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ground.

Fire rescue responded to the crash scene. There was no fire but as they attempted to rescue the pilot they found that he was killed in the crash and was declared dead at the scene. to why the plane crashed.

Ying was an experienced pilot and in 2010 he flew around the world with his wife. He had been flying since 1981.

There were no other injuries those who knew Ying were



Jeffrey Ying, the pilot of the Pazmany PL-2

in the accident. The runway saddened to hear that he had and air traffic was not affected.

died. Family and friends, and

The investigation continues.

plane got to about 200 feet **Legal Notices** Investigators quickly started **City Notices** when Ying attempted to quickly probing the scene for clues as Sri Lankan Parade on Rose

Bowl Route in Pasadena

Airport in his home built single

engine Pazmany PL-2 experi-

mental plane around 9:30 AM.

As the plane lifted off, wit-

nesses stated that it had ap-

peared to almost immediately

have engine problems. The



car owned and driven by Bob Kenz of San Marino.

By Jayam Rutnam

PASADENA - The 92 degree weather did not deter hundreds of spectators who lined three long blocks on Colorado Boulevard to view the first ever Sri Lankan Parade named "Pageant of Lanka." It was on Saturday, July 15th that the Sri Lanka Foundation organized and produced this historic event. There were over forty items in the parade, with floats depicting the history and culture of Sri Lanka and also many items with colorful, traditional Sri Lankan dancers.

The Mayor of Pasadena, Terry Tornek and the Founder and Chairman of the Sri Lanka Foundation Dr. Walter Jayasinghe, of San Marino, rode on the back of a well preserved vintage 1948 Chrysler Town and Country, owned by vintage car enthusiast, Bob Kenz of San Marino. Mayor Tornek's wife Maria rode in the

front seat, waving to the crowds of spectators that lined Colorado Boulevard. Dr. Walter Jayasinghe's wife Aeshea and the Consul General of Sri Lanka, Swarna Guneratne rode in a pristine 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air also owned by Bob Kenz and driven by his father in law John

In the words of Dishan Jayasinhe, President of the Sri Lanka Foundation "This day holds a special place in my heart, not only as President of the Foundation, but also as someone of Sri Lankan heritage who has grown up in Southern California. It is an unique celebration where Californians get exposure to the culture of Sri Lanka."

The parade was in conjunction with Sri Lanka Day, also organized by the Sri Lanka Foundation and held on Paseo Colorado for the past three years. With booths selling products and foods of Sri Lanka, this is an occasion that is awaited by Sri Lankans and Americans alike. The food consisted of the traditional hoppers, rice and "roti" with different types of mouth watering curries that Sri Lanka is famous for. There were talented traditional dancers and music, demonstrating the history and culture of Sri Lanka.

Mayor of Pasadena, Terry Tornek was the Grand Marshal of the Parade. He commented "Pasadena prides itself on being a diverse community with world class institutions and celebrations. One example is the vibrant Sri Lanka celebration held annually in Pasadena. We are so grateful to the Foundation for sharing your wonderful music, food and community activity with us."

Monterey Park Police Department Joins Fight Against Breast Cancer, **Supports Pink Patch Project MONTEREY PARK** - The

Pink Patch Project (#PinkPatchProject) is an innovative public awareness campaign that is designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and support cancer research organizations and support groups in combating the disease. In addition to raising funds to fight breast cancer, the project aims to raise awareness about early detection and treatment for breast cancer. It is estimated that approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. While the disease can have a profound impact on the patient and her loved ones, it is also one that can be effectively treated with surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy and chemotherapy.

The Pink Patch Project has grown into a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Chiefs' of Police Association and 25 Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies, including the Monterey Park Police De-

partment. Each police department collaborating in this campaign has partnered with a cancer research organization or support group in their respective communities. As part of this initiative, each police department is selling their pink



Police department staff in uniform with pink patches.

patches, pink patch t-shirts and Awareness Month. The pink rectly to the community. In addition to our public education efforts, goal of the Pink Patch Project is to raise funds from the sale of these items that will go directly to fund the research, treatment and education needed to help find a cure.

The Pink Patch Project centers on vibrant pink versions of the police officer's uniform patch, which have been specially designed by each agency for the Pink Patch Project campaign. Police officers at each of the agencies participating in the campaign will wear these pink patches on their regular police uniforms for the entire month of October during Breast Cancer

patches are intended to stimulate conversation within the community and to encourage public awareness about the on-going fight against this disease and importance of early detection.

Special edition pink patches and t-shirts now on sale to raise funds for breast cancer research and treatment

The public can show their support for the Pink Patch Project by purchasing patches and t-shirts directly from the Monterey Park Police Department. For purchase information, please contact Detective Denise Ferrari at dferrari@montereypark.ca.gov or visit the city hall police department

Accreditation Reaffirmed for Citrus College

GLENDORA - Citrus College recently had its accreditation status fully reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (AC-CJC). The reaffirmation means that Citrus College meets all eligibility requirements, standards and commission policies for accreditation.

This exciting announcement is an indicator of Citrus College's institutional effectiveness, as well as the quality and value of its academic programs.

"I am incredibly proud of the Citrus College community for their tremendous work to ensure that the college meets the high standards of accreditation," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. "This was a team effort, and it validates that Citrus College is moving in a positive direction."

The finding was based on the ACCJC's review of Citrus College's follow?up report to the fall 2015 comprehensive review and the accompanying evidentiary materials, which were submitted to the ACCJC in March 2017. The college is now required to submit a midterm report in 2018, which is midway through the sixyear accreditation cycle. The accreditation is valid through 2021.

Citrus College has been fully accredited and in good standing since 1953. Full accreditation is the best possible status for a college.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment," said Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Confirming the quality of Citrus College's programs and services is essential to our students, as they advance in their academic and professional careers."

Citrus College received a formal letter from the ACCJC. In it,

the commission thanked the college for "sharing the values and the work of accreditation to ensure educational quality and to support student success.'

"I would like to thank our accreditation co?chairs Dr. Arvid Spor and Ms. Roberta Eisel and the team that worked on our follow?up report for their outstanding work and tireless efforts," Dr. Perri added. "In addition, I would like to recognize the board of trustees for their leadership and steadfast support of Citrus College."

The ACCJC is part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It is one of six regional accrediting commissions authorized by the U.S. Department of Education. The full accreditation emphasizes Citrus College's great strides in achieving its strategic goal of increasing student success and completion.

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Baldwin Park Unified Connects with Community via Facebook Page



Baldwin Park Unified is launching an official Facebook page, adding a new channel to strengthen communications with local families and community members.

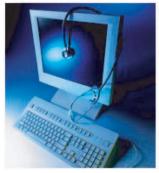
Park Unified launched an official Facebook page July 17, adding a new channel to strengthen communications with local families and community members.

The page will provide up-todate news about Baldwin Park Unified's innovative academic program, student support services and full calendar of school activities.

The page will work in concert with the District's website, its innovative mobile application, email news distribution and quarterly printed newsletters to keep the community informed about the latest Baldwin Park Unified news and accomplishments, including its acclaimed dual-language immersion program, classroom technology expansion and growing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum offerings.

"Baldwin Park Unified recognizes the prevalence of online communication tools in our community," Superintendent Dr.

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most timely information possi-

For example, the social media page includes details about the District's recent summer enrichment program for elementary school students and a college admissions partnership with the University of La Verne.

Access Baldwin Park Unified's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Baldwin-ParkUSD/.

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Enforcement Officers to Conduct Compliance Field Licensing Efforts in Unincorporated Areas

- Officers from the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will be conducting field licensing enforcement in the unincorporated area of La Puente (zip codes 91744 and 91746), Claremont (zip code 91711), La Verne (zipcode 91750), Glendora (zip codes 91740 and 91741) San Dimas (zip code 91773) and West Covina (zip codes 91791 and 91792) beginning on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Field enforcement efforts are designed to ensure that residents' dogs and cats are in compliance with mandatory licensing requirements, spay/neuter, and microchipping. Additionally, California law requires that all dogs over the age of four months be vaccinated against rabies and licensed. In addition, the Coun-

ty of Los Angeles requires the

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LOSANGELES COUNTY same for all cats. As of January 1, 2014, puppies may be vaccinated at three months but are not required to be vaccinated until four months of age. Securing a dog or cat license is essential to assisting animal control agencies if a pet becomes lost.

Pet owners must be in compliance with licensing, spay/ neuter, and microchipping if they reside in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (as well as within Cities that contract with the County and who have adopted the County's Title 10 ordinance). Residents not in compliance will be subject to license fees, delinquency charges, and a \$40 · field enforcement fee (to offset the cost of the Department's field services). In order to avoid penalties, be sure your pet is licensed. You can secure a new license by printing the application online www.animalcare.lacounty.gov and mailing it to us or by visiting your local County animal care center. Residents may also renew online if their pet's license is not delinquent at www.animalcare.lacounty.gov. Information on licensing fees can also be found on the web-

DACC offers low-cost vaccination/microchips clinics (microchips are now \$15, which includes an AVID registration) and low-cost assistance (for individuals who qualify) for spay and neuter surgeries. Please visit our website or stop by your local County of Los Angeles animal care center for more information about these services.

County Raises Dog Limit From 3 To 4 Per Household

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

— On a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an amendment to the existing municipal code to allow up to four dogs per household in unincorporated areas.

"By increasing the number of dogs allowed per household from 3 to 4, we are hoping to encourage responsible pet owners to consider adopting an additional dog from one of our county shelters," said Supervisor Barger.

Other counties in the state also provide a similar four-dog ordinance including San Diego and San Bernardino. In order to have more than four dogs, one must be licensed as an animal facility, most commonly used for groomers, kennels or pet shops.

County Adds Two Sikorsky S70i Firehawk Helicopters To Fire-Fighting Arsenal

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — To enhance the Fire Department's fleet of fire-fighting aircraft, the Board of Supervisors authorized the acquisition of

two Sikorsky S70i Firehawk helicopters for the Department's Air Operations Section, announced Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

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"This acquisition supplements our county's potent aerial fire-fighting arsenal and our ability to knock down wildfires to protect life and property," Barger said.

At a cost of nearly \$29.45 million, the two aircraft will be customized to include a 1,000gallon water tank, custom landing gear, rescue hoist, and other specialized systems. Scheduled for delivery in December 2017, both helicopters are anticipated to be operational by the 2018 fire season.

Monterey Park Police to Hold Bike and **Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation**

MONTEREY PARK - The Monterey Park Police Department will step up Bike and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations on Thursday, July 20, 2017 with focused enforcement on collision-causing factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

MPPD has mapped out locations over the past two years where pedestrian and bike collisions have occurred, along with the violations that led to those crashes. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and crashes occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that

can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks, or any other dangerous violation.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists. All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet - those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, the Monterey Park Police Department has investigated 174 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists during the past three years. In 2013, California witnessed 701 pedestrians and 141 bicyclists killed, accounting for more than 28 percent of all traffic fatalities.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission to Host Community Town Hall and Resource Fair at Pasadena City College

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- The County of Los Angeles Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission invites residents of Pasadena and neighboring communities to a Town Hall and Resource Fair on Thursday, July 20 at Pasadena City College's Craveling Lounge from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Consumer experts from the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) will offer free advice to community members about how to recognize and avoid common scams. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about issues involving housing, including disputes between landlords and tenants, loan modification assistance, and solar panel installation.

The Federal Trade Commission, Housing Rights Center, Contractors State License Board, California Department of Insurance, and California Department of Business Oversight will be present to provide information. Representatives from other County agencies include the Department of Public Social Services, Office of the Assessor, Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, and 211 Los Angeles County are scheduled to attend.

The goal of the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission is to enhance consumer protection in Los Angeles County through its relationship with DCBA. The Commission and DCBA have partnered to produce exhibits, informational materials, and bring resources specific to the needs of residents in Pasadena and the neighboring communities.

Pasadena City College is located at 1570 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena.

For more information about the Town Hall and Resource Fair, please send an email to DCBA_Commissions@dcbalacountygov or call (800) 593-8222.

Two Get Life Sentences for Killing During West Covina Robbery in 2013

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Back on February 1, 2013, there was a robbery and murder in the parking lot of 100 block of N. Barranca Ave. in West Covina.

29-year-old Sheron Khemlani and his brother, both from Hong Kong had left a downtown Los Angeles jewelry store and headed out to Las Vegas. On the way, the two decided to have lunch. They pulled off the freeway and went to a restaurant on

Barranca Avenue in West Covina. They did not know that they were being followed by some men. As the two brothers left the restaurant they were attacked by the men. Sheron Khemlani was shot in the head and died at the scene and his brother was badly beaten. \$9000 in cash was taken in the murder robbery.

The two brothers had earlier conducted business in Los Angeles as they were involved in the jewelry business. This was the reason they were carrying that amount of cash with them.

The case went cold for about one year until the investigation came up with new information. Two of the murderers were identified as Michael Quiroga Castiblanco, 25, and Juan Alejandro Cortez, 28. During the investigation it was found that the two were involved in an organized criminal group that targeted jewelers and individuals who made large cash withdrawals from

In March 2014, the two suspects were identified. In May 2014, both suspects were arrested for the crimes. They were recently tried and found guilty of first-degree murder and seconddegree robbery with special allegations. On Friday, July 14, they both were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

With Castiblanco also having a pending case with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services per booking records, this gives a clear indication that both the suspects were in this country illegally.

No details of the arrest has been made, however the following agencies who participated in the investigation were West Covina, Los Angeles, Anaheim, Torrance, Cypress and Evanston, Illinois Police Department's as well as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Arcadia's Movies in the Park

ARCADIA - The Movies in the Park are held on Friday evenings with games and activities starting at 6:30pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Movie begins at dusk. Hot food, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase. Movies in the Park provided in partnership with CHOICESS Arcadia.

The Little Mermaid (G) -July 21, 2017

A mermaid princess makes a Faustian bargain with an unscrupulous sea-witch in order to meet a human prince on

Finding Dory (PG) - July 28, 2017

The friendly but forgetful blue tang fish, Dory, begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way.

Toy Story (G) - August 4,

A cowboy doll is profoundly threatened and jealous when a new spaceman figure supplants him as top toy in a boy's

Kubo and the Two Strings (PG) - August 11, 2017

A young boy named Kubo must locate a magical suit of armour worn by his late father in order to defeat a vengeful spirit from the past.





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Glendora Hit With Shenkman Bully Letter | Revisiting Religion And Politics Part Two

In a letter dated June 2, 2017, Kevin Shenkman and his wife, Mary Hughes, of Shenkman & Hughes, Attorneys, charged the City of Glendora with violation of California Voting Rights Act "on behalf of [their] client Southwest Voter Registration Education Project."

This letter and the charges are pretty much the standard form letter that has gone out to a myriad of cities directing those cities to convert from the "at-large voting scheme" currently being used by cities, including Glendora, to a vote by district plan to protect the voting strength of minorities or those categorized as "protected classes".

Protected classes are determined to be Latino, African-American, Asian-American or Native Americans.

In most of the staff reports from other jurisdictions, as well as in the Glendora staff report, it is pointed out that to fight the charges is a long and costly project which in the history of the 2002 CVRA none of the challengers have won. Many times, as part of the deterrent to challenge Shenkman / Hughes, there is always mention of certain challengers and the costs incurred like Palmdale who ended up with a \$4.5 million cost (plus other additional costs) and Modesto who spent \$3 million to avoid vote by district.

In the Federal Voting Rights Act (FVRA) there are criteria that must be met by the challengers in order to be successful in forcing the jurisdiction to districts. The California Voting Rights Act signed by then-Governor Gray Davis, eliminated two of the FVRA criteria making it easier for CVRA to be successfully challenged.

In the violation letter is cited a 1986 Supreme Court decision, Thornburg v Gingles, which said the plaintiffs in any case must

• Racial or language minority group is sufficiently numerous and compact to form a single



Lois M. Shade **Former Mayor of Glendora**

member district. (Geography and topography)

- The minority group is "politically cohesive" (vote the same and have the same community interests).
- The majority of voters tend to vote as a bloc to defeat the minority's candidate.

Glendora City Attorney, Wayne Leech, reported the CVRA eliminated two key sections of FVRA making it easier for plaintiffs to win and government jurisdictions / other challengers to lose. Throw in the mandatory attorney fees that have hit \$15 million since 2006 it makes a very difficult decision for any city council, school board, water board or local jurisdiction being challenged. Eliminated sections of the FVRA by CVRA were:

- · Geographically compact (can a district be drawn?)
- Totality of circumstances (take all requirements into consideration)

One of the options open to Glendora Council is adopt the "safe harbor" provision insulating the city from multiple attorney letters of violation and future challenges and eliminating duplicative attorney costs if we implement a vote-by-district systems.

The city attorney report also told the Glendora Council, "If the City does not adopt ... the by district election system and if litigation ensues ... the judge may order both the use of the district map drawn by the plaintiffs and diately stand for election regardless of when their current term was due to end."

AB 350 (Alejo) sets out a Process Timeline for this event and it starts with:

- 1. Receive demand letter from prospective plaintiff
- 2. City has 45-day "safe harbor" response period to decide how to proceed -
- a. Convert to districts by ordinance or by ballot
- b. Contest the threatened litigation
- 3. If the city goes to districts, it must pass an ordinance to qualify for an additional 90 day "safe harbor" status.
- 4. Two public hearings on the how the districts are to be established.
 - 5. City drafts the district maps 6. 45-day period to hold two
- public hearings on the draft map (and sequence of elections) 7. Four public hearings to solicit public input and then adopts

the ordinance that establishes dis-

trict-based elections. 8. Attorneys Shenkman & Hughes would then be entitled to compensation for their reasonable costs but not to exceed

Glendora's staff report lists what I call "the victims" of this outrageous misuse of so-called "voting rights":

- 146 school districts
- 27 community college dis-
 - 60+ cities

\$30,000.

- 1 county board of supervi-
- 8 water and other special dis-

That's approximately 242 jurisdictions cited in this staff report times \$30,000 which equals a whole bunch of rich lawyers who have done nothing except bully local government agencies with a form letter that includes big dollar signs in it.

If the Glendora Council opts to go to districts, Dr. Johnson was mentioned as the demographer that will be consulted to draw those districts.

all five council members imme-"Time Jockey"- Los Angeles State College

By Joe Castillo

Higher Education.... World received something that no veteran had previously received in the form of benefits from the G.I. Bill which enabled returning servicemen to obtain a college education on the taxpayer's bill. In 1947, 1.7 million veterans applied for G.I. Bill benefits putting a tremendous burden on the higher education system. In a survey of colleges, 1,749 were found to have reached an enrollment of just over 2 million students with over 1.6 million of them veterans. The six Los Angeles area colleges were stretched to the maximum with facilities, faculties and textbooks over filled with eager students. The Los Angeles School Board approved a fouryear program for a Los Angeles city college and later in the year opened a campus on Vermont Avenue using barracks as classrooms and an abandoned Safeway store as administration offices. The college was given the name of Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences with the Applied Arts and Science reference dropped after a short year. It was termed a 'streetcar college' as the terminus of a street car line and multiple bus lines was the location of the college campus. The college was limited to 3rd and 4th year stu-

and sophomore students the colthird highest among California state colleges.

But the state was already looking for a new location to provide education for more students and after a 3-year search of 27 potential sites, PT Poage, Assistance Architect for Design and Planning identified the best location for a new campus. The reasons as he stated were that the location was already owned by the state, it could be used as a land fill for construction of the new Long Beach Freeway and then terraced into the hills to create a building site, and the whole project would cost about a million dollars, which would be a deal in comparison to the lease amount of \$400,000 a year which the state was paying for the Vermont Avenue location. So without further discussion, the new location was selected and was named the "Ramona" campus based on the site being at the intersection of the San Bernardino Freeway, also known as the Ramona Expressway, and the Long Beach Freeways.

In 1956, the Ramona campus opened with 24 bungalows splitting the student body of Los Angeles State College in half between the Vermont and Ramona

dents but even without freshmen campuses. Construction continued with permanent administra-War II and Korean War veterans lege reached an enrollment of tion and classroom buildings over 6,000 making it in 1954 the completed and in 1958, Los An geles State College officially moved into its new official home at the Ramona location. The campus continued to grow and student enrollment increased to accommodate demand for higher education.

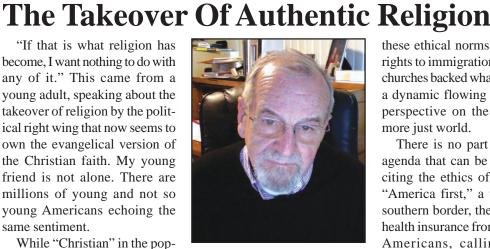
> In 1961, Governor Ronald Reagan pushed for the establishment of the California State college system making it the second state college system after the University of California system. Los Angeles State College was identified as one of the initial members and in 1971 its name was changed to California State University, Los Angeles (CSU-LA). Today, the California State University system is the largest university system in the nation with CSULA the second largest in the system. From Juan Ballesteros to the Batz' sheep farm to Cal State L.A., the legacy of Rancho Rosa Castilla continues to live today in the wild Wood rose grown hills east of Los Angeles...

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young adult, speaking about the takeover of religion by the political right wing that now seems to own the evangelical version of the Christian faith. My young friend is not alone. There are millions of young and not so young Americans echoing the same sentiment. While "Christian" in the pop-

ular mind now seems to mean right-wing politics, authentic religion in America is being increasingly sidelined, having been tarred with the same brush. Nobody who takes a serious look should have the slightest doubt that for years religious popularity has been in a free fall. People, young and old, have bailed out of organized religion in massive numbers. While for some time that has been true for the progressive or liberal churches, for the last decade it has also been true for evangelical institutions. Today there are fewer emerging mega churches, and many that became prominent twenty years ago are beginning to fade, even to close. (If you want the statistical evidence for these statements, take a look at The End of White Christian America, a recent well-researched analysis by

Robert P. Jones.) While the reasons for this decline are many and complex, chief among them is the emergence of a strident new form of fundamentalism. This institutional phenomenon has its roots, not in traditional Christian ethics, but in a carefully designed political perspective. In many conservative churches the way of Jesus



Charles H. Bayer

has been turned on its head and now looks more like proclamations by the Tea Party than it does the Sermon on the Mount. While American religion had been moving in that direction for a number of years, the drift became an avalanche with the coming of the secularist, Donald Trump.

His political appeal, which includes racism, nationalism, militarism and xenophobia, has invited a too-easy transition for much of the American evangelical community. Trump, who is dedicated to issues that are the opposite of a Jesus-based ethics, was elected with the whole-hearted support of from 81% to 86% of America's evangelical voters. One of the results is that thoughtful American adults have bailed out of their churches in significant numbers.

The strength of American Christianity was formerly seen in how the nation consistently adopted a societal agenda that institutionalized justice, economic equality, civil rights, world peace, ecological sensitivity and compassion for the left out. America's mainline churches and synagogues supported public policies and laws that flowed from

these ethical norms. From civil rights to immigration, America's churches backed what they saw as a dynamic flowing from Jesus' perspective on the shape of a more just world.

There is no part of Trump's agenda that can be justified by citing the ethics of Jesus. Is it "America first," a wall on our southern border, the removal of health insurance from 23 million Americans, calling climate change a hoax and doing away with any program to counter global warming, the proliferation of firearms in everyone's hands, or the massive arms buildup?

At the same time, while liberal religion was working and witnessing for social and economic justice, it found itself hindered by anarchists and other advocates of violence who resorted to destruction of property, disruption at demonstrations and threats of assassination. Liberals have no affinity or a common cause with these thugs, and have consistently joined the rest of society in repudiating them. Nevertheless, there are conseratives who brand these activities to be the very essence of liberalism.

Why progressive religion has stood quietly by while evangelicals have continued to define religion in Tea Party-like terms, remains unclear. This in not only a political obscenity, it is also a perversion of the essential ethic that has defined the Christian imperative. It is past time we branded this religious perversion for what it is; a confiscation of religion by political operatives.

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What is the VFW?

Over the years, a lot of people ask me what does the VFW means Some thought it meant Very Few Women. Well, in a sense, that could be the case.

The VFW stands for Veterans of Foreign Wars. These are men and women who are eligible to become VFW members if they are combat veterans and served overseas in a combat zone. This is known as the theater of operation. It is much like the American Legion however, the American Legion does not require that you serve in a combat zone. It is similar to other organizations such as the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge. They all have members that serve our commu-

Some VFW's have a cocktail lounge and rental halls, such as the one in West Covina. Many have some type of an Auxiliary that allows family members to become part of the organization through that Auxiliary. These are private clubs and you need membership cards to participate. However, you can be a guest of a member or an Auxiliary member



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

to get into the club. In many cases, when there is a breakfast or dinner, it is open to the public as it is actually a fundraiser for the organization, and this includes Karaoke nights (God help us on this one).

There are many programs that are required of these organizations to participate in. Everything from youth groups to assisting senior citizens. They can give directions on how to get benefits for service related issues. Some of these veterans are Purple Heart recipients and some have service related disabilities. The members and their Auxiliary come together as brothers and sisters for the betterment of the

organization and our communities.

Many of these organizations have a home facility and rental halls. These halls are available to be rented by the public for special events. Most people rent them for wedding receptions, birthday parties and memorials to just mention a few. Their prices are usually pretty fair and you can get some pretty good deals through these organizations.

As a longtime commander of the West Covina VFW Post, I would encourage you to entertain the idea of becoming part of one of these organizations in your community. If you are a combat veteran and you want to get involved, welcome aboard. Come see us and find out what we are all about. If you are not a combat veteran, maybe somebody in your family was and this would qualify you for the Auxiliary. If you don't qualify with the VFW, please try some of the other great organizations around. You will be glad you did.

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There will be 12 rooms ranging in size from 50 seats to a

large auditorium where you can get up close and personal with political heavyweights. Talk with filmmakers on documentaries and parodies; and interact with some of history's great thinkers and leaders.

es from \$25 - \$300. For more information, visit politicon.com

Admission to the event rang-

Classic Car Nights

PASADENA - Lake Avenue Church is hosting free Classic Car Nights on Friday nights throughout the summer, on July 28, and August 11 and 25, from 6-8 p.m. The church's west parking lot will be transformed into a car enthusiast's paradise of classic, vintage, exotic and vehicles, along with music and

The August 25 event is also a chili-cook-off. There will be dozens of entries judged by everyone who attends, along with a panel of three judges from the community.

Admission is free for all events. Donations to cover the cost of the food are appreciated. For more information, con-Kasten tact Rich carnight@richkasten.com or (626) 797-2798.

Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Free-

Free Planned Giving, Estate Planning **And Special Needs Trust Seminar**

LA VERNE - A free seminar on the topic "Who will care for your family if you're not here" will be sponsored by the Haynes Family of Programs next month on the La Verne campus.

Included will be information on planned giving, estate planning and special needs trusts.

Estate planning attorney Michael Gaston of Long Beach will present the 90-minute seminar which has no cost, no strings attached and will include no sales presentation.

It is scheduled for 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Haynes Family of Programs Con-

ference Center, 233 Baseline Road, La Verne.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Breakfast will be served.

Participants are asked to RSVP no later than Aug. 11 by calling (909) 593-2581 or by emailing dev@leroyhaynes.org.

Weak Economic Data is Resurfacing, **Limiting the Fed's Options**

A trend toward deflation appears to be resurfacing, which in turn may put a drag on most economists' GDP estimates. Deflation could severely impact retail sales and trade balances. Crude oil prices are currently the most obvious indicator of deflation as they have fallen more than 20% from their highs earlier this year. It is very odd for crude oil to decline during peak demand season (the summer months), but since the glut of crude oil and refined products persist in the U.S. and around the world, there is a growing fear of just how much crude oil prices can decline in September, when global demand drops significantly after Labor Day.

The shale boom in the U.S. is frequently cited for causing the U.S. supply glut, but OPEC is also part of the problem. Libya and Nigeria (for example) have no production quotas. As long as the gasoline glut persists, the prices at the pump are expected to remain soft, contributing to the overall deflationary trend.

Consumption was weak in the first quarter, but the Fed raised rates in June anyway because, they assured us, the weakness was transitory. Now the full second quarter retail data are in and we see Q1 retail sales growth was 4.23% and Q2 was 0.95%.

Of course, a transitory episode is not necessarily limited to a single quarter. Growth could still rebound in the second half. But the combination of ongoing weakness in both consumer prices and consumer spending suggests the Fed may have pushed rates a little more quickly than consumers are comfortable with.

Tightening at a quarter-pointper-quarter pace is excruciatingly gradual compared to past experience, but maybe it is not gradual enough. After all, by the Fed's own reckoning the neutral funds rate was negative for years and the climb to zero took years



Economic Analyst & Former Glendora Mayor

longer than expected. Maybe it is still climbing at a snail's pace. If the economy is normalizing very slowly, the Fed has to normalize very slowly too.

The Fed does not have to decide whether weakness is transitory for months, but that has not prevented markets from drawing conclusions.

Traditionally, the Fed "believes in" the Phillips Curve, which describes an inverse relation between inflation and unemployment rates. The theory implies that as wages rise, businesses either become more efficient (mostly through productivity enhancements) or else they have to raise prices, which is inflationary. However, there are many

overpowering the Fed and flattening the yield curve, which means that the Fed may not be Federal Open Market Commitwant to risk flattening the yield term rates too quickly. If the deflationary forces that materialized in recent months persist, the Fed may have effectively become limited in their options by market rates. The 10-year Treasury now yields only 2.35%. If Treasury yields remain low, expect the Fed to curtail their key interest rate hikes.

The Only Exception - The **Housing Market**

There is no deflation in home prices yet. Recently, the National Association of Realtors announced that existing home sales rose 1.1% in May to an annual pace of 5.62 million. Median home prices rose to \$252,800 in May and have risen 5.8% in the past 12 months. In fact, median home prices on a trailing 12month basis have now risen for 63 consecutive months. The average home is now on the market for only 27 days and the inventory of homes for sale has declined 8.4% in the last year to

1.96 million. Recently, the Commerce Department announced that new home sales rose 2.9% in May to an annual pace of 610,000, above economists' consensus estimate of an annual pace of 590,000. In the past 12 months, new home sales have risen 8.9% and are up 12% year-to-date vs. the first five months in 2016. May was the second strongest month for new home sales this year. Median prices soared to \$345,800, up from \$310,200 in April and \$296,000 in May 2016. Growing demand coupled with a tight inventory of homes for sale bodes well for higher median prices and robust earnings for homebuilders.

Is this all good news? Or is this another housing bubble looming on the horizon?

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deflationary forces at work today, such as (1) Amazon.com offering lower prices by making retailing more efficient; (2) the fracking boom that has driven crude oil prices lower; (3) robotics in manufacturing, boosting productivity; and (4) healthcare practices such as better drugs and less invasive technologies to shorten hospital stays. Market forces are basically

able to raise key interest rates much further. No matter what the tee (FOMC) says, they do not like to fight market rates and do not curve further by raising key short-

Your Money - Ask Julia

I'm the sole owner of my business. However, I have a righthand-man who would like to buy my business when I retire, or when I die. Is there a way to set this up?

Yes, it's called a one-way buysell agreement: a legal contract between the owner of a closely held business and a future buyer. This future buyer would purchase a specific type of life insurance on you as the current owner. At the point of a triggering event, such as your death, retirement, or disability, the buyer uses the life insurance death benefit, or the available cash value accumulation, to purchase the business according to the buy-sell agreement. This establishes a smooth transition of the business.

We've been looking online at different types of home loans. It looks like we should apply for an FHA loan, but want to understand our options. Help!

There are several loan options available. Although FHA loans require a small down-payment, the required mortgage insurance premium (required for the life of the loan) can be costly. There are Conventional loans, Veterans Administration loans, USDA loans, and First-time Home-buyer programs which require 3-5percent down on a 30-year fixed loan. Although a loan with less than 20-percent typically requires Mortgage Insurance, there are ways to reduce this, too. Currently there is a loan being offered at 1-percent down (the lender adds 2-percent, up to \$5,000), for a total of 3-percent down. You'll have mortgage insurance, but this is one of the best loans



Julia Yoder

available to those who qualify. My friends and I were talking about our investments and the losses we suffer in the stock market. One friend said that she'd talked with you about 9 years ago, followed your recommendation to move her money, and that she hasn't lost a penny since in that investment. That's unbelievable! What did you invest her money in?

After reviewing each client's individual situation, explaining the different places to invest, we agree on a most-suitable product. I recommend products which offer tax-deferred growth potential, guarantees to your principal and credited interest, and the ability to take income for life. With the annual reset function (your balance is locked in each year), the index does not have to make up previous losses in order for the invested funds to earn additional interest. For example, let's say you invest \$100,000, and during the year, overall, the stock market tanks. Your account balance would still be \$100,000. Or, let's say you invest \$100,000, and during the year, overall, the stock market skyrockets. Your account

balance would increase by the limits in your policy contract. You don't get all the gains of the stock market, but you don't suffer the losses either. (Guarantees are subject to the strength of the company.)

I used the financial services division at my bank and opened an IRA. Since it's at a bank, it is FDIC insured, right? I also have a safety-deposit box at my bank. Are the contents insured?

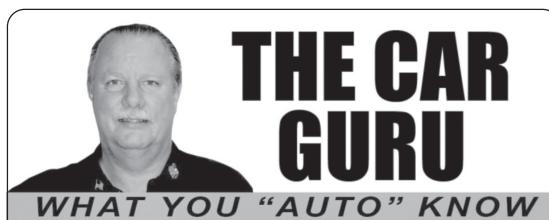
No, your IRA is not FDIC insured. Read your bank's disclaimer. Here's a typical one from one of the biggest banks: "Investment products offered through [bank's name] are not FDIC insured, are not bank guaranteed, may lose value, are not deposits, are not insured by any federal government agency, are not a condition to any banking service or activity." And, no, the contents of your safety-deposit box are not insured by the bank; you can usually add coverage for this to your renter's or homeowner's insurance policy.

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It's not too late for your business to be a sponsor of this year's tournament. For further information on becoming a sponsor, visit

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email them at SanDimasHE-ROESgolf@gmail.com or call their hotline at 909 542 8511. Be a supporter of our Veterans and Veterans Monument Project at Freedom Park in San Dimas. All funds raised goes towards the upkeep and improvements at Freedom Park. San Dimas Community Foundation/HEROES is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID# 37-159712). Donations are welcomed. San Dimas Community News is a proud sponsor of this event.

Health Careers Students Win Silver at HOSA Nationals

WALNUT - Mt. San Antonio College health careers students won six silver medals at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) national competition. More than 7,000 secondary and post-secondary students competed in 57 different health-related events at the national leadership event held June 21-24 in Orlando, Fla.

Carolina Lara (West Covi-

na), Kai Jackson (Altadena), and Deandra McClenney (Altadena) won silver medals in the creative problem solving competition. Peace Lwanga (Moreno Valley), Thalia Rochel (West Covina), Gretchen Valdes (Rialto) won silver medals in the biomedical debate competition.

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In addition, Sarah Cruz (La Puente), Michael Soto (Montclair), and Sakhonnaroth Ven (Lancaster) were all finalists for Mt. SAC in the competition.

"The majority of the teams that they competed against were from universities around world, and amazingly, they surpassed the university competitors," said Mt. SAC psychiatric technician professor and HOSA advisor Mary Ellen Reyes. "Being involved in and competing in HOSA is a lifechanging experience for students."

HOSA, established in 1976 by the U.S. Department of Education, is the national organization for secondary and postsecondary health career students. The organization provides students in 40 states with skills, leadership development, and career development.

Never Assume In a recent study of several will cost you more later. Have a

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

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

The only certification system we have in the automotive repair industry is strictly voluntary and is administered by Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) which offers a series of written tests that a technician can take to be certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At Certified Auto, I require all the staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well.

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

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

In these uncertain times, saving a few dollars is always something to consider, but don't get so caught up with a low price that you get poor service/repair. This

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ARCADIA - Come celebrate one of the most talked about highlights of the summer! Join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department for an adult excursion to this fantastic annual event in Laguna Beach on Friday, August 25. The history of art is filled with stories of solitary artists abandoning society to pursue their creative expression. The 2017 Pageant of the Masters theme is "The Grand Tour". In the 17th and 18th centuries, the desire to experience the world's great art firsthand inspired the European tradition of continental travel on "the grand tour". Inspired to set out on pilgrimages by land and sea to the great cultural centers of Europe, and eventually the globe, those early

of masterpieces. Your Pageant ticket to "The Grand Tour" becomes your passport to experience spectacle, music, stories and grand il-

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in search of unforgettable art. As a Pageant patron, you'll be admitted to The Festival of

Arts - California's Premier Fine Art Show, absolutely free all summer long! Simply show your Pageant ticket at the Festival's front gate. You'll enjoy stunning artwork, hands-on demonstrations, wine tasting, and much more. Come back again and again.

The trip fee of \$65 includes pageant admission, round trip transportation in an air conditioned coach bus and snacks. Tickets are non-refundable. Please arrive at 5pm, the bus leaves promptly at 5:30pm from the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007, and returns at midnight! For more questions, please contact the Recreation Office 626.574.5113.

Around the Valley & Senior News

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AZUSA

AUSD Free Meals to Children

Azusa Unified School District will offer free lunches this summer to children ages 18 and under through the federal Summer Food Service program. Lunches will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 28 at school campuses and public parks. Meals are available to any child residing within Azusa Unified boundaries. Call Nutrition Services at 626-732-8057 for specific locations and times.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

TOPS(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

ARCADIA Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists welcome you to our July 20 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Peter Lin, program on Brassavola Species and Hybrids. Refreshments. All are invited.

The Men Sing - Music in the Morning

Arcadia Senior Services provides musical lectures for individuals age 50 and over. Guest speaker, Larry Maurer from Timeless Melodies for Education is presenting, "The Men Sing" on Friday, July 21 from 10 to 11:15am. Find out about popular male singers of the past; Ray Bolger, Mills Brothers, Tony Martin, Gordon MacRae, Eddie Fisher, Andy Williams, and Johnny Mathis. Mr. Maurer will discuss plays and films that boosted these famous male singers' careers. Join us at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. Registration is currently under way, cost \$3. For additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services, 626.574.5130.

Tennis Anyone, **Classes and Camps**

Tennis Anyone has been teaching successful tennis classes for the Arcadia community since 2012. Tennis Anyone believes in the development of tennis players from beginning through competitive tournament levels. Their goal is to run a comprehensive program of classes that will suit the needs of all ages and levels of players. Coaches are energetic, dynamic, friendly, fun, and passionate about the

This summer, Tennis Anyone is offering Pee Wee, Beginner Junior Tennis, Intermediate/Advance Junior Tennis, Small

Group, and Adult classes, as well as weeklong camps. Don't miss out and sign-up today! For more information, please visit our website at www.arcadiaCA.gov or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

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.

COVINA

Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

Volunteer Services of Citrus Valley Health Partners is looking for volunteers to share the gift of music with the patients, families and staff. If you sing or play an instrument and have a passion for bringing peace, comfort and joy to others please call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email at tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the application process.

DUARTE

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Meals on Wheels

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

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$2. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

Alzheimer's Safe **Return Registration**

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

GLENDORA

La Fetra Center Paint

Step by step painting, friends, refreshments, and fun! Paint Night at the La Fetra Center promises to be an enjoyable night. No prior painting experience is required. \$40 per person. Friday, July 21st 6:00pm to 9:30pm. Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora.

Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

The La Fetra Center and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank invites SENIORS (Ages 60+) to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Current Food Bank participants can receive a FREE food kit once per month which contains items such as canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, dry milk, cereals, and related products.

Participants must meet the following income guidelines to be eligible: one person household income must not exceed \$1,211 per month and a two person household income must not exceed \$1,640 per month. You must provide income verification and a photo ID with birthdate at your first visit. The La Fetra Center distribution takes place on the Fourth Tuesday of Every **Month** from 1:00 p.m.3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

Glendora After **Stroke Center**

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers relearning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

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**

ting, 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.

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.

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Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center has an award-winning lunch program that provides a daily lunch service for seniors, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging.

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.



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America's Christian Credit Union Invests In Five Cultural Impactors

GLENDORA — America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) is proud to announce five recipients of the annual scholarship contest, a testament to the deeply rooted commitment to the pursuit of higher education. Scholarship eligibility was extended to students enrolled in the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. This year's recipients represent a host of backgrounds, hometowns and God-given callings. ACCU believes education is a tool that can be powerfully used in concert with God's gifts to make a cultural impact in this world. The criteria used to evaluate these scholarship recipients included academic standing, extracurricular activities, and their creative articulation through video of how God has used them to make a difference in their school or community through their individual gifts and talents.

2017 Scholarship Recipients Include:

Recipient #1 Madison Burch, studying at Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, AR)

Recipient #2 Mattea Davis, studying at Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA)

Recipient #3 Jeremiah Gress, studying at University of Texas (San Antonio, TX)

Recipient #4 Christine Henderson, studying at Dallas Baptist University (Dallas, TX)



Mattea Davis receiving her scholarship check from ACCU President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson

Recipient #5 Cameron Hodges, studying at Southern Adventist University (Collegedale, TN)

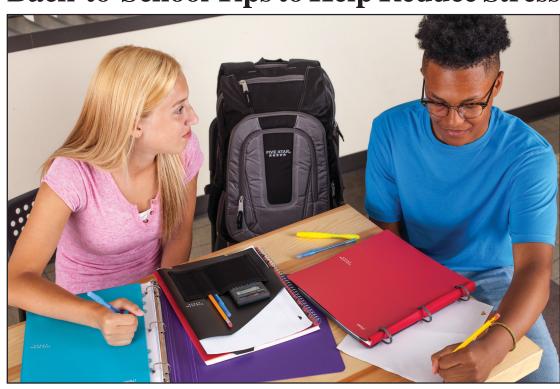
When local resident Mattea Davis stopped in at ACCU headquarters to receive her scholarship check, ACCU President/ CEO Mendell L. Thompson made sure to greet her and personally hand-deliver the check. Referencing the caliber of this year's scholarship contest winners, Thompson commented, "It is truly a remarkable journey these young men and women are on. From public to private higher education institutions, these students of faith are undoubtedly

going to make a resounding impact on their communities. We are pleased and humbled to be a part of it."

Receiving the check accompanied by a Certificate of Recognition, Davis enthused, "I'm so blessed that I was picked to receive this virtuous scholar award. Not only will this help me with tuition, but it also helps me go into the world to achieve my dreams. Thank you ACCU and God for giving me this amazing opportunity!"

For more information about next year's ACCU Scholarship, please email: marketing@americasccu.com

Back-to-School Tips to Help Reduce Stress



School can be a stressful place, from finding a seat at lunch to making new friends, but don't let supplies be one of those stressors. Make life just a bit easier with the right supplies, so students have more time to focus on the important things. To help reduce stress, consider the following tips and tricks.

Lighten the Load

Students are always on the go -- shuttling to and from school, attending rehearsals, practices and other extracurricular activities, and moving about from class to class. Managing mobility is crucial toward alleviating physical stress.

Use multifunctional tools that can help them carry less, such as the Five Star Flex Hybrid NoteBinder. It acts like a notebook and works like a binder with flexible, durable rings that open and close, allowing students to add, remove or re-sort their papers. Carrying less means less to worry about.

Further lighten the load by car-

rying only what is needed. Pack backpacks the night before to avoid bringing textbooks or binders that won't be used. Another tip is to look for a backpack that features ergonomic straps to help distribute weight evenly and reduce physical stress. A backpack that has this feature is the Five Star Expandable Backpack; not only that, it also has expanding compartments offering extra room when needed. Other things to look for are pockets to help keep small supplies organized and easy to find, and padded sections for holding and protecting

technology. Stay Organized

Being organized can reduce so many headaches. Yet somehow, it's all too easy to let backpacks, lockers and even bedroom floors get messy. Use effective organizational tools to ensure assignments aren't misplaced in the shuffle. For example, the Five Star Storage & Organization Divider features mesh storage pockets that are great for smaller school supplies; plus, it can snap into a notebook or be stored in a binder for easy organization of important papers.

Write it Down

Write down assignments as soon as they are given. Being proactive will make sure there are no surprises. A planner is great for accessing information anytime, however you may want to display this crucial information on a wall calendar or planner at home as well.

Remain Balanced

Beyond selecting smart gear, students can help ensure a successful school year by making room in their schedules for activities that help reduce stress, whether that's listening to music, going for a run or spending time with friends.

Find a few systems that help keep mental and physical stress low, and work hard to keep them in place throughout the year.

Baldwin Park Unified Bolsters Support to Raise Student Success in 2017-18

Park Unified will redouble its focus on academic success in 2017-18, restructuring leadership and coaching teams at 13 elementary and four middle/junior high schools to bolster support for teachers.

"Student achievement is our number one focus," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "Our primary goal is to ensure all of our students have the tools they need to take on the challenges of high school, college and careers."

Nine new elementary school assistant principals and 17 curriculum, technology and intervention (CTI) coaches will replace and augment the efforts of the District's former team of 17 resource teachers, who handled a mix of classroom support and select administrative tasks. Sev-

BALDWINPARK-Baldwin eral former resource teachers, who had their administration credentials, were promoted to assistant principal posts. Some classroom teachers known for their innovative approaches became CTI coaches.

> The assistant principals will free elementary school principals to take a stronger role in overseeing instructional quality. The District's five largest elementary schools will each get their own assistant principal; four assistant principals will split their time among the remaining eight elementary campuses.

> The CTI coaches will focus on improving student outcomes at elementary and middle schools. They will help teachers review student performance data and tailor lessons to specific needs, advise on ways to integrate technology into lessons and help im-

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plement a new English language arts/English language development curriculum, aligned with California Standards. Their efforts will include expanding opportunities for small-group instruction for struggling students.

Baldwin Park Unified administrators made the shift in June as part of the District's 2017-20 Local Control and Accountability Plan. Officials hired candidates for both jobs during two daylong marathon interviewing sessions. To include school leadership, the District live-streamed the interviews so teams of principals and teachers from each campus could participate – with 70 staff members on hand for the

CTI interviews. "A key element we looked for in our CTI team candidates was innovative thinking about how to connect with our kids," said Dr. Randy Gray, assistant superintendent of human resources.

In addition to the staffing changes, Baldwin Park Unified will use an online English language arts and math intervention program called i-Ready that will help teachers and coaches assess student challenges. Also, many of the new CTI coaches were trained during the 2016-17 school year on classroom technology strategies, positioning them strongly to help teachers incorporate digital tools into their instructional plans.

Big Winner from the Glendora Wine Walk



Doug Sanicola of Outdoor Elegance, Gary and Connie Andrews of Andrews Inc., and Wine Walk Committee, winners Brianna and Charli King, and Janna Hirth of Prime Lending, and the Wine Walk Committee.

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GLENDORA - The Glendora Lancaster and Marylyn Sparks Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting for Apex Global Solutions on July 11th. The Ribbon Cutting was followed by a light lunch and the opportunity to get to know the owners and staff members of Apex Global Solu-

Apex Global Solutions was represented by Owner Jigar Shah, staff, family, friends and community members. From the office of Congress Woman Grace Napolitano was representative Bob Pence as well as Marco Lundgren representing State Senator Anthony Portantino, and representing the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger was Ryan Seneff. From the City of Glendora was Mayor Gary Boyer. The Glendora Chamber Board was represented by Board Members Fawn Imboden, D.J. Jafari, Arif Taj, Ken Salzman, Shannon

along with Ambassadors Sue Laub, Karen Colasanti, and Keith Van Vliet. Chamber staff present were Administrative Assistant Amy Elzik and President/CEO Joe Cina. Representing Habitat for Humanity was Volunteer Coordinator Morgan Sternquist.

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6 Signs it's Time to Quit Your 9-to-5 Desk Job



A growing number of workers are moving away from typical 9to-5 desk jobs and are reaping the benefits of being their own bosses or becoming independent contractors. How do you know if that lifestyle is for you?

Here are six reasons you may not be meant to be stuck at your desk for eight hours a day.

1. You enjoy working flexible hours. While most traditional jobs have specific hours, being an independent contractor means you get to set your own schedule. Whether you use your free time to spend time with family, enjoy favorite hobbies, hit the gym or travel the world, setting your own hours means greater flexibility where work/life balance is concerned. Plus, if you have a home office, you can also kiss that commute goodbye, giving you more time to work and

2. You want the ability to work wherever you want. Not everyone relishes watercooler talk. If four walls have you down, traditional office culture may not be for you. Whether it's the beach, a café, or your couch, skip the chitchat and other office distractions and set up shop in whatever location inspires you to do your best work.

3. You like having uncapped potential for growth and salary. Even for those accustomed to annual raises, most traditional jobs come with limits to career growth and salary potential. Rather than being at the mercy of such salary caps, consider contracting positions with opportunities for swift, exponential growth.

4. You want to be your own boss and set your own goals. Being a traditional employee often means meeting someone else's benchmarks. Being an independent contractor means setting your own goals and defining your own success.

5. You like having extra cash on hand to enjoy life. Vacations, cars, gadgets – the higher your earning potential, the more money you will have to spend on all of life's little extras.

6. You desire a career that challenges and motivates you. Many jobs can seem like drudgery. For a self-starter wanting to be challenged and motivated, forging one's own path can be much more fulfilling.

For all these reasons, many people are seeking opportunities that give them greater control of their hours and earnings, from starting a new business from scratch, to working with national brands as consultants and sales representatives. For example, Aflac benefits advisors work with the support of a strong national brand but have the ability to customize a personal brand. Aflac advisors are independent agents and are not employees of Aflac, so they are compensated for performance through commissions, renewals, stocks and bonuses. To learn more about Aflac, which herein means American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus and American Family Life Assurance Company of New York, visit Aflac.com.

If you are looking for an opportunity with the potential for growth, it may be time to start your own business. (StatePoint)



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