25th: 1:00PM to 7:00PM
Shift #2 - Tuesday, February 25th: 7:00PM to 2:00AM
Shift #3 - Wednesday, February 26th: 11:30AM to 6:00PM

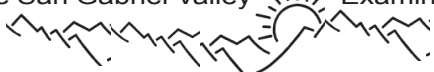
- You must be 18 years or older to volunteer.

- All volunteers must sign an appearance release and volunteer agreement on site.

- Please wear sneakers or boots and work clothing with no logos.

If interested, please email us at volunteer@restaurant-impossiblevolunteers.com by Friday, February 21st, at 12:00PM (PST) with your preferred day(s), full name, email address, cell number and skill set/ related profession (ex: plumber or painter). Please use the following subject line: 1703 CA Volunteer

Anyone who replies to volunteer is guaranteed a spot. Confirmation emails will be sent the day before each day you intend on volunteering.



Senator Chang Recognizes St. Irenaeus' Health Ministry as Nonprofit of the Month for Fighting Human Trafficking

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) and St. Irenaeus Catholic Church in Cypress have a common goal, which is to combat human trafficking. Recently, Senator Chang and members of this faith community partnered together for the 2020 Solidarity Walk & Prayer Vigil to Honor Trafficking Victims in Cypress. Caring participants and faith leaders participated in the symbolic walk which was held on the World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking and the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking victims.

As a result of this common goal, Senator Chang recognizes St. Irenaeus Catholic Church for its efforts:

"It's truly a privilege to recognize St. Irenaeus knowing that they are dedicated to fighting human trafficking and making a positive impact in the community. Ending this form of modern day slavery is one



St. Irenaeus' Health Ministry - From left to right: Monica Kovach, Fr. Binh Nguyen, Sen. Ling Ling Chang, Cypress Council Member Stacy Berry

of my top priorities and it takes partnerships from all sectors to help survivors and shine a light on this \$150 billion a year industry."

Saint Irenaeus has been embedded in the Cypress community for nearly six decades since opening its doors in 1961 and has since grown into a vibrant and active parish. The Health Ministry at St. Irenaeus not only raises awareness about human trafficking, but also helps at-risk foster youth to prevent them from becoming victims of human trafficking. They focus on helping the body, mind, and spirit and being a bridge towards self-sufficiency and a stable future.

"It's humbling for our Health Ministry's Bridge of Light Human Trafficking to Human Triumph Ministry to receive this recognition," said Monica

Kovach, Health Ministry Facilitator and Bridge of Light Chair for St. Irenaeus. "Our goal is to raise awareness, prevent human trafficking, and eliminate this crime from our society. Human trafficking happens in every city - even in the city you call home. We are blessed to have the support of our Pastor, Father Binh Nguyen, our Health Ministry, and our faith community. Together, we are making a difference."

Since Senator Chang's tenure, she has advocated on behalf of victims of human trafficking. In 2018, Senator Chang introduced SB 991, which called on the state to reinstate \$15 million to support victims of human trafficking. Her passionate efforts to fight alongside advocates helped secure \$10 million in funding for service providers.

Let Flowers Express Your Feelings

Valentine's is fast approaching, and whether you've been in a relationship for a long time already or you're just beginning one, this is the opportunity to express yourself perfectly. Fortunately, 1-800-Flowers.com offers not only the most beautiful flowers and gifts but also the latest technology to help you make sure you're getting—and giving—the perfect presents.

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Now, if you're shopping for romantic gestures on your mobile device (and most of us are), a new 3-D/augmented reality feature on 1-800-Flowers.com lets you preview top-selling Valentine's arrangements before you purchase them. It even gives you the option of seeing what the arrangement would look like on your table in your home.

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Keep Love Fresh

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Most importantly, though, enjoy the day, knowing that you've chosen a meaningful way to express your feelings and connect with the most important people in your life.

For further facts and to see and order flowers, go to <https://www.1800flowers.com/valentinesday>. (NAPS)

February Heart Health Month

ARCADIA - February is national recognized "Healthy Heart" month. Dr. Hani Sami, Internal Medicine will be having a presentation on Tuesday, **February 25** at 1:30pm regarding heart health. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Heart disease results in one out of four deaths in the United States. Dr. Sami will discuss three medical conditions that contribute to heart disease and ways to prevent them. Arcadia Senior Services provides this free program in partnership with Methodist Hospital. Pre-registration is required as there is limited seating. To reserve your space call Arcadia Senior Services, 626.574.5130 before February 24. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

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Senate Approves Bill to Expand More Dental Hygiene Care

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang announced a key legislation to expand dental hygiene care was approved by the State Senate. SB 653 will improve access to preventive dental hygiene care by allowing Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) to work in more public health settings. Registered Dental Hygienists and Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAPs) make up a workforce that is underutilized, yet stand ready to provide more care to more people in more places.

"Too often dental care gets overshadowed in our health care system but the reality is California has the highest rate of emergency department use in the nation for preventable dental conditions," said Senator Chang. "Emergency use is high cost and high-intensity services. We need to use every tool we have to prevent this from happening."

SB 653 will significantly improve patients' access to preventive dental hygiene care by allowing RDHs to work in more public health settings,

apply fluoride varnish without supervision, partner with dentists and physicians in medical settings; and offer local anesthetic services they already provide in more settings with safety protocols.

The legislation is supported by the California Dental Hygienists' Association, California Dental Association, and Children Now an advocacy organization dedicated to the well-being of kids.

SB 653 now goes to the State Assembly for consideration.

Meet Council Candidates At 48th AD Republican Breakfast

By Lois M. Shade

GLENDORA - The most critical part of our political system is local government. Those elected to city council seats are the ones we can reach out to

on a daily basis about any and all things that affect us, our kids, and our pocketbooks. They are the ones who work to ensure our communities are safe and reflect our values.

Local government decision-making has taken on regional components like transportation, environment/water, crime, the homeless ... our City Councils will have to work together to conquer Sacramento and get the best end result for all of us.

Join your Central Committee and City Council Candi-

dates Andrew Mendez, Russ Rentschler (Azusa) Walt Allen, Patty Cortez (Covina) David Fredendall (Glendora) and Emmett Bader, Eric Weber, Emma Ramirez (San Dimas) for breakfast on Saturday, February 15th at 8:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 546 W. Baseline Road, Glendora (Grand Ave. at the Freeway) and bring your issues/problems and a friend with you. Breakfast is \$12, coffee \$5. RSVP - lmsshade1043@gmail.com.

County Opens Waiting Lists For Elderly Family Public Housing Sites

Applicants Must Apply Before August 10, 2020

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) is now accepting registrants for its public housing sites dedicated to elderly families. Applicants may add their name on up to seven site-based waiting lists (waiting lists) now through August 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m. by registering at lacda.org, or calling (626) 586-1845. The County's Section 8 waiting list remains closed.

An elderly family is a household whose head, co-head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age. It may include two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together, or one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one or more live-in aides. Elderly families may

choose, based on eligibility, to register for one, or all seven, waiting lists. Applicants will be selected from each waiting list in order of admission preferences, followed by date and time of registration. The seven site-based waiting lists include the following nine available properties: Carmelitos (Long Beach), Nueva Maravilla and Herbert Avenue (East Los Angeles), Francisquito Villa (La Puente), Whittier Manor (Whittier), West Knoll/Palm (West Hollywood), Marina Manor (Marina Del Rey), Orchard Arms (Valencia), Foothill Villa (La Crescenta), and South Bay Gardens (Los Angeles).

If an applicant is offered a unit from any of the waiting lists that they have registered

for, and the unit is not accepted, the applicant's name will be removed from all selected waiting lists, and they must re-register. Therefore, it is important that applicants only register for locations in which they are willing to reside. Further, please note that the LACDA prohibits smoking on the grounds, and within housing units, at all public housing developments, except for at the South Bay Gardens senior public housing development, which has a designated smoking area within the complex.

The LACDA maintains and manages 3,229 public and affordable units located on 68 sites throughout Los Angeles County. For more information on the LACDA's programs, please call (626) 262-4510.

Senator Chang Authors Bipartisan Legislation to Combat Computer Hackers and Cybercriminals

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) introduced SB 922, a bipartisan bill that will make it easier to prosecute felony computer hacking and ransomware offenses by extending the statute of limitations from the time the crime was committed to the time it was discovered. Cybercrimes like hacking and ransomware leave a trail of digital destruction but are often not discovered until long after the crime was committed.

"Hacking and phishing wreak havoc on our society, with billions of accounts getting hacked," said Senator Chang. "Not only do hackers take great steps to conceal their crime - it took

four years to discover the full extent of the Yahoo data breaches - but it's predicted that cybercrime will cost the world \$6 trillion annually by 2021. This proposal will help deter future attacks and help victims get justice in the most severe cases."

In 2017, computer crimes such as hacking and phishing affected 16.7 million Americans and in 2020, the projected cost for a single hacking event against a company is \$150 million per incident.

Under existing law, the statute of limitations for computer hacking is three years after discovery, if prosecuted civilly. But the statute of limitations for

computer hacking prosecuted as a felony commences from the date of the offense, not the date of discovery. This bill would allow the same statute of limitations for a felony violation as a civil prosecution for the same act.

Furthermore, ransomware - a growing cybercrime where hackers introduce malicious software into a computer system to block access to computer data until a ransom payment is made - is a growing crime that is incredibly difficult to prosecute. SB 922 will also extend the statute of limitations on these crimes to ensure cyber-criminals are brought to justice.

Supervisor Barger Approves Funding For Major Revamp Of Temple City Library

TEMPLE CITY - Supervisor Kathryn Barger authored a motion unanimously approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to provide extensive renovations and improvements to the Temple City Library. Supervisor Barger will fund \$4.45 million for the development and construction of the library with an additional \$1.95 million allocated from Temple City.

When completed, the Temple City Library will expand from 10,000 square feet to 11,400 square feet and will better maxi-

mize the space for expanded programming. Improvements will include a new community room, group study room, family place, children's reading areas, updated furniture and interior finishes. The renovation will also provide new lighting, enhanced energy efficiency, updated heating and air conditioning, and parking lot improvements.

"Local libraries are invaluable in our communities," said Supervisor Barger. "Libraries offer our residents a place for youth to learn, explore and grow, and for

adults to access information and resources. The enhanced Temple City Library will cultivate opportunities for residents to access important services and fun programs that help our community thrive."

"This is a happy day for the City of Temple City," said Temple City Mayor Nanette Fish. "A long awaited dream of the state of the art library is finally coming true. We would like to thank our Supervisors and Supervisor Kathryn Barger for making this possible."

Low Jack Nails Auto Theft Suspects

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Authorities looking for a stolen vehicle with a Low Jack device were able to locate one of two of the Grand Theft Auto suspects. They were in an apartment complex, near Gladstone High School.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said that they received a Low Jack location ping at approximately 7:00 am, Feb. 7, Friday morning, of a con-

firmed stolen vehicle. Deputies were able to locate the vehicle. As the deputies approached the vehicle, the two suspects reportedly fled from Deputies.

The incident started at an apartment complex in the 200 Block of Arrow Highway, near Azusa Avenue. The stolen vehicle was believed to have been taken from the City of Azusa. An air-unit from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had

their helicopter covering the area during the search which aided in the search of the suspects and helped with arresting one of the suspects. The second suspect was able to elude deputies and was not located.

The description of both of the suspects or their city of residence was not immediately available because of the ongoing investigation.

Car Crashes into Home, Residents Escape Injury, Driver Hurt

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Last week, first responders were called to an accident where a vehicle crashes into a residence with 3 people in it, 2 of which were children.

Around 1:15 pm, calls came in that a car crashed into a home at 131 S. Pasadena Ave. in Azusa. When police and fire arrived, they found a sedan half way into a home.

A 19-year-old driver attempted to negotiate a left turn

from westbound McKinley Street to southbound Pasadena Ave. when he lost control of the vehicle driving through the yard of the corner home, taking out two fences, missing trees by going in between them. The vehicle then continued on to the second property taking out huge bushes, crossing the driveway and slamming through the wall of the home.

The residents were in an-

other part of the home. The driver escaped serious injuries and was treated at the scene. Drugs and alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the incident.

The incident is currently being investigated by the traffic division of the Azusa Police Department. It appears that high excessive speed was a main factor and trying to negotiate an unsafe turn at that speed as well.



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Assistant D.A.s Support Jackie Lacey

We have a serious election on March 3rd and the decisions we make in Los Angeles County will determine how our criminal justice system will work. Do we want Los Angeles to look like, feel like and operate like San Francisco?

L.A. County District Attorney, Jackie Lacey, is being challenged by George Gascon, former D.A. for San Francisco. Gascon was appointed in 2011 by then Mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, filling the vacancy left by Kamala Harris. Gascon was then elected in 2015 and resigned in 2019 to run for L.A. County District Attorney.

George Gascon is the co-author of Prop. 47, Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative, changing some felonies to misdemeanors and allowing re-sentencing of those already in prison for those offenses. Offenses involving values under \$950 - shoplifting, grand theft, receiving stolen property, forgery, fraud, writing a bad check, and personal use of most illegal drugs - all were reclassified as misdemeanors. This reduced prison population by 13,000 and allowed an estimated 1 million Californians eligible to change felony convictions on their records to misdemeanors.

Gascon promised, if elected in Los Angeles, to bring us "safer, more humane, more effective and far less expensive criminal justice system." He's proud he diverted young adults up to age 25 away from prison, expunged their past marijuana convictions and therefore reduced San Francisco incarceration rates. No indication of recidivism rates.

Michele Hanisee, President, Association of Los Angeles Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA) reported concerns with Gascon's track record in San Francisco.

- San Francisco's murder rate (6.4 per 100,000) higher than L.A. County (5.7 per 100,000).
- San Francisco's violent crime rate (715 per 100,000) higher than L.A. County (577 per 100,000).
- San Francisco's property crime rate (6,168 per 100,000) higher than L.A. County (2,443 per 100,000).
- Comments ... "On streets where the boundary line was between San Francisco County and San Mateo County, thieves would commit car burglaries on the San



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

Francisco side of the border because they would face less punishment if they were caught.

• Under Jackie Lacey's term, we've seen people jailed at 4 times the rate of those in San Francisco.

Gascon supported the elimination of cash bail in California when charges were levied that system creates "... racial and economic discrimination." SB 10, 2018, by Sen. Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) signed by former Gov. Brown, would have eliminated cash bail. The American Bail Coalition, a nonprofit trade association, organized the political action committee, Californians Against the Reckless Bail Scheme, to repeal SB 10 through a veto referendum. You'll see that on the November ballot.

As Gascon eliminates prison time for criminals, Gov. Newsom refuses to implement the death penalty and ADDA Hanisee says, "Voters of the State of California support the death penalty. That is powerfully demonstrated by their approval of Proposition 66 in 2016 to ensure the death penalty is implemented, and their rejection of measures to end the death penalty in 2016 and 2012. Governor Newsom, who supported the failed initiative to end the death penalty in 2012, is usurping the express will of California voters and substituting his personal preferences via this hasty and ill-considered moratorium on the death penalty." And voters, you will vote on the repeal of Prop 47 in November.

District attorney races were non-partisan and a-political with community debates providing voters an opportunity to elect based on track records. Enter George Soros and Open Society Foundations (or PACs) who have given huge amounts of money to selected candidates. In the 2018

Sacramento County D.A. race, Anne Marie Schubert, gave money to oppose Prop. 57. Soros and his Real Justice PAC and Justice & Public Safety PAC gave a reported \$1 million to defeat Schubert. She won anyway.

Peter Weir, a District Attorney in Colorado, was elected after \$1.3 million was dropped into that campaign by George Soros against him. Weir said "To see some East Coast billionaire who has no idea of local interests acceding to a radical reform agenda at the expense of our democratic process is incredibly dangerous."

Monroe County, N.Y. a Republican incumbent, Sandra Doorley, was up against an insurgent challenger, Shani Curry Mitchell, a progressive newcomer who received the backing of George Soros and \$800,000. Doorley won.

ADDA is predicting a huge of amount of money into defeating Jackie Lacey and it will come at the last minute of the campaign. She will need your vote to protect our L.A. County justice system.

George Soros is not just pushing his way into the district attorney races. On the ballot is Measure R - County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Ordinance proposing to create a Civilian Oversight Commission to investigate deputy misconduct. If passed, a civilian body will have subpoena power to acquire records and evidence and mandate alternatives to incarceration for "vulnerable populations" to ease overcrowding and recidivism among mentally ill and homeless.

This measure is led by Reform L.A. Jails and Wikipedia says Campaign Director, Jasmine Cannick "... is an African-American on-air and in-print pop culture critic and race issues commentator who works in politics." The initiative is supported by ACLU, Black Lives Matter, Justice LA, LAP, Atlantic Advocacy Fund and others.

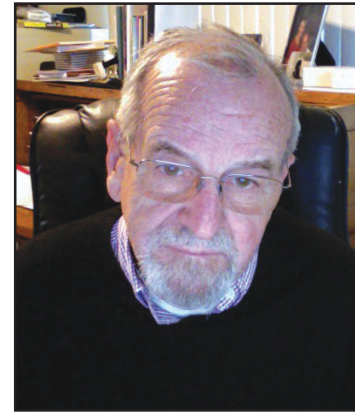
Justice LA is against the County Jail expansion; Black Lives Matter has received \$33 million in grants from top Democratic Party donor, George Soros, through Open Society Foundations. In support of Prop. 47, ACLU provided \$3.5 million and Open Society provided \$1.460 million.

Minnie Belle

Minnie Belle Thrasher was the very first person to greet me--not at some recent gathering, but much earlier. She was the nurse assigned to my mother in the delivery room of the Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia. I popped into her waiting hands and then issued my first wail.

Why it happened is a mystery, but for some reason Minnie Belle and my mother became life-long friends. I recall that she was a very proper woman While we looked forward to her visits, she was never very much fun. This column is really about something that happened late in her life.

Minnie Belle showed up at our house about twice a year and could be counted on to drop by Christmas day. My parents visited her inner-city apartment just as often. On one of her visits she appeared with her new husband, Uncle Ed. Somehow I had the feeling that he was a government spy who spent most of his time in a cloak and dagger operation somewhere in the world. I recall that the four adults would spend evenings involved in the strange Chinese game called Mah-jonn. Maybe that is where I got the idea that Uncle Ed was involved in some far eastern clandestine operation. All of this happened before I was 7 years old, and who knows how much of what I re-



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member are only the strange musings of a curious child.

On a winter night when I was about a first grader, my parents got a message that Minnie Belle was quite ill, and had been taken to the hospital. Uncle Ed had called and my parents were terribly worried. I recall "pneumonia" was being whispered, and in the days before antibiotics, pneumonia was often fatal. The messages in the following days were increasingly grim, and then one night I recall my mother sharing a happier report: "the crisis has passed, and Minnie Belle would recover."

My guess is that a year or so later she did die, but her name was never forgotten and Minnie Belle stories often found a place in our dinner table conversations.

Now more than eighty years later, why am I remembering whatever I know or even may have imagined? The one image that

stands in bold relief are the words, "the crisis has passed, and Minnie Belle will recover" One rarely hears about such medical crises these days, but somehow it got lodged in my memory. I can still see my mother and hear her joyous report.

There has been one other time when those words hit me. I recall standing with a great crowd of cheering people just outside the 69th Street terminal in Upper Darby, watching the electronic message being flashed on an adjacent building that Japan had surrendered and the war was over! The bloodshed had ceased. There were to be no more gold stars on neighborhood house windows announcing the death of a family service member. No more air-raid alerts. No more ration coupons. "The crisis had passed, and the world will recover."

And now America is mired in a desperate illness bringing the nation to the brink of losing the grandeur inherent in these two and a half centuries of blessing. The risk lies in the possibility that the disease will kill the vision. Nevertheless, my profound hope is that I will wake up on Wednesday, November 4, and hear my mother's words, "The crisis has passed, and the nation will recover."

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The Privileged Ones

Don't you just love people that think they are above the rest and expect other to pick up after them?

Recently I was in the parking lot of Food-4-Less and I notice this guy get into his little family SUV. As he sat in the driver's seat, I go and grab a shopping cart that was not returned to the rack that someone just left in the parking lot. As I am walking back with the cart, I see the driver set out some trash on the ground next to his car. I stop and take a picture. He actually sees me with my phone and I am pretty sure he knew I setting up to take a picture, so he closes the driver's door. He left a cup, bag and a clear glass bottle... What was noticeable is he set it down right where the front tire would travel when he backed out.

When I came back, the SUV was gone but another car was next to the spot where the SUV was and a man was sitting in the driver's seat. I took pictures of



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That's just the way it is!

the trash that was left there, but the glass bottle wasn't there. I asked the guy if he saw the bottle and he said when the SUV backed out, it knocked over the bottle and then he ran over it which caused the bottle to shoot out from the tire and hitting his car. He said he got out but didn't see any damage to his car. The SUV driver simply drove away.

As I backed away from this guy's car, I could see the bottle under the car, so most likely it shot out and hit the underside of the car.

So I posted this incident on a social media site with pictures. Would you believe that this same guy contacted me via messenger??? He was livid with the fact that I posted the pictures which seemed to include his license plate number... oops, did I do that? I just had to respond that, "Everyone sees your license plate when you're driving around, so what the problem? You want other people to pick-up your trash as you litter on their property? You're privileged, RIGHT!" There were a few other choice comments by me but what surprised me was he responded that I was right and that he wasn't thinking. Well, that caught me off guard.

Maybe he will think next time about the other guy and the ones that have to pick up after him. However, there are still others out there that think they are privileged.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

MY TURN: The End Of The Democrat Party In One Photo Image

A picture is worth a thousand words. Whether a thoughtfully planned and laid out picture or, in most cases, from a point of spontaneity, a picture can transcend words and leave indelible images of an event that is remembered long after the words are written and spoken. The flag raised at Iwo Jima, John Kennedy Jr. saluting his father's coffin, or the firefighters at 911 ground zero, listening to President Bush with the megaphone, are all images we will remember, one and all.

The State of the Union speech delivered by President Donald Trump provided one such image.

The invited guests included a legendary broadcast giant suffering with four stage cancer receiving the Medal of Freedom; a reunited military family and the families of other fallen military service people; a two-year old girl surviving a premature birth, giving a face to the sanctity of life; another little girl with her single mom receiving an "enterprise zone" scholarship in order to attend the school of her choice; a visiting official from a neighboring nation in trouble; a 100 year old Tuskegee Airman and his grandson who wants to follow in his footsteps and become an astronaut; an ICE agent and the families of fallen law enforcement officers; and the parents of a well known young girl



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who became the victim of an ISIS terrorist.

If you don't happen to recall their names, don't waste your time asking Nancy Pelosi. Their names appeared on the written text for that speech where they were introduced. A copy of the State of the Union speech made by President Trump that was torn up by a petty and hate-filled Speaker of the House, Ms. Pelosi.

With the "tear seen around the world," we saw the end of any semblance of civility from the Democrat party.

And the picture worth a thousand words, is not going to be the vote for impeachment that will likely fail. It won't be for the debacle of an Iowa Caucus or any number of other embarrassments from a party so obsessed with the removal of a President that will fall on their sword time after time. No. The picture worth a

thousand words, that will be shown and reposted endlessly in the coming campaign cycle will be that sole image of Nancy Pelosi arrogantly and defiantly tearing up the speech at the end of Trump's delivery, all happening behind his back because that is how Pelosi "rolls" as the President may not have even been aware it was happening.

Dana Perino said it best when she referred to the written script containing the names of all those folks and said "Pelosi was tearing it up."

The Democrats can wear costumes and tell us constantly how much they "care." But in the words of the Michigan Governor, providing a Democrat rebuttal, Gretchen Whitmer, "It is not what you say, it is what you do."

And in the words of former First Lady Michelle Obama, said a few years back, "If they go low, we go high."

Unfortunately, the Speaker of the House (if you can still call her that), Nancy Pelosi, was too "high" on hate to go anywhere but "low."

She showed us all what she thinks, not only of President Trump, but all of those folks honored in his speech and all of us folks out here in America.

In one photo image she showed us what she thinks of all of us. A picture is worth a thousand words.

'TIME JOCKEY' - Vintage Monrovia

By Joe Castillo

A Growing Town... In the early 1900's, the town of Monrovia was on the fast track to becoming something that it had never been before, a real city town. The expectation was that the Big Red Cars of the Pacific Electric Railway would bring changes to San Gabriel Valley communities which had never been seen before. With that thought in mind, the Monrovia City Council pass an ordinance that prohibited expectoration in public buildings, sidewalks, or on the floor of street railways. Monrovia was so new to the whole cityhood experience that they passed a resolution in protest of a request that the Los Angeles Board of County Supervisors granted a license for a roadhouse saloon at Santa Anita and White Oak. The reason was that the County Clerk had never received an application for a saloon at that location.

The results of the 1900 census documented the wages of a skilled laborer in the United States at \$1,000 a year, while the wages of an unskilled laborer was only \$300 a year. It was a time of uncertainty but it was also a time of the un-

known. One example was a series of ads which ran in 1908 offering investment opportunities in Searchlight, Nevada. In case, you've driven through Searchlight recently, it looks like they didn't get a lot of investors.

Here's an interesting fact that Day & Night Water Heater began in 1909 with the first solar water heater of its day, long before anyone else even thought of the idea. Day & Night would eventually be acquired by Carrier Air Conditioners, which became part of a much larger corporation called United Technologies.

In 1907, gold was found on Gold Hill, 40 feet from the mouth of a tunnel, a vein of porphyry quartz and gold which ran 8 inches in width. Although there was local excitement, there was no real gold rush. It could have been there was only 3,676 people living in Monrovia in 1910 so there wouldn't have been a huge rush anyway. But crime was running rampant in the small town with a record number of speeding tickets issued at 10. The speed limit was a robust 8 miles per hour.

Monrovia had a little of every type of business in its growing town, from a newspaper, to Southern California Edison, soda plant, oil wells and oil processing, theaters, and health centers. It provided an opportunity for work and jobs were plentiful. One could enjoy the benefits of going to the theater or buying a new car. Admission to the Opera House was 10 cents, 5 cents for children, and 15 cents for a reserved ticket. A new automobile could be purchased at Monrovia Ford for \$1,075. Or you could hold out for a new Hudson at \$1,050, or better yet a new Chalmers for \$1,650. The simple fact was that the right idea or opportunity was waiting for you. Whether you were working or living in Monrovia there was opportunity aplenty, but over the next decade Monrovia would grow even more rapidly and was soon a city on the rise....

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Is This Market Just Pausing Or Really Correcting?

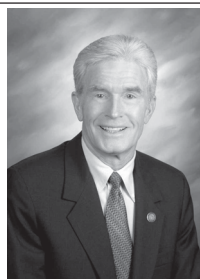
Just when it seemed as if all the stars may have aligned for the S&P 500 to make a "run" toward the 3,500 mark (by the end of this earnings' season), something no one expected made its presence known - another China pandemic.

The SARS-like (but potentially worse) coronavirus is spreading quickly in China, as well as being diagnosed in many other countries! Panic levels are increasing in financial markets around the world. U.S. Treasury bonds began rallying again with yields dramatically lower. It's too early to gauge the ultimate world health impact; but there are some similarities with the 2003 SARS outbreak in China (which killed 800, but infected only 8,000 globally, resulting in a 10% mortality rate per infection). However, the coronavirus has already infected over 24,000 in China alone! It is spreading into many other counties, causing Singapore (with at least 20 confirmed cases) to impose travel restrictions. India has banned all Chinese as well as others who have been in China recently. A cruise ship with 3,700 people has been quarantined near Japan. Dismissing the coronavirus as being an insignificant market factor may be unwise (until we understand better what the future may bring).

Primarily as a result of this current health scare crude oil prices collapsed, and international travel and commerce have slowed dramatically. China has been sensitive to criticism, but very slow to release information on the outbreak (so expect the infected numbers to rise). Wuhan and at least 14 other cities in China's Hubei province (home to approximately 58 million people) are under lockdown in an attempt to contain the virus. Even Disneyland in Shanghai has closed down.

China's initial cover-up of the SARS outbreak in 2002 and 2003 was widely criticized by world health experts, so China may be trying to appear more proactive "this time around". However, no one seems to know today when or where this coronavirus spread

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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will end. The most positive thought might be that the market previously recovered from bird flu, swine flu, SARS, Ebola, and Mad Cow scares over the past 30 years. The market has even recovered all of its recent loss and has rallied higher, setting new (at least temporary) records.

Fourth-quarter earnings have been living up to expectations. As of this past week, with 17% of S&P 500 companies reporting, 73% reported a positive EPS surprise, and 67% of all S&P 500 companies have reported a positive revenue surprise. Best of all, the companies that matter the most to their respective sectors have been posting the most impressive Q4 results.

This week is likely to see more high-profile market leaders put up solid numbers and guidance, which should fortify the hearts and minds of investors wondering if they should initiate or add to positions. Assuming this global pandemic scare proves to be temporary or overstated, investors might want to look at some stocks that have high Chinese and Asian market exposure within the airline, lodging, gaming, cruise, and online travel sectors, since they have been collectively sold off recently. However, underestimating the coronavirus (based upon its recent unusually rapid spread) appears risky.

The global economy was (before coronavirus) starting to show signs of turning higher, aided by the recent Phase 1 trade and USMCA deals being signed. Even assuming more negative news surrounding the spread of coronavirus is yet to come, investors might consider making a short list of those world-class companies that may recover

(from the health disaster that is currently impacting those market sectors).

It is never comfortable to be buying stocks when there is an unknown quantity of risk. But, when the market is strong, as it had been recently, the buying opportunities were few and far between. A pause in the bullish momentum, and a big dip in the prices of travel and leisure stocks, may offer some near term buying opportunities.

So, going forward, what can we expect? Treasury bonds will be up (they are already moving in that direction), the U.S. dollar will rally, and stocks could correct from what has been an overbought condition in the S&P 500, maybe even to the tune of 5% or 10%. It has to be mentioned that the S&P 500 recently was 11% above its 200-day moving average, which was almost as extreme as in January 2018, when it was a tad over 13% above its 200-dma.

There has been support for the 10-year Treasury yield at around 1.40%. In a global panic, Treasury bond yields can take out that "support". The all-time intraday low of the 10-year Treasury bond yield is 1.31%. Even if that level is breached, Treasury bond yields should revert to the upside (should coronavirus turn out not to be a serious pandemic, such as the Spanish Flu of 1918-19).

Even if this coronavirus proves to be much more serious than SARS, a correction in the S&P 500 index may give investors an opportunity to buy some of the "beaten down" stocks that are still showing strong fundamentals. Stocks that had moved up because of the trade deal, but whose share prices were too overbought on a short-term basis, may again be worth considering.

How this coronavirus menace unfolds remains unknown, but uncertainty always seems to benefit someone.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

My property taxes are under the provisions of Proposition 13. I was reading that there's a new Measure being submitted to voters titled Proposition 13. It doesn't state anything about property taxes. It says it's about Bonds for schools. What is this?

This measure is meant to repeal the original Proposition 13 and raise property taxes (uncontrollably) over the next 35 years. The additional tax funds would, supposedly, be used to cover estimated repayment of this initial \$15 billion in state general obligation bonds, at an estimated at \$740 million per year for those 35 years. According to Investopedia, "A general obligation bond (GO) is secured by an issuing government's pledge to use all available resources - even tax revenues - to repay holders of the bond. ...pledges may include a pledge to levy property taxes to meet the local government's obligation on the bondholders." It also gives local schools authority to sell more bonds, which could increase local taxes in order to raise money to repay those bond buyers.

My retirement savings is in the 401k at work, and I have little to no control over it. Is there anything I can do?

Ask H.R. for contact information on the financial professionals with the company that actually hold your 401k. Give them a call and set up an appointment to discuss your concerns. Meanwhile, look at a 1-year, 5-year, or even 10-year chart of Dow Jones, Nasdaq, S & P 500, Rus-



Julia Yoder

sell 2000 showing the stock market activities. Most folks think about diversifying their portfolio (the stocks they're investing in). Consider diversifying some retirement savings into different investment products, like a fixed-indexed universal life policy, or a modern-day annuity.

My banker keeps calling me to schedule an appointment to discuss moving my money from a 7-year annuity that I bought there in 2017. Is that something I should consider? Oh, by the way, I'm in my late 60's and semi-retired.

Take a close look at what you already have vs. what your banker is recommending. Most annuities carry a surrender fee, comparable to an early withdrawal penalty. Your annuity policy will clearly show this as something like: 1st Year 15%, 2nd Year 12%, 3rd Year 9%, 4th Year 7%, etc. If you received a bonus when you first put your money into that annuity, you might lose that, along with any related gains, too. Do the math. Insurance companies' compliance depart-

ments have guidelines which clearly frown on replacing a recent annuity. Of course, there are exceptions. If you feel pressured, you might seriously want to question your agent's ethics.

Can I do a 1035 exchange from an annuity into a paid-up life insurance policy?

The rule is that an annuity cannot be 1035 exchanged into a life insurance policy. Annuities can be 1035 exchanged into another annuity. A life insurance policy can be 1035 exchanged to another life insurance, or into an annuity. You might be pleased to learn how annuities nowadays have close similarities to life insurance, but with living benefits, too.

When we retire, we will sell our first home and move into our second home. Have capital gains taxes changed, or are we okay?

On your primary residence, the capital gains tax exemption did not change. It's still \$250,000 (single), or \$500,000 (married). If more than that, you'll pay capital gains.

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This is your opportunity to simplify your life by having one professional working personally with you to coordinate your finances, investments, real estate, mortgage, insurance, retirement, and estate plans. CA Insurance 0C83859/Real Estate Broker 01238153/ Nat'l. Ethics Assoc. Accident-Medical-Dental discount plans: CalStarBenefits.com/28485

2019 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic - What You Should know

Every year, there are millions of cases of regular coronavirus infections reported, causing common cold/upper respiratory infections. 30% of common colds are caused by coronaviruses. Historically, pandemics are caused by influenza and coronaviruses. Examples are 1918 Spanish flu, Asian Flu in 1950's, Hong Kong flu in 1960's and H1 N1 swine flu in 2009, all caused by Influenza viruses. SARS, MERS and 2019 Novel Coronavirus were caused by Coronaviruses.

Current Coronavirus epidemic shows signs of high infectivity (indicating how contagious the virus is) but low mortality (case fatality) is around 4%. SARS mortality was 10% and MERS 35%.

The current outbreak has caused over 700 deaths (constantly evolving), 99% in China. Over 35000 people have been sickened by the virus thus far. The first American died yesterday and 1 Filipino and another person from Hong Kong succumbed to the infection. The rest of the deaths occurred in China so far. Unfortunately, the whistleblower doctor, a 35-year-old ophthalmologist from China also passed away last week. There have been cases reported all over the world including 27 countries.

We, as Infectious Disease specialists, have reiterated that the virus is contagious, but the fear can be even more contagious. Panic can make the situation much worse. All the doctors' offices and hospitals have been prepared for potential patient with a protocol and a checklist to follow as closely monitored by Health Department and CDC. Given the low mortality reported so far, we do not need to panic unnecessarily at this time. Most experts do not recommend wearing masks in public here for reasons that are known to all of us. Furthermore, ID specialists also reiterate that Influenza kills 30000-40000 every year and they advocate every person over 6 months to be vaccinated against influenza every year. We constantly emphasize the importance of hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene to prevent all res-



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piratory infections.

Today both the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) published initial clinical guidelines, which aim to help US healthcare providers identify and correctly handle suspected cases involving the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

2019-nCoV was first identified in Wuhan, China, the country that continues to report more than 99% of cases (see related CIDRAP News story). US officials today confirmed the 12th US case (see related CIDRAP News story).

The virus, which shares similarities with both MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) and the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) virus, causes acute respiratory distress syndrome in about one third of patients that requires intensive care, writes Carlos del Rio, MD, of the Emory University School of Medicine, and Preeti N. Malani, MD, MSJ, of the University of Michigan, in the JAMA article.

Most clinical presentations of the virus will be nonspecific and include fever and a dry cough, with about 30% of patients also experiencing shortness of breath.

Based on case reports from China, the median age of patients is between 49 and 56 years, and cases in children have been rare.

"When a patient presents with fever and respiratory symptoms (in particular a dry cough), clinicians should obtain a detailed

travel history. If the patient has a history of travel to Hubei Province in the last 14 days, they should be considered a person under investigation (PUI)," the authors write. As should patients who had any travel to China in the preceding 14 days, and any patients who had close contact with a confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

Upon identifying a PUI, clinicians should immediately notify their health facilities' infection prevention team and state health authorities. If the novel coronavirus is suspected, the patient should have a face mask placed immediately, and healthcare practitioners should wear N95 respirators.

"What interventions will ultimately control this outbreak is unclear because there is currently no vaccine, and the effectiveness of antivirals is unproven. However, basic public health measures such as staying home when ill, handwashing, and respiratory etiquette including covering the mouth and nose during sneezing and coughing were effective in controlling SARS," which also originated in China, the authors conclude.

CDC suggests special isolation, if possible in MMWR, CDC experts' interim clinical guidelines are based on the management and prevention of respiratory illnesses, including influenza, MERS, and SARS.

The MMWR guidelines identify the same three types of PUIs-symptomatic patients with (1) a travel history to Wuhan, (2) a travel history to China, or (3) close contact with a confirmed 2019-nCoV case-but also suggest patients be immediately placed in some form of medical isolation.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

This Valentine's Day... and Every Day... Show That You Care

Each time a driver starts their engine and gets on the highway that car, truck or SUV needs the driver's full attention and the vehicle needs to be well maintained in order to protect the driver, their passengers and those they share the road with.

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CORONAVIRUS: What You Need To Know

ARCADIA - Dr. Hua Jiang, infectious disease specialist will present a program on the Coronavirus; what is it, how it spreads, symptoms, and prevention. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive on Friday, **February 21** at 10am. Arcadia Senior Services provide this

health seminar in partnership with Methodist Hospital. Pre-registration is required as there is limited seating. If interested in attending this informative health program you need to reserve your space by calling Arcadia Senior Services, 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

Wanted: Men and Women who want to lose weight. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit group that encourages men and women to lose weight. TOPS is a hands on, Pounds Off approach to weight loss. No Quick Fixes, just helpful information you need to reach your weight loss goal. We offer the latest nutrition, fitness and medical information. We also have information on the latest Diabetes resources. Motivational stories from successful TOPS members. Our meetings are every Thursday at 9:30am to 11:00am at Azusa Memorial Park at 320 N Orange. For more information please call 626-967-8829

ARCADIA

Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our Feb. 20 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Donna Ballard will be our speaker. Her Program is Growing under Light. This will a perfect chance to learn from or add to our own techniques. Write down your questions. Refreshments. All welcome!

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

BALDWIN PARK McNeill Fitness Program

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

COVINA

Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel.

Applications are available at covinaca.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

DUARTE

Income Tax Preparation For Seniors

Volunteer tax aides will be available to people 55+ to prepare 2019 income tax returns. Visit the Duarte Senior Center (1610 E. Huntington Drive) to sign up. Appointments are required.

Duarte Museum Needs Docents

It's fun and educational! Volunteer to serve as a docent at the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park. You will serve about every other month on a Wednesday (1-3 p.m.) or Saturday (1-4 p.m.) with a seasoned docent who will train you. Greet visitors, show them around the museum and learn about local history. Training sessions are available. Call Claudia at (626) 358-0329 for more information.

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.

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

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

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

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

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.

GLENDORA Genealogy Group

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **February 25** at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. "Our Veteran Ancestors" is at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by the program: "The Language of Heraldry" by

Julie Huffman, the genealogy librarian at the Central Library of Los Angeles Public Library. For questions about our group or this meeting, please contact Steve Dugan at sjdugan@hotmail.com.

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. For more information, please call Toni Levyssohn at 909-843-5239. The program is **Wednesdays** 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

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.

Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds. This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

LA VERNE

Line Dancing Party

The La Verne Community Center invites you to attend our Line Dancing Party on Tuesday, **February 25**, from 1:00pm - 03:00pm! Hosted by line dancing instructor Jan Takemoto! Refreshments and snacks will be provided. \$2 fee at the door. All entry fees will go back to our Senior Programs. La Verne Community Center is at 3680 D Street, La Verne.

Pick Your Own Oranges

Enjoy a "Slice of La Verne's Past" while picking some of the best tasting oranges around. 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 \$6, 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 is open Saturdays 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 Mansion, La Verne.

Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free. To Register: (909) 621-

9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

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

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM.

Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

WEST COVINA

Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more. For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777. The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The fare is only \$1.00 each way. No Service on Holi-

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets each Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Cortez Senior Center, located at 2501 E. Cortez St in the back classroom building. Visitors are always welcome and your first meeting is free. Come now and learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, motivation, and more every week. This group has motivated members from all over the San Gabriel Valley. For details, call Erika Hernandez at 626-384-0502 (ehernandez57@aol.com).

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.

Library Events at a Glance

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

Valentine Craft Week

February 10 - 15 / Children's Room
Valentine craft making for kids.
February 17 - Library Closed for President's Day
Novel Idea Book Discussion
February 26, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm / Friends Room

Book discussion group: join us to discuss The Girl who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes.

War on Weeds Workshop

February 29, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm / Friends Room
The Glendora Conservancy Program presents the War on Weeds Workshop where attendees get a WOW patch.

Great Trivia Challenge

February 29, 3:00 pm / APU: Upper Turner Campus Ctr
Be part of the action as teams representing local businesses compete for the title of Trivia Champion at the Great Trivia Challenge! This is a fundraising event hosted by the GPL Friends Foundation and a community-loved tradition that promotes friendly competition to support the Glendora Public Library. For more info visit www.gplff.org or call 626/852-4894.

Unless otherwise noted, events are free to the public and will take place at the Glendora Public Library, 140 South Glendora Avenue, Glendora 91741.

For more information, please contact the Library at 626/852-4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org

Billiards Tournament

ARCADIA - Rack 'em up and join us for a single elimination 8-ball billiards tournament and lunch. Winner will receive a \$50 gift card and bragging rights! Special prize for runner up and raffle prizes throughout the event. The tournament will be held on Tuesday, **February 25** from

11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center - 365 Campus Drive. Tickets are \$10 and are for sale now both online at ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation and in person at the Arcadia Community Center. Don't wait to purchase your ticket for this fun event!

Temple City High School Class of 1970 50th Reunion Announcement

The Temple City High School class of 1970 is proud to announce plans for their 50th reunion celebration on the weekend of **September 18 and 19, 2020**.

The festivities start with a golf tournament at Santa Anita Golf Course on Friday, September 18, followed by a cocktail party that night at our host hotel, The Dou-

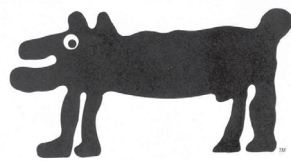
bletree Hotel in Monrovia. On Saturday night, cocktails, dinner and dancing, will be in the Director's Room at Santa Anita Race Track. The room, with a fascinating storied history, has a balcony with beautiful views of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The golf tournament and cocktail party on Friday is open to all TCHS alumni. The Saturday night

event is just for graduates of the class of 1970 and their partners/guests.

For more information, contact tchs50threunion@gmail.com. Our Facebook page is "Temple City High School Class of 1970 Reunion" : https://www.facebook.com/events/2267726506671459/

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Glendora City Council District 2 Candidate Malissa Apodaca

GLENDORA - Forty seven year old Malissa J. Apodaca is a mother of four. She currently has two adult children and two children attending GUSD schools. Malissa's parents moved to Glendora in 1986, and she has been a Glendora resident for 33 years. Malissa says that she has witnessed first hand the growth of her charming town over the years, and wants nothing more than to preserve the identity of Glendora as a wonderful place to work, live, and play. She has long been a small business owner in her lovely city. Her first business was a home daycare center that she operated for nearly 10 years in Glendora. She felt a higher calling to service of her community, and subsequently pursued a career as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's dispatcher, which she held for 12 years. During her tenure she met her husband, who is a now retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy. After stepping away from her career to raise her children, she now teaches child enrichment classes through the City of Glendora Parks & Recreation program, and she is currently appointed as the William B. Cullen Elementary PTA President. She says, her greatest joy in life comes from serving others, and she hopes to use her talents and background in law enforcement, educational committees, and non-profit organizations to enrich the lives of Glendorans no matter re-



Glendora City Council District 2 Candidate Malissa Apodaca

gardless of their demographics or background. While she understands that change is inevitable due to growing suburban populations and other factors, she fervently believes that we as Glendorans have a duty to responsibly ensure that our infrastructure, education system, housing availability, and police force can accommodate this growth without strain. She believes that we have a duty to hold our elected officials re-

sponsible for their votes and policies, and that those in a position of power should have a fiduciary duty of loyalty, care, and obedience to their constituents who give them legitimate elected authority. As Glendora City Council Member for District Two, she says that she will work to ensure that our police have the resources they need to proactively enforce our laws, our infrastructure is not inundated with the over-congestion of big business, and our city's iconic profile remains that of the foothills and not a skyline.

St. Dorothy's Endowment Dinner & Dance 2020



The Endowment Committee pose for photo: Greg and Bunneat Moore, Dr. Joseph Alvarnas and Bernadette Alvarnas, Ash Rutnam, Principal of St Dorothy School Adrienne Ferguson, Mary Dann McNamee, Pastor of St Dorothy Church Father Ron, Julissa Galvan, Jacqueline Gilman.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA: The exclusive Glendora Country Club was the venue for St Dorothy's Endowment Dinner Dance 2020 held

on Saturday, February 8th. With a fine dinner, music and dancing the event was enjoyed by the staff and members of St Dorothy Church and School. They also had

a live auction with vacations in Big Bear, Laguna Niguel etc. as prizes. The beautiful decorations and flower arrangements were by Alikei of Wild 'n Blooms.

Kristin Heathcoat Honored at Area XIII Conference

COVINA - On February 1, 2020, the Ten Chapters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, DKG California State, Area XIII met at the South Hills Country Club, for their annual conference. Following breakfast, the Area XIII Honoree, Kristin Heathcoat, and Chapter Honorees were introduced.

Ms. Kristin Heathcoat was recognized as the Area XIII Honoree for her 8 years of leadership and service to the Area. She



Kristin Heathcoat, Area XIII Honoree, Judy Kearns, Past State President and Sue Noyes, Delta Kappa Gamma State President.

first served on the Area Leadership team in 2012 as Delta Nu President. She has served as Co-Chair for the Area conference two times, in 2014 and 2020. She was Area Director for the 2015-2017 biennium. Kristin is currently Parliamentarian and she continues to support the executive board in an advisory capacity. Kristin's take charge personality enhances her leadership abilities.

In Delta Nu Chapter Kristin has served as President, Co-President, 2nd Vice President and on many committees. Kristin was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter Honoree at the 2017 Area Conference

Kristin is currently Coordinating

of ELD and Categoricals for the Glendora USD and serves as summer school principal.

Congratulations Kristin, you are truly a woman of many accomplishments and an exemplary key woman educator.

Following the recognition of the Honorees the keynote speaker Rachel Surls, author of From Cows to Concrete, spoke to us about the transformation of agrarian Los Angeles into the metropolis it is today.

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West Covina Police Department New Chief for a Day



"Chief" Phoenix is with West Covina Police Chief Richard Bell.

By George Ogden/WCPD

WEST COVINA - Last week, the West Covina Police Department had some special guests. Chief Richard Bell was able to meet with Phoenix and Lyla and to help them with a school assignment.

Phoenix quickly rose to the rank of Chief. It appeared that this was an opportunity for Bell to ask the new Chief for a raise, but he let that slip by.

Phoenix and Lyla were able to

ask Chief Bell some questions to get to know more about him. Bell is a former Pro Football Player who started playing pro with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1990. Not only did the kids get to talk to a Police Chief, but also a former football player.

After that, they and their mother were given a tour of the station. Phoenix hopes to one day be a police officer and Lyla hopes to become a K9 officer and on the S.W.A.T team!

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