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# Azusa Recognized As One Of Los Angeles County's "Most Business Friendly" Cities

**AZUSA** - The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) has announced that the City of Azusa is the "Most Business Friendly City with a population under 50,000 in Los Angeles County. The City of Whittier received the award for city with a population greater than 50,000. The Eddy Awards celebrate outstanding contributions to economic development. Over 600 people were present at the Intercontinental Hotel in Downtown LA to honor recipients and support LAEDC's public-benefit mission to collectively advance opportunity and prosperity.

"This year's Most Business Friendly City awardees are shining examples of government leaders committed to helping employers create good jobs that help raise standards of living in their communities and across our region," said Bill Allen, Chief Executive Officer of LAEDC.

The winners were selected



The Azusa City Council and staff accepted the Eddy Award for "Most Business Friendly City" at Los Angeles Economic Partnership Annual celebration. Pictured from left to right are: Bill Allen, CEO, LAEDC; Council Member, Angel Carrillo; Mayor Pro Tem, Robert Gonzales; Economic and Community Development Specialist, Carina Campos; City Clerk, Jeffrey Lawrence Cornejo, Jr.; Economic Development Director, Kurt Christiansen; Council Member, Eddy Alvarez; Associate Planner, Manuel Munoz; City Manager, Sergio Gonzalez; Utilities Director, Manny Robledo; Public Works Director, Daniel Bobadilla; Community Improvement Manager, Rick McMinn; Council Member, Uriel Macias; Senator Robert Hertzberg; and Eric Rowen, Board Chair, LAEDC

by a panel of blue ribbon judges based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to economic development as a priority
- Programs and services de-

signed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention

- Economic development activity over the past three years
- Competitive business tax rates and fee structures
- Availability of economic incentives

Regular and effective communication with businesses

The LAEDC further states that "The City of Azusa recognizes the power of commerce to help a community thrive. That's why Azusa invests in resources to create a

business-friendly environment. Azusa's TOD specific plan incentivizes development by minimizing entitlement requirements. City staff is readily available to assist in navigating the development review process and cutting permit processing times through preliminary plan reviews, study sessions and a one-stop counter. The city's access to Azusa Light & Water's reliable source of water and competitive utility rates, convenient freeway options, and small business resources are a few reasons why businesses choose Azusa."

"I would like to thank the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation for this Award; it was an honor just to be named a finalist along with an amazing group of distinguished and well-deserving cities," said Azusa Mayor Pro Tem, Robert Gonzales as he accepted the award. "The LAEDC has been a great supporter [of Azusa] and we look forward to continuing our partnership."

## Warning Signs Your Aging Parents Need More Help



A visit to your parents can be a chance to assess whether they need help at home to stay healthy and independent.

Home care agencies often see a surge in calls in late December and early January. Why? Many grown children head home for the holidays and notice their aging parents need some help.

"We usually see a surge in demand for care around the holidays as families get together and adult children notice changes in their parents' well-being and realize they need more support to remain safe and independent in their homes," said Austin Harkness, head of care for Honor, one of the fastest-growing home care companies in the country. Here are ways to tell:

### Take The Sniff Test

Breathe in that holiday hug. If you notice unclean clothes or an uncharacteristic body odor, that could signal that a parent is having trouble bathing, maintaining personal hygiene or keeping up with household chores such as laundry.

Next, follow your nose to the kitchen. Open the fridge. You'll notice pretty quickly if there's spoiled food—but your parents may not. The sense of smell diminishes with age, especially after 70. Many seniors can't detect unpleasant odors that would normally tell them it's time to toss last week's meat loaf.

If the sniff test reveals some olfactory oddities, it might not just be "normal aging." Dimin-

ished sense of smell can be an early indicator of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. If you sense something isn't quite right, help Mom or Dad to set up a doctor's visit to see if there's something else going on.

### Have A Look Around

Your childhood home may look the same as ever—but it may not work as well for older adults. As people age, their environment typically needs simple upgrades to keep them safe. You can significantly reduce fall risks by tapping down throw rugs, removing extra furniture, securing electrical cords out of pathways and adding grab bars in the bathroom.

Pay attention to clutter as well. Stacks of unopened mail, broken appliances or drooping houseplants may also signal a need for help. Being unable to manage everyday activities can be a symptom of depression or of cognitive impairment, which often presents like depression.

If you see any of the above warning signs, you may want to arrange for your parent to see a doctor and for family members or professional caregivers to stop by and help with projects and chores. Just knowing your parents have help and resources can relieve worry, both yours and theirs.

### Listen Up

Is the TV or radio volume blaring? Are conversations repeated? Does Mom keep asking "what?" or just smiling and nodding instead of participating? Don't brush it off. Difficulty following conversations may be a sign of hearing loss, cognitive impairment or both.

Seniors who begin losing their hearing are at greater risk of developing dementia over time since hearing is a brain function. Sometimes, hearing aids stimulate the sounds needed for the brain to restore organization and correctly process sounds.

### Making Sense Of Your Senses

Talking to parents about warning signs you've noticed isn't fun. But do it anyway. Let them know you want to be involved to help them stay independent for as long as possible. Even if you live far away there's a lot you can do, such as scheduling appointments and finding help with transportation, chores and projects. Talk to nearby family members about how they can help out or set up a visit with a home care agency that can provide ongoing support.

Fear of losing independence keeps a lot of seniors tight lipped. If your parents are open and honest about their changing needs, consider it a generous holiday gift. They trust you'll know what to do with it. (NAPSI)

## Seasonal Work Can Bring The Gift Of A Great Career



A good job may be yours for the holidays—and beyond.

With historically low unemployment and a strong economy, retailers are expecting a huge shopping season this year, with the National Retail Federation forecasting holiday retail sales in November and December—excluding automobiles, gasoline and restaurants—to increase between 4.3 and 4.8 percent over 2017. That compares with an average annual increase of 3.9 percent over the past five years.

If you're looking for a full-time or part-time job with flexible hours for the next few months, that could mean great news for you.

### Where The Jobs Are

For one thing, there are plenty of seasonal job openings in shops—about 650,000, according to the National Retail Federation. That's in addition to the estimated 15 million already holding retail jobs.

Another seasonal position you may care to consider: store Santa Claus. Some can earn as much as \$20,000 during the holidays. But it's a sedentary job.

Another more active option: There are 100,000 good jobs now available at thousands of

UPS locations around the country.

That's because, to support the anticipated increase in package volume it sees in November and through January, UPS is looking to hire seasonal employees. What's more, over a third of them can expect to be offered permanent jobs once the season is over. "Every year, we deliver the holidays for millions of customers," said Jim Barber, chief operating officer. "In order to make that happen, we also deliver thousands of great seasonal jobs at our facilities across the country."

### Jobs To Careers

The full- and part-time seasonal positions—primarily package handlers, drivers and driver-helpers—have long been an entry point for permanent employment at UPS. Many senior UPS executives, including Chief Executive Officer David Abney and other members of the company's senior leadership team, started their UPS careers as part-time employees.

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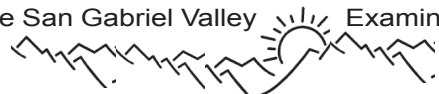
Permanent UPS jobs—including part-time jobs—come with great pay and benefits, including

health care and retirement benefits. Many part-time employees are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in tuition assistance through the company's Earn and Learn program.

For example, there's Kevin Whitehill. He was a college student when he started a seasonal job as a part-time package handler on his 19th birthday—Nov. 19, 1996. He worked part-time for several years and took advantage of UPS's tuition reimbursement program to get his degree. Twenty-two years later, he's an on-road supervisor managing tractor-trailer drivers. "I never intended UPS to be a career," he said. "I took a job for Christmas. As I moved along, the opportunities were just too good to pass up."

### How To Apply

Interested job seekers can easily apply for holiday season opportunities by visiting [www.UPSjobs.com](http://www.UPSjobs.com). Applicants must apply online. Videos featuring employees describing their work experience at UPS are also available at the UPS jobs website. (NAPSI)



# Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket program

**GLENDORA** - For the past 62 years Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket program has assisted Glendora families in need by providing a box of food and gift

cards for Thanksgiving. This program would not be possible without the generous support and contributions of our Glendora community including GUSD, Glendora schools and students and those who continue to contribute monetary donations each year. This year our community's efforts allowed us to feed 262 Glendora families. Glendora Community Coordinating Council would like to thank EVERYONE for making this a very successful 62nd year.



# Glendora Woman's Club "Music For The Holidays"

By Joan Hallidy  
**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Woman's Club will present the Glendora High School Girl's Choral Groups; The Silhouettes and the Illumination and directed by Dr. Brian Trevor, in a Christmas program "Music For The Holidays" at the club's luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, **December 4th**.

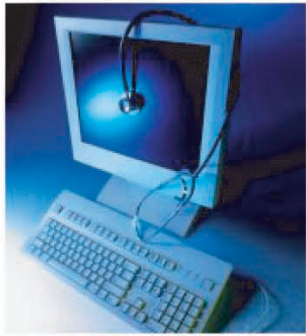
Glendora High School Groups with follow said club co-presidents Carolyn Cunningham and Joy Martau.

This month's theme will be "Holiday Magic" and members are encouraged to share an item from home for the display.

For information about Woman's Club membership, service projects, and special events, call Chris at 909-598-0554; for information about renting the clubhouse for a special event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010.

The service club's day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The luncheon by Cambria Catering and the program by the

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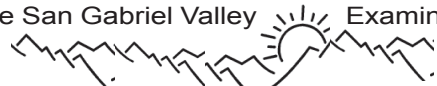
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# Rotary Club Of West Covina Partners With East Valley Community Health Centers, Foothill Transit And West Covina High School Interact Club To Provide Holiday Meal Baskets To Local Families

*Holiday Basket project is an annual community service project by the Rotary Club of West Covina*

**WEST COVINA** - On Thursday, November 22, 2018, East Valley Community Health Centers (EVCHC) distributed baskets of food to 75 local families. The baskets contain all the food for a complete Holiday turkey dinner for an entire family. The food is donated by local politicians, members of the Rotary Club of West Covina and the West Covina High School Interact Club. The baskets are assembled at South Hills Country Club and transported to EVCHC by Foothill Transit and the Rotary Club of West Covina.

EVCHC selects the families, coordinates collection of the donated food and distributes the completed baskets. The turkeys are donated by local poli-

ticians, West Covina High School Interact Club donates the vegetables and the other items are donated by members of the Rotary Club of West Covina. The baskets contain: Turkey, Butter/Margarine, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberries, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Apple/Pumpkin Pies, Rolls, Baking Tins, Whipped cream, Green Beans, Soup, Corn, Misc. vegetables all put into a Sturdy Laundry Basket.

“Rotary Club of West Covina has been doing this for many

years now and each year the families appreciate having this food provided.” said Aliciaardini, Chief Executive Officer, East Valley Community Health Centers. “It is a pleasure to have the support of the local politicians, the partnership with the Rotary Club of West Covina, Foothill Transit and the West Covina High School Interact Club. The families and I are extremely grateful.” Thank you everyone involved and have a blessed holiday with your families.

# Barger Calls For Investigation Into Growing Presence Of Dockless Scooters In Unincorporated Communities

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The Board of Supervisors has approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger directing county agencies to study the impacts e-scooters and bikes have had on other cities and jurisdictions and identify best practices to prevent negative impacts on public safety and the quality of life in unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County.

Recently, electric scooters have been showing up in communities across Los Angeles Coun-

ty, including the San Gabriel Valley. “Use of these scooters may provide some users a convenient way to get around, but businesses are not allowed to set up shop in public rights of way without proper authorization, especially if they will have a potential impact on public safety,” Barger said. “We want to prevent the kind of blight and public nuisance that e-scooters, parked or abandoned, unpermitted, on sidewalks, in front of businesses, and near parking have created in other

municipalities. Our communities must have input on where these mobile businesses will be located and how they interface with their neighborhoods.”

Supervisor Barger’s motion, instructs the CEO to work with the Department of Regional Planning, Department of Public Works, Sheriff’s Department, and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and any other relevant department, to report back in 30 days with their findings.

# Barger Seeks Report On Aerial Firefighting Resources

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – The Board of Supervisor approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger directing county agencies to reassess the Fire Department’s Air Operations program to determine if the County has adequate year-round aerial firefighting resources.

“In the aftermath of competing firestorms which simultaneously devastated communities in Northern and Southern California causing significant loss of life and property, we need to re-examine the department’s aircraft program to determine where expansion may be needed,” said Barger. “This analysis

must be broadened to look at our current partnerships with the state under the mutual aid agreement, and how resources are deployed to competing fires in various counties and jurisdictions.”

Last weekend, dry brush, the effects of drought, sustained warm temperatures, low humidity and Santa Ana wind conditions fueled the Woolsey, Camp and Hill fires. Many fire behavior experts agree these conditions have created more extreme fire behavior than in years past. Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby recently explained that “in California, fire season is now year round. We are in a new nor-

mal.” A Cal-Fire spokesman explained fires that used to take a few days to burn from point “A” to point “B” now go that same distance in just a few hours.

Further, when several fast-moving fires burn through various regions in California the mutual aid system may be challenged to meet the demand, especially for critically needed air resources. While California has always suffered the threat of wildland fire, this new normal now requires a renewed analysis of what is needed to battle these types of fires more effectively. The report is due back in 90 days.

# Woman Found Dead in San Gabriel Mountains near East Fork

By George Ogden

**AZUSA** - Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Homicide detectives are still continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a woman found in a gulley in the San Gabriel Mountains, on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at approximately 12:15 P.M.

Deputies from San Dimas Sheriff’s station responded to East Fork Road location where the body was located approximately. This was 1 mile east

of Highway 39 in the San Gabriel Mountains. Homicide Detectives responded to the scene and upon their arrival, deputies discovered a deceased woman lying in a culvert that is adjacent to a roadway turnout. They started their investigation which is still on going.

The victim was discovered by a local resident who was walking and made the discovery of the woman. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. She appeared to have

suffered blunt force trauma. There is no suspect description, nor any further information at this time. The investigation is still on going.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. Or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call “LA Crime Stoppers” by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477)

# LASD Assist Azusa PD with Shooting Death Investigation

By George Ogden

**AZUSA** - On Wednesday, November 21, around 12:30 a.m. Azusa Police responded to the 600 Block of North Rockvale Avenue in Azusa where they found a male adult who had been shot to death.

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Homicide Bureau detectives responded to assist Azusa Police Department with their investigation into the shooting death of a male Hispanic adult in his mid-30’s. The

incident occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m., Rockvale Avenue location.

Homicide Detectives have learned that Azusa Police Department received multiple calls of shots being fired in the area. One caller believed their apartment had been struck by gunfire. Azusa Police Officer’s responded to the location and upon their arrival located the victim on the front doorstep suffering from at least one gunshot wound.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing and there is no further information available at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call “Crime Stoppers” by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

# DPSS And Amazon Partner To Create A Wishlist Website For Toy Loan Donations

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Just in time for #CyberMonday and #GivingTuesday, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Toy Loan Program and Amazon have partnered to encourage charitable donations via the Amazon Wishlist website to benefit nine Toy Loan sites serving low-income communities.

With the support of the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department and their Amazon partners, the new site is now available to bring the convenience of Amazon shopping to benefit thousands of families who rely on the Toy Loan Program.

“For 83 years, the County’s Toy Loan program has been a

cherished part of so many childhoods,” said County Supervisor Janice Hahn. “I remember experiencing the thrill of checking out a toy when my dad took me to the Toy Loan center at Manchester Park as a child. I am grateful to Amazon Smile for creating this site and bringing new energy and attention to this beloved program.”

Toy Loan is a voluntary community effort supported by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. There are currently 54 toy lending libraries located throughout the County.

The Amazon site, <http://toydrive.lacounty.gov/> allows users to geographically select a Toy Loan Program site and have in-need Amazon Smile charity wish

lists items shipped directly to the site.

The new partnership serves as a continuation of an existing effort by Amazon, #GivingTuesday, which is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. It’s a time when many tend to focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Since its inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy with events throughout the year.

For more information about the Toy Loan Program or a complete list of the nine Toy Loan sites where a charitable donation can be made, visit the Toy Loan Website - <http://toydrive.lacounty.gov/>.

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# Trump Directs Water Delivery Streamlining

President Trump is continuing to pursue not only the California water issue but those water issues and policies that affect the entire western U.S. region. He has charged Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Commerce to begin to streamline the water delivery process by working together on projects that are "burdened" by regulations that "obstruct, delay, curtail, impede, or otherwise impose significant costs on the permitting, utilization, transmission, delivery, or supply of water resources and infrastructure." Two of the areas that tend to cause delays are the ESA, Endangered Species Act and NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act.



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

The multitude of environmental organizations up in the Delta area announced early on when WaterFix was at the forefront, the tactic to stall water infrastructure or improvements would be lawsuits and those lawsuits typically involve the fish.

systems in California has been the impact on fish - both the 2-inch Delta Smelt, steelhead trout and the Chinook Salmon. Recently, with the acknowledgement the Delta Smelt may be lost forever, a more intense effort to save the salmon has surfaced with new people involved and with new ideas, theories and creative attempts to save the fish and still allow water improvements to move forward.

Trump's Memorandum set deadlines for the two agencies to appoint one person with the responsibility of identifying projects being delayed and what was delaying those projects and submit a "game plan" so to speak on how to eliminate unnecessary requirements restricting those projects from moving forward.

One of the creative efforts was announced by John Rueth of the Livingston Stone Hatchery at Shasta Dam when the drought in this state caused thousands of salmon eggs and newly hatched fish to bake to death because of the rise in the water temperature in the habitat area in the Sacramento River south of the Dam.

That plan has been forwarded to the Secretary of Interior, Ryan Zinke and Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross and they have signed their own Memorandum of Agreement that ensures President Trump's "Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West" has his intended results. Zinke and Ross, in their memorandum, have designated Paul Souza, Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest Region of U.S. Fish & Wildlife as the Lead Director in charge of the Central Valley Projects to get relief to the farming communities in that region. He will be identifying regulations and procedures that potentially burden the projects and developing a proposed plan to suspend, revise or rescind any regulation or procedure that unduly burdens them.

The new experiment to save the salmon required the fishery's attempt to reprogram the spawning habits of the salmon by releasing young salmon in a new location, Battle Creek, a cold-water stream fed by cold water sources. Salmon return to the same placed they were hatched out to lay their eggs but this effort won't have results - positive or negative - until 2020.

One of the most contentious arguments over water delivery

The Fresno Bee, Lewis Griswold, ran an article on San Joaquin River Restoration Program headed up by fish biologist Don Portz. This project has been in the works since a lawsuit was settled in 2009 requiring federal and state agencies to implement the restoration program after the Friant Dam, built in the 1940's, dried up parts of the river and salmon lost their spawning grounds.

The goal of this program the Bee reports: "To have hatchery-raised adult salmon released into the San Joaquin River, lay their eggs naturally in the river to hatch and for juvenile salmon to swim to the ocean, reach sexual maturity, then return as adult salmon to spawn and die - and for the cycle to start all over again as it did for time immemorial." "This is a river that didn't have flows for over half a century," Portz said. "It's not an easy thing to turn on the spigot and let water start flowing again."

The settlement agreement with U.S. Departments of Interior and Commerce, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) established the San Joaquin River Restoration Fund (Fund). Approximately \$17 million per year of payments from the Central Valley Project Friant Division would be deposited into the Fund to be available without further appropriations to implement the provisions of the Settlement.

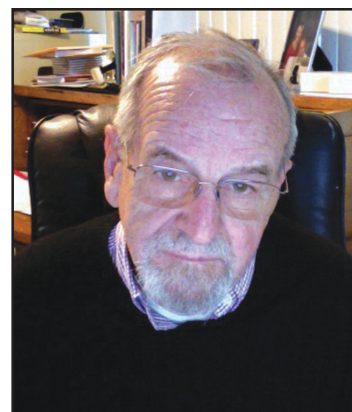
Funding by the State of California also supported the Settlement. In November 2006, State propositions 84 and 13 were passed by the California voters and should provide about \$200 million of State bond funds for projects that will directly contribute to the restoration efforts.

Measuring their successes one at a time, biologist, under Portz, counted the number of nests, called redds, created by the spring-run Chinook salmon. Last year, there were 13 redds and this year the count reached 41 nests.

And, last year, Fresno Bee ran headlines: For first time in 60 years, spring-run Chinook salmon reproduce in San Joaquin River.

As long as President Trump is willing to push, and push hard setting deadlines and naming responsible parties, for solutions rather than a continuum of lawsuits, we may once again have enough water for our farmers in the Central Valley, residents and businesses in Southern California and support for scientists and biologists working creatively and apparently very quietly saving the salmon.

# "Shabbat Shalom"



Charles H. Bayer

"Shabbat shalom" ("peaceful Sabbath") was the greeting at the door of our local synagogue. I had not been to a Friday evening service at Temple Beth Israel until then. I had, however, worked over the years with Paul Buch, its cantor, and had joined with many of its members involved in issues before the community, and in the development of the vegetable "farm" Uncommon Good, a powerful local social agency, had planted on the synagogue's grounds.

and chairs were set up, but the space was quickly filled to overflowing. Who knows how many others were turned away. I have heard from members of my own community who could not find a place to park or who came too late even to get in the building.

The murders in Pittsburgh, while horrible in themselves, have also reminded us that anti-semitism is not dead and that down deep may lurk the seeds of bigotry just waiting to be fertilized. Even more disturbing is the racial, ethnic and religious bigotry that lies buried in the American experience waiting for someone to stir it to life. When after the white nationalist march in Charlottesville, the President stated that there were "good people on both sides," one wonders if he hadn't provided the catalyst.

At the conclusion of the powerful Shabbat service, the clergy among the visitors were invited to come forward in solidarity with their Jewish neighbors. About sixty of us responded to the invitation. Clearly the bigotry that produced the tragedy at "The Tree of Life" in Pittsburgh, and all other evidences of hatred, had no place among us.

So when we heard about the tragedy in Pittsburgh, many of us knew we had to do something-but what? Speaking out about the rise of bigotry was our primary task. But some public recognition was also critical. The opportunity presented itself when Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz of Temple Beth Israel invited anyone who wished to remember those who had been killed to attend the regular Friday evening Shabbat service.

As I sat in that service my mind went back to an incident in the Missouri city where I had been both a pastor and a member of the city council. An out-of-town contingent had come through the community soliciting ads for The Christian Yellow Pages. This publication promised to list the business, and only the businesses, whose owners declared that 'Jesus is Lord.'

While the synagogue officials knew a few of us would certainly show up, they were not prepared for what happened. Thirty minutes before the service was to begin, the spacious worship area was packed. An adjacent hall was open

When I looked at their literature it became obvious that this effort was designed to say, "do not patronize Jews." As a columnist in the city's daily newspaper, I published a piece on the issue.

The conservative Christians supporting the new yellow pages were livid, and demanded that I be publicly rebuked, so they called for a community rally to be held at a Baptist church that housed the largest auditorium in the city. After a series of attacks on me, an elderly woman stood and in broken English said, "I lived in Germany in those days and this is how it started. Patronizing only Christian merchants was demanded, and that meant boycotting all Jews. That is what is about to take place here." Her testimony ended the Christian Yellow Pages in that city!

With this witness and my other warnings about the subtle evidences of bigotry, I was the first recipient of the local synagogue's Myron Meyers Humanitarian Award. Myron Meyers was its rabbi for forty years, and had been honored and respected by the entire community.

Bigotry of any description is poison, and anti-semitism is a striking example. These days much personal bigotry is so subtle that many of us who may harbor its seeds may not even recognize its existence. So we are called to examine carefully what might be growing in the dark hidden recesses of our lives.

So when the Pittsburgh slaughter became known in my community, hundreds of our local citizens joined hands to say "NOT HERE." And when at the door of Temple Beth Israel I was greeted with the words "SHAB-BOT SHALOM" I quietly responded "SHALOM ALEIKHEM" (Peace be upon you.)

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# What Else Could Go Wrong?

Here is the plan. Take the 34-foot motorhome and the Cadillac EXT pickup truck and hook the 'toy-haulers' with off-road race cars in them. Toy-hauler for those of you that don't know are car carriers that have built in all the things as a large camping trailer. Full kitchen, bathroom, beds, running water, electricity and all that.



George Ogden  
That's just the way it is!

The plan, to hook everything up and take off to China Lake area for a reunion of old off-road racing folks. Camp, race off-road and kick back by the fire for about a week.

It was great to meet all my friend from the old days. Time to leave and all seemed well. Fueled up at the gas station and Beverly following behind me is doing well with the trailer in tow. On the 10 freeway, approaching Kellogg Hill and a few miles from home, I lost radio contact with Beverly. I somehow changed frequency on the radio and couldn't remember what FM station I was using. Couldn't call Beverly because her phone had died.

The plan was to leave early Friday morning. However, we couldn't remove the trailer hitch from the motorhome to replace it with a taller one. This was needed for the big toy-hauler. After an all-day event trying to remove it, we gave up. We changed vehicles and swapped out the trailers. I thought the Cadillac might have a problem towing the larger trailer.

As I am approaching Holt I get a phone call from a strange number, it was Beverly... "I rolled it" she said. Asked if she was okay and she was. I was close enough to get home to park the motorhome and got a car. I went back and listened to the SIG ALERT on the 10 freeway with 4 lanes blocked. I arrive and the Cadillac is still on its wheels but damaged and the trailer with the car inside it on its side. Trailer is totaled and not sure about the car yet. It should be in repairable shape. We'll see!

We left early Sat. morning. My "EX" (Beverly) was driving the Cadillac (we are still good friends) and I had the motorhome, fueled up with almost \$400 in gas between us and off we go.

So this was a \$40,000 to \$50,000 trip. You would figure that that kind of money, it would be an exotic somewhere nice... This ended up in middle of Death Valley or Hell if you would.

All was well and Beverly doing a great job. As we were exiting the 15 freeway at the 395 the drive shaft on the motorhome blew off. \$1170.00 and 4 hours later, we were running again with a dent in the driveshaft that caused major vibration between

We had a good time seeing our friends and running all over the desert.

Our stay was great. The TURBO CHARGED buggy was the best...

I call this the "Trip to Hell and Back".  
"That's just the way it is!"

# "TIME JOCKEY" - A Parade is Born

**By Joe Castillo**  
**1890...** Sometimes it only takes an idea, some luck and Mother nature to start something that changes the way of life. Pasadena's Valley Hunt Club was a place where men of stature and responsibility would go and spend their leisure time. In 1888, Pasadena had a population of 4,882 and was a rather sleepy and quiet town. The Valley Hunt Club was one to the few places that Pasadena men could get together and have an open discussion on a variety of topics. At one of the regular meetings, Professor Charles Frederick Holder had enough of a rather hum-drum meeting and stood up holding a newspaper with headlines announcing the great blizzard of New York. Holder saw an opportunity and wanted to make sure every member of the Valley Hunt Club knew what he was attempting to do. "Gentlemen, I came from the East to this beautiful area for my health. I found it here". He continued to state that people are buried in snow in the

East while in the West flowers are blooming and the oranges are ready for picking. "Let's have a festival and tell the world about our paradise" an encouraging Holder barked to the other members. The men's club didn't share the same enthusiasm as Holder but it only takes one individual to make a difference and that one person was Dr. Francis F. Rowland. Rowland's wife had just returned from a trip to Nice, France and attended a festival of roses. His suggestion was to name Holder's festival "The Battle of Roses" which brought out the competitiveness of other members who chimed in that Pasadena could be the "Mediterranean of the West". Well, that's all it took. The Valley Hunt Club voted to organize a parade with decorated carriages and an afternoon filled with athletic games. The date of January 1, 1890 was chosen and an excited public was ready for the inaugural event. The athletic portion of the festival included young men competing in footraces, tug-of-war, jousting

and a new type of skills event called the "Tournament of Rings", a revised Spanish horsemen's challenge of trying to spear free-hanging rings while riding full-speed on a horse. It was this event along with a large display of roses which led Professor Holder to anoint the New Year's event as the Tournament of Roses. The name has stuck through 128 renewals of the colorful pageantry of Roses.

If it hadn't been for the New York blizzard of 1888, Professor Holder's innovative idea and Dr. Rowland's wife, Pasadena's Tournament of Roses may never have come about. But lucky for us here in the Southland that all three of those happenings occurred and on January 1st we'll once again bring in the new year on a bed of roses....

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# California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Reports Cannabis Tax Revenue Increases in Third Quarter

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) reported increased revenue numbers today for cannabis sales for the 3rd quarter of 2018. Tax revenue reported by the cannabis industry totaled \$93.1 million for 3rd quarter returns received through October 31, 2018, which includes state cultivation, excise and sales taxes. It does not include tax revenue collected by each jurisdiction.

California's cannabis excise tax generated \$52.4 million in revenue reported on 3rd quarter returns received through October 31, 2018. The cultivation tax generated \$12 million, and the sales tax generated \$28.7 million in reported

revenue. Retail sales of medicinal cannabis and medicinal cannabis products are exempt from sales and use taxes if the purchaser provides a valid Medical Marijuana Identification card and valid government-issued identification card.

Previously reported revenue for 2nd quarter returns was revised to \$80.2 million, which included \$42.3 million in excise tax, \$4.7 million in cultivation tax, and \$33.2 million in sales tax. Revisions to quarterly data in prior periods are the result of amended and late returns, and other tax return adjustments.

Act. Beginning on January 1, 2018, two new cannabis taxes went into effect: a cultivation tax on all harvested cannabis that enters the commercial market and a 15 percent excise tax upon purchasers of cannabis and cannabis products. In addition, retail sales of cannabis and cannabis products are subject to state and local sales tax.

To learn more, visit the Tax Guide for Cannabis Businesses on the CDTFA website.



# Another Week, Another Nail Biter

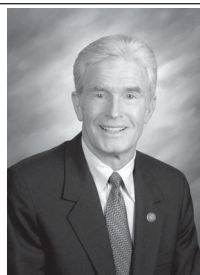
This past week had investors dealing with gyrating markets, wild headlines, and what seemed to be some rips in the fabric of this nearly 10-year-old bull market. Heading into what is supposed to be a highly confident time of the year - especially during times of a strong domestic economy - the thunder of a banner third-quarter earnings season is being swept to the sidelines by the high-profile politics of a countdown with China on doing a deal so the market can check off the "tariff" box. Expectations are that the market could then trade higher, delivering the catalyst that satisfies the widespread thirst for a year-end rally.

These have been very turbulent and volatile times for the equity markets as they have tested and broken through key support levels with extreme oversold momentum. Every market sector seems to be broken. When the market does rebound it will likely be dividend and growth stocks building a new foundation. Wall Street expects energy, retail and healthcare/medical stocks to be the leaders in any market rebound, with choice stocks within those sectors being purchased. The market news channels seem to be only discussing and highlighting the negatives, and not pointing out and focusing on how strong third quarter earnings have been. Many market news programs have ignored the fact that companies and their insiders are purchasing their own company shares (that they feel are good values). News commentators, however, have ignored good earnings and sound fundamentals. The global slowdown and the issues surrounding Brexit have also brought a flight to quality here in the US, resulting in Treasury yields dropping dramatically.

The return of the tech rout rattled investors last Monday and Tuesday. Apple is now in a bear market, the WSJ reports, and Apple's suppliers are suffering as

## In A Nutshell

What's up in the Economy?



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the company has cut orders in anticipation of weaker iPhone sales. The bigger problem is not just individual company problems, but the Fed's apparent determination to slow the economy (maybe even to a crawl). The latest data suggest they have - at the very least - succeeded in putting growth on a lower trajectory. History suggests they will not stop there, either. Recession is a very real possibility given the Fed's track record while attempting to tighten by raising interest rates. Evidence of current slower growth has been proof enough the Fed has the power to slow growth. Wall Street expects the stock market will continue to suffer periodic bouts of selling as long as we don't know how much the Fed will slow growth by continuing interest rate increases. With signs the economy is cooling off, along with what we have seen from the decline in the equity markets, the chance for an increase in interest rates from the upcoming FOMC meeting in December has dropped to 50%. Whether or not the Fed raises rates in December, they need to state they are done. That alone should spark a dramatic rebound in market prices.

At the risk of alienating all those who have heard the word "Brexit" one too many times in the past couple of weeks, this is why what's happening in the UK is a big deal: The EU apparently has decided the UK had to be punished for leaving the union to discourage others from doing so. The EU's offered deal is not even

as good as deals given Switzerland and Norway, neither of which was ever a member state. As a consequence, Theresa May, whose leadership is already hanging by a thread after calling an ill-conceived election in June 2018, now faces a challenge from within her own party. The danger of no deal supporting Brexit is very real, which in turn would mean much of Britain's banking industry - a huge portion of its GDP - could relocate to Frankfurt, Paris and Dublin. As a result, the outcome of the parliamentary fight over whether to accept a bad deal or reject it in hopes of achieving a better one down the road, has enormous consequences for the pound, UK GDP and potentially for the global economy as contagion ripples out from London. Hopefully the Brussel meeting Saturday "to discuss how we can bring to conclusion this process, and bring it to a conclusion in the interests of all people" will be beneficial.

The U.S. economy is doing better than most of the rest of the world. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell recently gave a speech acknowledging that the global economy was slowing down, which he called "concerning." Powell tried to downplay the recent stock market turbulence, but he did admit that the Fed is "looking really carefully" at how financial markets, the economy, and business contracts are responding to rising rates. Translated from "Fedspeak," he definitely came off as dovish, after he said, "We have to be thinking about how much further to raise rates, and the pace at which we will raise rates," adding that the Fed's goal is to "extend the recovery, expansion and to keep unemployment low, to keep inflation low."

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

**For some, this holiday season can be joyous, for other it's depressing.**

Slow down, take some time for yourself, and think about the reason behind this season. If you're still paying for last year's gifts, be extra budget-wise this year! It is a time of giving, but don't feel pressured to gift to everybody you know. Think about making some homemade gifts, or ways you can offer a helping hand. Those are the things that make lasting memories. If you've gone through a life event (moved, changed jobs or unemployed, a loved one passed, a break-up or divorce), your friends and family will understand that you are going through a period of adjustment. If you're unhappy, or depressed, seriously consider talking with a counsellor, therapist, or pastor. Too much partying has been known to cause depression. If you have enjoyed all the lights, decorations, and music in the past, then it's especially important to enjoy those now. And, if you are a Christian, remember that it's a time to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**What will the Medicare Part B premium be in 2019?**

It was announced that the Medicare part B premium for 2019 will be \$135.50 per month.

**When we sell our house here in California, will we have to pay taxes on the profit we'll make between the price we paid 15 years ago and what we sell it for?**

At this time, when you sell your primary residence, you will still receive the full benefit of the capital gains exclusion: \$250,000 (filing single), \$500,000 (married filing joint). Remember to calculate in your allowable deductions for major improvements (not mainte-



**Julia Yoder**

nance) to your home.

If your capital gain is greater than these amounts, you will probably have to pay capital gains tax on just that amount in excess of the exclusion. Check with your CPA.

**What is RMD? When does it start? Is there a way to avoid it? Can it affect my tax bracket?**

RMD is Required Minimum Distribution. It's the annual amount that must be withdrawn from a traditional IRA or a qualified retirement plan (401k, 403b, Keogh). Although you are allowed to begin taking penalty-free distributions from tax-deferred retirement accounts after age 59 1/2, you must begin taking distributions upon reaching age 70 1/2. If you delay your first distribution to April 1 following the year you turn 70 1/2, you have to take a 2nd distribution that year. The amount of your RMD distribution depends on your age, your life expectancy, and the value of the account. (Refer to IRS tables.) If you do not take RMDs, you might have to pay a 50% federal income tax penalty on the amount that you should have withdrawn. Tax-deferred retirement plans are subject to ordinary income tax. If your RMDs are large, you might be pushed into a higher tax bracket. Plan

ahead to figure out the best time to begin taking your RMDs. Note: Roth IRAs contain post-tax money, grow tax-free, and do not fall under the RMD rules. Distributions from a life-insurance policy can be taken (if done correctly) income tax free, too.

**My wife is healthy, but I was 'rated' for life insurance, meaning my premiums would be higher due to some health problems. Is there another way to provide for my family whenever I die?**

One choice would be to apply for a second-to-die life insurance policy with your spouse, along with a first-to-die rider. Qualifications for this life insurance would be based on your spouse's qualifications. Because of the rider, the life insurance policy would pay out whenever one of you passed. Another choice would be to invest in an annuity. This would be a contract between you and an insurance company, but without life insurance underwriting. Annuities can be used to help ensure a steady stream of income in retirement, as well as help ensure that your beneficiaries will be taken care of in the event of your death.

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## City of Monterey Park to Offer Discounted "Ring" Video Doorbells

**MONTEREY PARK** - The City of Monterey Park will offer an additional 200 households discounted doorbells outfitted with surveillance cameras.

This promotion will be offered to Monterey Park residents on December 11, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at George Elder Park, 1950 Wilcox Avenue. Residents will be able to purchase one subsidized Ring doorbell product

per household on a first come, first serve basis. Residents must provide a utility bill under their name and government identification with photograph. Households that have already received a Ring subsidy are not eligible to participate (one subsidy per household). A credit card will be the only method of payment accepted.

Following a similar discount

event in July 2018, the city agreed to set aside an additional \$10,000 to provide a \$50 subsidy on Ring doorbells for 200 more households. Ring will match that with a \$50 discount of its own, meaning residents will save \$100 total on each unit. Monterey Park's program reduces the cost of the video doorbells from their regular pricing of between \$199 and \$249 to between \$99 and \$149, depending on the model selected.

All of the models enable residents to receive instant alerts when visitors press the doorbell or trigger the built-in motion sensors, and see, hear, and speak to anyone at their front door from their smartphone, tablet, or PC. The intercom capability enables residents to respond audibly and view live video feed - even if they are not home.

Monterey Park has joined Alhambra, Arcadia, La Cañada Flintridge and Temple City in partnering with Ring.

For more information, please contact the MPPD Community Services Bureau at 626-307-1215.



# THE CAR GURU

**WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW**

**By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists**

## Goodbye Spare Tire?

Remember when cars had a full size spare tire? Then they went to the small temporary spare tire called the donut. Now, in order to save weight, many manufacturers are doing away with the spare tire altogether on certain models. Certainly, less weight increases gas mileage. It is also easier and less expensive to shed weight from a car, than to introduce technology to save fuel. This year about 14 percent of new model cars in the United States have no spare tire.

The tire repair kit which replaces the spare tire, weighs in at about 20 pounds less than a spare tire and a jack assembly and do not take up much room either. But what should you do if you happen to get a flat? The car manufacturers are supplying a quick-fix kit instead.

If you get a major blow out that is larger than a quarter of an inch, or if the puncture is on the side of the tire instead of the bottom, the repair kit won't do the job and you will need to be towed. The manufacturers figure that in most cases the repair kit will do the job as it should take care of flats 85 percent of the time.

The manufacturers also feel that TPMS (tire pressure monitoring systems) will alert you in most cases that you have a leak which you can fix before you have a flat. So, if the low tire light sends a signal, don't ignore it. If you buy a new car, you might want to look for the spare tire.

Manufacturers have been mandated by the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards and are scrambling to get better

gas mileage (an average of 54.5 miles per gallon) by 2025 and are doing all they can to make it happen. Not every manufacturer is using this method to help their cause but it is something you need to be aware of. You don't want to be stuck in the middle of nowhere and start looking for a spare that you aren't going to find.

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Santa Claus, c/o Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department, P.O. Box 60021, Arcadia, CA 91066-6021.

For more information please call 626.574.5113.

## GCCC Hospitality Award to American Legion Commander Ken Anderson



**GLENDORA** - Commander Ken Anderson of American Legion Charter Oak Post 755 receives Hospitality award for the posts First Responders event from members of Glendora Coordinating Council at a luncheon at The Continental Restaurant. Many members of the post attended the luncheon.

## Dr. Edward L. Davis Joins Woodglen Medical Group

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