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Monrovia Unified Board Member to Bike Over 3,000 Miles for Parent Teacher Associations

MONROVIA – Monrovia Unified Board Member Rob Hammond will bike up to 100 miles a day starting on April 1 in San Diego, and ending on May 16 in Palatka, Florida, in an effort to raise money for the Monrovia Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTAs), and also to promote the innovative, unique and exceptional programs offered throughout the District schools.

"I'm really happy to be able to do this and help out with our PTA," Hammond said. "Doing this fundraiser will be an easy way for them to receive donations without them putting in any additional time and energy."

Hammond did his first long distance bike ride from Canada to Mexico three and a half years ago, which first started off as a dare from his friends to see whether or not he could do it. He began to think about other cross-country bike rides he could do in which he can find ways to also contribute to his community.

"The first mile I rode, I thought I was going to die, but I worked my way up to it." Hammond said. "I had no idea



event at Monrovia High School on March 24, a week before his long distance bike ride started.

do it."

I would be able to do a bike ride long distance."

Hammond has been riding 25 to 39 miles a day, training at the gym, and staying on a strict nutrition program to prepare for the upcoming trip. He will have a support and gear team that will carry spare parts and equipment, and also help him off the road in case of an emergency.

The only thing that would halt his ride would be a tornado or electrical storm, and his bike schedule is planned out to avoid any natural disasters.

"Bike riding is a very individual sport – it's just you, the

His business, Neighborhood bike, and the road," Hammond said. "Even though I will have Pawn, Inc., will sponsor his a team to support me, I have to do my own pedaling, and it's

ride, and 100 percent of the donations will go toward the an incredible sense of accom-PTAs in the Monrovia Counplishment when you put somecil. Donations swelled to thing in front of you and you \$1,500 during the first week his adventure was announced.

"It's a great way to be able to support all of the Monrovia PTAs and provide more programs and opportunities for our students," PTA Council President Olivia Nelson said. "As a parent, I am thankful to have my children in a District that is filled with so many generous community members who give back to our students."

To make a donation and see updates from his bike ride, visit Irideforyou.com, or the Facebook page @irideforyou.

"Monrovia Unified is fortunate to have passionate community leaders who literally go the extra mile to support our students' success," Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "Rob's adventure will directly contribute to our District."

There's a New Mayor in Glendora -Mendell L. Thompson



Mendell L. Thompson - 41st Mayor of the City of Glendora

GLENDORA - Mendell L. Thompson was appointed the 41st Mayor of the City of Glendora on March 27th,

2018. The Glendora City Council. during the course of its meeting, acted to elevate Thompson, a pillar of the community and the President/CEO of America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU), from Mayor Pro Tem to the mayorship of this 107 year old city of 52,000 residents in northeast Los Angeles County. Consistent with

election early in 2015.

During his continuing credit union leadership, he has been a trailblazer and a visionary, creating a banking model that is as much about community and ministry as dollars and cents.

At Thompson's induction week, fellow councilmember Judy Nelson told Thompson, "You're going to be a fantastic mayor, and I look forward to serving as your Mayor Pro Tem," the role to which Nelson was inducted during the same council meet-

Under the leadership of Thwork of fostering families, and ompson, ACCU has helped support various local busiplace over 1,700 children in loving families through its adop-In his opening remarks as the tion lending program, and has supported over \$245 million in church expansion projects through a wide variety of cor-

porate loans and financing so-

lutions. ACCU, a not-for-profit

Christian financial institution,

currently oversees \$452 million

in managed assets and serves

over 160,000 members across

the country, and posted its

strongest year to date in 2017

-- just before launching its 60th

year anniversary campaign in

union achievements, Thomp-

son has been recognized and

awarded by the National Coun-

cil for Adoption, Congressional

Coalition on Adoption Institute,

U.S. Representative Ed Royce,

Los Angeles County Board of

Supervisors, Glendora Unified

School District, and Glendora

Glendora, Thompson has been

responsible for organizing and

sponsoring numerous commu-

nity events, and has been rec-

ognized for his active and gen-

erous support of local organi-

zations like Shepherd's Pantry

and the Glendora Education

Foundation. Through ACCU,

Thompson has led community

efforts to honor veterans, sup-

Throughout his years in

City Council.

Among his many credit

January of this year.

newly installed Mayor, Thompson cited 1 Corinthians 10:23, and stated "I want to make sure that as we continue to work hard, we enact laws that are sound and sensible, filled with grace, and ultimately enable us to serve the citizens of this city with the care and thoughtfulness they deserve."

port adoptions, elevate the

Mendell L. Thompson's love for, and dedication to, Glendora are seen in the foundation that he and his family have built here. He and his wife Reanna have been residents of Glendora for 33 years. Their two children, Jana and Darren, are both graduates of Glendora High School, and currently work in Glendora. He is also a proud sponsor of Glendora Little League, where he gets to watch 2 of his grandsons play.

The new mayor thanked his family, the ACCU board members, his fellow City Council members, and first responders, asserting that his ascent to this leadership position would not have been possible without their support.

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Glendora Village Chalk Fest Coming to the Village April 14th



Kayla Garcia, winner of Crowd Favorite at the Glendora Chalk Festival, April 2017. (Photographed by ©Sherri Fernandez)

By Sherri Fernandez

GLENDORA - Mark your calendars for the Spring event of the season in the Glendora Village! 'Find Your Adventure' is what all ages of chalk artists will be doing at this year's Glendora Village Chalk Festival on Saturday April 14th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Show off your best chalk art! There's still time to register, but hurry! Deadline is Saturday April 7th. There is \$1100 in cash and prizes awaiting this year's contestants. Get your entry forms at glendorachalkfestival.com/chalk-art.

The categories and awards for each prize will spark your interest! For the Adult Winners, 18 years and over, \$300 in total prizes will be awarded and is sponsored by Glendora Florist. The Best of Show award is \$200 and sponsored Janna Hirth PrimeLending. For Student winners, ages 14-17, the award is \$200 in total prizes and sponsored by the Village Goldsmith. The Crowd Favorite, as voted on by the visitors to the Village on that day, will receive a \$150 prize sponsored by the Glendora Floor Store. Peaches and Cream Med Spa is spon-

soring the Best 3D design, in which the prize is \$150. Last but not least, the Junior winner, ages 10-13, will be awarded \$100 in total prizes, sponsored by Dylan Grace

In addition to the prize sponsors, other generous Village businesses help sponsor the Chalk Festival to help make it a success for the Village and its businesses. The Chalk Festival committee would like to thank their sponsors on the Gold level; Coldwell Banker, John Henney Music Academy, Kirk Warner Insurance, and Andrews, Inc. The sponsors on the Silver level are Maher Dental and SanZman Productions. Classic Coffee is the ever-important Activity sponsor, and is responsible for the face paint-

Along with the chalk art, there are other events happening to make this an event you don't want to miss! Show off your talent at this year's SGV's Got Talent hosted by Top Billing Entertainment, featuring cash prizes, age and group divisions, celebrity judges, and online grand champion voting.

Solos and group acts are welcome, and may audition years, 10-13 years, 14-18 years, 19 and older. The top three in each age group will win prizes. Also there will be a grand champion cash prize determined by YouTube video votes. www.topbillingent.org/sgv-gottalent-2018 to register to audi-A costume contest and craft

more than one act. The age groups for auditions are 3-9

fair make up a fun filled, action packed day in the Village! Show us your best Adventurer costume! For all ages, family costumes are encouraged. Costumes could be Indiana Jones or any movie character, full backpacking gear, your favorite literary character, or anything that makes you think about adventure. Winners will be chosen at 12:00 noon at the talent show stage by audience vote and prizes will be awarded, including gift cards to Village Businesses like Classic Coffee. As this is a family event, please keep costumes G rated.

The first Chalk Festival Craft Fair will be held in the parking lot between Southland Properties and the Village Eatery during the festival. The Chalk Festival committee is still seeking a diversified show of 12 craft vendors and direct sales vendors offering high quality, unique, handcrafted items including apparel, jewelry, home décor items and much more. Please submit application kkivy@topbillingent.org.

There is no shortage of fun things to do in the Village at the Chalk Festival on Saturday April 14th. For entry forms and more information, visit GlendoraChalkFestival.com. See you there!

City protocol, Thompson will serve a term of 12 months in this leadership role. For the past 32 years, Thompson has been President/ CEO of Glendora-based ACCU, which has been headquartered in Glendora since 2005. He was first elected onto the City Council in a special

Spring Car Care Tips

make it the perfect time to get outside and do a routine checkup on your car, as winter weather can take a toll. These four car care tips will get your car in tiptop shape before hitting the road for a spring getaway.

Change Oil and Check Fluids - Experts recommend getting oil changed every 3,000-5,000 miles. This keeps the engine running well and prevents future damage. When you're at the dealer, get power steering, brake and transmission fluids checked.

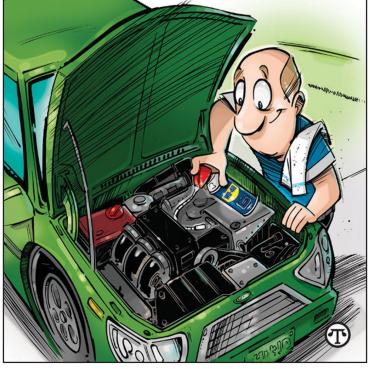
Check Tires - Winter can be rough on a car's tires. Check the air pressure and add more air if needed to maintain the recommended pressure from your car's manual. Tires should be rotated every 5,000 miles, so take your car to the dealer or auto shop when due.

Fix Windshield and Replace Wipers - Snow and rain can

Warmer spring temperatures cause tears or cracks in the wiper blades, as well as chips in the windshield. Make sure they're both in good condition for spring

> Look Under the Hood -Check for worn belts and hoses. There can be visible damage of cracks and frays from the cold temperatures, in which case you may need to get them replaced. If you need to lubricate specific sections in and around motors and engines, WD-40 EZ-REACHTM is the perfect helper with its permanently attached, 8inch, flexible straw that bends and keeps its shape to get the WD-40® Multi-Use Product you know and trust into hard-to-reach areas. Following these four tips will give your car the tune-up it deserves after winter.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Bill Wynder Appointed City Attorney - Adrian Garcia Asst. City Attorney

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - After a review by the City Council, the Council invited two firms to interview with them. The firms invited were Burke, Williams & Sorensen and Aleshire & Wynder. Following the interviews, the City Council directed the City Manager to negotiate an agreement, which was completed and presented for the City Council's consideration.

At the Glendora City Council meeting on March 13, 2018, William Wynder was appointed City Attorney, with partner, Adrian Guerra, appointed as Assistant City Attorney. Combined, these two individuals have over 50 years of legal experience in representing public agencies in California. The firm will provide legal services for all aspects of municipal government, with the exception of Worker's Compensation.

"We are excited about the prospects of representing such a stellar community," noted Bill Wynder. "Glendora has benefitted from the excellent legal services of its former City Attorney,



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Bill Wynder

and we are committed to continue that same tradition of exemplary legal services," said Adrian

Former City Attorney Wayne Leech had served the City of Glendora for the past 17 years. There were many accolades for Wayne Leech at the Glendora



Adrian Guerra

Council Meeting on March 13, 2018, from the Council Members and the City Manager. Leech who is a resident of Glendora was extremely well liked and did a great job as the City's Attorney. The Glendora Council wished him well on his next chapter in



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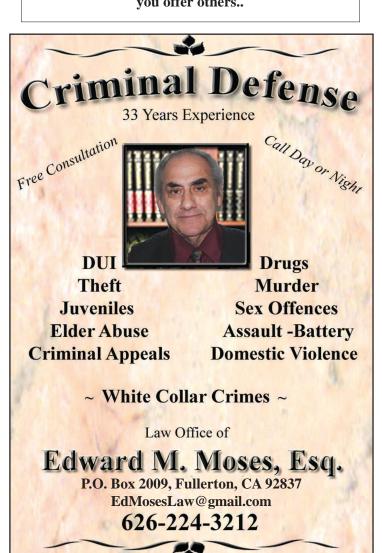


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Ten Years Of Hands-Free Law: **Challenges Remain**

Put Your Phone Down. Just Drive!

GLENDORA - Drivers are using their cell phones less often while driving, 10 years after "hands-free" became the law, but distracted driving remains a serious safety challenge in California. Observing April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the first week in April as California Teen Safe Driving Week, safety advocates will focus on education and enforcement efforts

Glendora Police Department will join law enforcement throughout the state to step up enforcement along with awareness efforts by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to discourage distracted driving. Officers will have a special emphasis this month on enforcing all cell phone and distracted driving laws. The goal is to increase voluntary compliance by drivers, but sometimes citations are necessary for motorists to better understand the importance of driving distraction

April 5th and 13th have been designated as the two statewide enforcement dates when law enforcement agencies will step up distracted driving enforcement activities. The California Department of Transportation will put distracted driving messages on the changeable message signs on freeways during April.

Traffic officers have issued hundreds of thousands of citations over the past three years to those texting or calling on a handheld cell phone. Recent legislation now makes it illegal to use your smartphone's apps will driving. Still, everyone has seen other drivers on a device driving in a dangerous manner next to them during a commute or a trip around

Since 2011, OTS has conduct-

ed an observational study of handheld cell phone use every year. "This year's study on the use of handheld cell phones and texting shows a decrease over past years; however, more work needs to be done to target those who were observed to still be breaking the law," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "The best way to put an end to distracted driving is to educate all Californians about the danger it poses. We will do this through enforcement and education efforts like our new advertising campaign "Just Drive", reminding drivers to put down their phones and focus on the road."

"California's distracted driving laws have been saving lives for a decade now," said former State Senator Joe Simitian, who authored the state's hands-free and no-texting laws. "Every day, somewhere in California, someone is sitting down to dinner with their family who wouldn't have made it through the day without these laws on the books. That's tremendously gratifying."

Preliminary 2017 data also shows nearly 22,000 drivers were involved in distracted driving collisions in California, a decline from the more than 33,000 drivers involved in distracted driving collisions in 2007, the last full year before the hands-free law went into effect.

"Smart phones are part of everyone's lives now. Texting, phone calls and posting on social media are nearly addicting," said Chief Lisa G. Rosales, Glendora P.D. "But doing these things can have deadly consequences while driving on our city's street. Changing these dangerous habits will help make our roadways safer for everyone."

Glendora P.D. has the following Safety Tips:

- If you receive a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location, but 'never' on a freeway. Once you are safely off the road, it is safe to text.

- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.

- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while

- Cell phone use can be habitforming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your final destination.

Glendora P.D. is deploying extra traffic officers with grantfunded resources on throughout the month of April in city locations with higher numbers of traffic collisions. Violators will be stopped and cited with fines set at \$162 for first time offenders. This campaign is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Duarte And Bradbury Honor The Environment, April 21 During Joint "Earth Day" Volunteer Project

DUARTE - Duarte and Bradbury will honor the Earth with a variety of joint community volunteer projects starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 21st at the Duarte Teen Center. This year's Earth Day celof Duarte, the City of Bradbury, Burrtec Waste Industries, Southern California Edison, and the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley will include

the planting of drought tolerant plants, cleaning Duarte parks, beautifying green spaces in Bradbury and trash pickup in retail parking lots along Huntington Drive.

Resource Team Area (D.A.R.T), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), are expected to participate in the day's activities along with staff

from Duarte and Bradbury. A continental breakfast and guest speaker will kick off Earth Day activities at 9:00 am. Mayors of both City's will also be on hand to officially welcome and Some 70 volunteers includthank the volunteers. The day ebration, sponsored by the City ing 50 teens from the Duarte will conclude with lunch, and participation in arts and crafts, and other educational activities.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call Iliana Garcia at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

Arbor Day Celebration

AZUSA - Join the City of Azusa Recreation and Family Services Department in celebrating Arbor Day 2018 at 5:00 p.m. on **April 19** at Memorial Park, 320 N. Orange Place in

The City of Azusa has been named a Tree City USA for the 15th straight year in recognition of its commitment to Urban Forestry. The Tree City USA Program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foun-

dation in cooperation with the National Association of State Forestry and the USDA Forest Service.

For further information please call (626) 812-5280.

Covina Chalk Art Festival – **Looking for Artists and Vendors**

COVINA - The City of transform the cement into a Covina Parks & Recreation Department and AutismHwy.com present the annual Covina Chalk Art Festival on Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rainout date is April 21) Join us at Heritage Plaza Park (San Bernardino Rd. and Citrus Ave.) as artists from all over the area

bright and colorful museum. There will be a Kids' chalk area, vendors, food and more!

Artist and Vendor Applications available online at www.covinaca.gov or at the Covina Parks & Recreation Department office, 1250 N. Hol-

lenbeck Ave. For more information, please call (626) 384-5340 or email parksandrecreation@covinaca.gov

All proceeds benefit children and adults on the Autism Spectrum by providing opportunities for creativity and community inclusion.

California's Deadliest Earthquakes Author To Talk At Museum

DUARTE - Historian Abe Hoffman, author of recently released California's Deadliest Earthquakes, will talk about the personal accounts and aftermath of California's most destructive tremors on Saturday, April 7, 4:00 p.m. at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte.

More than 3,000 persons died

in the 1906 San Francisco quake, and Long Beach's 1933 temblor caused a loss of nearly \$50 Million Dollars. Thousands were injured in the more recent Northridge earthquake. And then there are quakes not so famous such as the Whittier Narrows shake up in 1987, the Loma Prieta "World Series" quake in 1989, and the many quake events in Ear-

Learn why California has more earth quakes than any other state in the Nation, and what you can do to prepare for the one that is coming. Professor Hoffman warns: "And be assured, there is one coming."

He will sign and sell his book following the talk. Admission is free. Space is limited.



MWD Talks Take Over of Water Fix

Some of us recently heard from Glendora's water rep on Three Valley's Municipal Water District Board about a proposal from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to foot the bill - the whole bill - for the Twin Tunnel WaterFix project proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown as part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta project.

President, Bob Kuhn, Three Valleys, in his presentation to the Saturday morning breakfast gathering, told the group about the necessity to get Northern California water to Southern California and the Central Valley farmers, but added there would be a cost to accomplish that feat. Yes, a feat because of the wrangling among the interest groups up north and the traditional north versus south water wars we've experienced over the years.

Kuhn said the additional costs could run any where from 50 cents a month to \$5 a month if the MWD picks up the whole cost for the overhaul of the State Water Project. Projected costs for the project since the initial proposal have ranged from \$7 billion up to \$17.5 billion with many saying the final costs could end up in the range of \$50 billion if the environmental impact issues are figured into the costs. Two issues facing the MWD Board are:

1. What are the options open to MWD to finance the entire WaterFix project after their already initial \$4.3 billion investment in the project, and

2. Would they ever see any reimbursement from the Central Valley water purveyors who backed out of the project when it



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

Former Mayor of Glendora began to stall out and eventually went under the Auditor's scrutiny for failure to proceed with the project in a timely and appropriate fashion. Westland Irrigation, the largest of the water purveyors, backed out of funding the project saying the cost was unaffordable to the farming communities

An additional consideration for the MWD as the discussions move forward is should there be one tunnel built to save costs as proposed by Brown's group of supporters for the project or move forward with Brown's original proposed two -tunnel project.

Just surfacing this week is

consideration of a roll back of the 2015 Waters of the U.S. amendments to the Clean Water Act by the U.S. EPA that gave the federal environmental agency control over the water within states and local jurisdictions. Testimony at the time before the congressional oversite committee brought out the representatives of water agencies, farming communities and western states charging overreach and power-grab by US EPA.

In 1972, the Clean Water Act gave the authority / jurisdiction to US EPA over navigable waters defined as a body of water, such as a river, canal or lake if it is deep, wide and slow enough for a vessel to pass or navigate through. The 2015, amendments to the Clean Water Act allowed EPA to come into what had previously been states' rights over water and infuse new rule making. The new rule allowed US EPA to step in and monitor and control drainage swails, irrigation channels and other traditional water control measures. Impact on farming communities throughout the U.S. and in the Central Valley area of California was, by all testimony given before congressional committees, overstepping the original intent of Clean Water Act and states' rights, as well as, economically devastating to the farming and ranching communities. Other areas have suffered as well.

On February 28, 2017, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order directing EPA and Department of the Army to review and rescind or revise the 2015 Rule. EPA, Department of Army, and the Army Corps of Engineers are in the process of reviewing the 2015 rule and considering a revised definition of "Waters of the United States" consistent with the Executive Order.

We'll see what the impact on the California water availability and delivery system will be to Southern California and the Central Valley as well as other water issues mandated by an overreaching federal bureaucracy.

The Immensity!

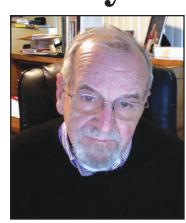
Bill was constantly looking for a new word-or an old word with a new meaning. A few years back OCCUPY made its appearance when a few hundred students set up a tent city in a New York park. In short order thousands of others around the nation, the 99%, protested America's economic inequality by occupying a variety of public facilities. That is how a half-dozen protesters came to camp on the porch at our city hall. Bill decided to support them and suggested that we demonstrate our solidarity by joining the group planning to OCCUPY

the Rose Parade!

Bright and early New Year's morning we made our way to Pasadena carrying large yellow signs demanding justice for America's economically oppressed. When the last float of the parade rounded the corner, we fell in behind it and walked the Colorado Blvd. parade route. The police didn't bother us, but the parade's organizers were demonstrably unhap-

Bill was not your unwashed rabble-rouser. He had been president of a major seminary in Chicago and chair of the Parliament of the World's Religions. I was captivated both by Bill and his fascination with words that led us to OCCUPY the Rose Parade.

Shortly before his death two months ago, Bill hit upon word IMMENSITY. Dying, he said, was to join the IMMENSITY. He



Charles H. Bayer

could not define the word and held that it needed no definition. It was not an adjective pointing to something larger, but a noun whose borders could not be measured. It was also a verb that denoted limitless action.

Bill's interest in the world's religions must have led him to affirm all religions as part of the IMMENSITY, even while he held that this image certainly did not exhaust the depth of the word. The IMMENSITY he would enter at death was far larger than the Christian heaven where a few of us hoped to join our relatives and live forever. Religions individually or together was just too small a notion. The IMMENSI-TY included all ideas, activities and possibilities. It encompassed much more than our modest planet, our solar system, galaxy and universe that spans untold billions of light years, and may only be the current example of universes that preceded it or the multiverses that still or will exist-and who knows what else. Its energy however, came from and includes what we might define as God.

I am just speculating as to what Bill might have thought. We never discussed it. All I know is that a relative of his suggested at his memorial service that IMMEN-SITY was the final word with which he was fascinated, and believed that whatever the word encompassed he would enter it at

I recall that it was Teddy Roosevelt who once said that he would look up into the limitless starry night sky, remember that he was only a tiny five-eight, laugh at his arrogance, go to bed and sleep soundly.

Yes, we are limited, and in an attempt to understand the vastness of the IMMENSITY we create religious and non-religious structures, realizing how partial they are, but trusting them as the only way we can grasp the tail of the comet we call reality---knowing that:

Our little systems have their day:

They have their day and cease to be:

They are but broken lights of

And thou, O Lord, art more than they. Tennyson

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Glendora Beginnings

By Joe Castillo

Spanish Acquisition... Southern California was home to the indigenous Native Americans who lived throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The area provided a rich collection of plant life of live oak trees, yuccas, cactus and chaparral, along with rocks and sand to provide rabbits, coyotes, lizards, bobcats and deer with an environment for them to thrive in. The local Native Americans had all they needed to live and survive for centuries in the semi-desert Southland.

In 1771, the Spanish founded Mission San Gabriel and all lands from the ocean to San Bernardino were claimed as part of their own property. When Juan Bautista de Anza came through the area in 1774, he stopped at a place named 'La Cienga' (Mud Springs) in what is today known as San Dimas. For the next 40 or so years, the Spanish and Mission San Gabriel used the land and 'administered' the indigenous people located on it until the new Mexican government decided to secularize Mission property and sell it to private investors. The rancho era was about to begin.

Henry Dalton was one of the first purchasers of former Mis-

sion San Gabriel lands and he promptly named his acquisition Rancho Azusa. Dalton's land included most of present day Glendora but because it was still 1844 and California was not yet a state, Dalton developed his land with virtually no government challenge. He planted orchards, vineyards and cotton, raised cattle and sheep, and established a tobacco and cigar factory, a winery, a mill, a dairy and other operation on his rancho. Water was transferred from the foothill sources and soon a community was formed which included a school and church. When California became a state, Dalton needed to prove his ownership of Rancho Azusa and when he couldn't his land was lost in a court battle with those who claimed homesteading rights. Cabins sprouted up, ranches were built and the beginning of Glendora was initiated. Two of the early settlers of Glendora were William B. Cullen and John Bender. Both were from Tennessee and were looking for a new place to settle down. Each moved into rustic cabins with Bender finding local work and Cullen eventually becoming a Los Angeles County Tax Collector. They

saved their money and bought lands from the Southern Pacific Railroad for \$1.25 an acre, and soon became a driving force in establishing the Town of Glendora. The first post office was established in Cullen's home and Bender laid out a system of bamboo water lines to bring precious water resources to the residents of the growing community. Once water was brought in, citrus trees were planted and railroads were more interested in placing a rail line through the upcoming new town.

Along came George Whitcomb who was a builder of towns, railroads and a water company. Whitcomb arrived just when Glendora needed him most and after seeing the beauty of the area, he promptly named the area and town 'Glendora' after the green meadow near his home and his wife 'Dora'. The rest is history but the City of Glendora was on its way to becoming the 'Pride of the Foothills'....

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Innovation in Higher Education Leads to Student Success

Dramatic changes are underway at California's 114 community colleges. In response to the state's tremendous need for workers with college degrees and certificates, as well as evidence that students are failing to complete their programs or completing them at much too slow a pace, colleges throughout the state are implementing new and innovative ways of delivering instruction and student services.

Designed to speed up time-todegree, improve completion and close the equity gap, strategies such as dual enrollment, multiple measures assessment, guided pathways and promise programs have been shown to be effective. More importantly, colleges that have implemented them are moving the dial on student success.

Recognized as a leader in innovative, effective student success strategies, Citrus College piloted dual enrollment, or "early college," at Duarte High School several years ago. The program allows qualified students to take college courses taught by Citrus College instructors on their high school campus. Students earn both high school and college credit, and they can earn as many as 50 units of college credit before graduating from high school. This spring, 400 students are participating in dual enrollment programs at seven high schools in the Citrus College district.

Multiple measures assessment is another program that is underway at Citrus College. By combining placement tests and other assessment measures, such as high school GPA, students usually place into higher level courses. This accelerates their



Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson
President, Citrus Community
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time-to-degree-completion and
reduces the need for remedial
courses. This fall, all entering
Citrus College students will be
assessed using multiple measures.

Citrus College is also gearing up to implement guided pathways, a strategy designed to improve both the student experience and student outcomes. Students begin the program by exploring academic and career options and developing a plan. As they continue, guided pathways simplifies their decision-making and enables the college to provide frequent feedback, keeping them on track to completing their goals.

Perhaps the most exciting student success strategy is the soon-to-be-launched Citrus College Promise. This two-year program is designed to support both student access and college completion. Participants who qualify and maintain eligibility will have their enrollment and other fees covered and have access to a textbook loan program.

Innovative programs and services are meaningless without results, and there is a great deal

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of evidence that Citrus College's success strategies are working. The number of students completing degrees and certificates is up 9 percent for degrees and up 23 percent for certificates in the last two years. Degree and certificate completion of disproportionately impacted groups has also risen significantly during the same period. African American students have increased their completion by 18 percent and Hispanic students by 38 percent. In addition, the number of students transferring to four-year institutions is the highest in college history.

In this rapidly changing world, powerful forces are shaping higher education and the workplace for which students prepare. Citrus College will continue to keep pace by providing innovative educational programs and services that ensure student success and college completion.

The Reality of the Criminal Justice System is Not Trendy

Bv Eric Siddall

The trendy storyline in criminal justice is to blame the prosecutor, blame the police, blame the laws and blame society. Never mind the wake of destruction violent criminals leave on the community, especially economically vulnerable neighborhoods. Never mind the approximately 17,000 Americans murdered in 2016. Never mind those people. Let's now focus on the injustice of putting away rapists, gang members and murderers.

In this brave new world, an actor like Danny Trejo can go on television and promote a new "documentary" about surviving prison. Trejo went on the KTLA Morning News and took the opportunity to castigate prosecutors and others in the system. Trejo, a self-proclaimed expert in the criminal justice arena, stated prosecutors are not interested in justice, but just racking up convictions to advance their ca-

reers. In his view, tens of thousands of people in prison have been "convicted illegally" (he didn't define what that means), the prisons are in place simply to make money, and the criminal justice system is just a "deal-making" system.

Here is the reality. Every day prosecutors review cases submitted by law enforcement and decide not to issue charges, because while there is evidence that a suspect may have committed the crime, the case cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. If a felony case is charged, before it can even be set for trial, a judge must find probable cause that a crime has occurred and the defendant is guilty of committing the crime. If a defendant elects a trial, the prosecutor must prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, the highest standard we have (for a good reason) in the law, to 12 members of the community.

Mr. Trejo complains about the plea bargain process being coercive. It is actually a process designed to benefit the defendant, not the prosecutor. It allows the defendant to limit the charges he can be convicted of, and lessen the time he has to serve. The trade-off for the prosecution is that they do not have to put on a trial and inconvenience victims and witnesses. Most powerfully, however, is that no defendant is forced to plea to any chargethey have the absolute right to insist the prosecutor prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt

That there are a lot of people in state prison reflects that there is a lot of crime in this state. These prisons are not filled with thousands of innocent, low-level offenders without a long record. As we have blogged before, those sent to prison are guilty of serious crimes -- in fact, more than

70% of current prison inmates are guilty of "crimes against persons." Or put another way, for every inmate in prison for a crime against a person, there is at least one or more victims in California who suffered at

their hands.

It might be trendy to highlight ex-cons and berate the justice system for its flaws, real or perceived. Apparently not worthy of such treatment is the aftermath for the victims and families of those suffered crimes such as murder, rape, robbery or child sexual abuse. However, as prosecutors we are proud to stand with victims of crime. We are proud to stand by the communities often forgotten in this brave new world.

Eric Siddall is Vice President of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, the collective bargaining agent representing nearly 1,000 Deputy District Attorneys who work for the County of Los Angeles.

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The Fed May Not Raise Rates as Fast as Expected

There seems to be some dispute over whether or not the Fed will raise key interest rates two to three more times this year (after its recent March rate increase). Many of my colleagues feel the Fed may not raise rates as much as Wall Street anticipates, since the FOMC does not want to invert the yield curve, which would be devastating to the banking industry. Furthermore, market rates have moderated a bit and since the Fed does not like to fight market rates, some (or at least one) of these anticipated rate hikes might not be forthcom-

If the mythical inflation that the Fed is expecting to see does not materialize, market rates could continue to moderate, especially if the U.S. dollar strengthens and attracts more foreign buying. I think that there is a good chance that key interest rates will not be raised as much as the Fed has forecasted. The Fed is notorious for not raising rates as much as predicted (because the Fed's favorite inflation indicator has not hit its 2% target rate since 2011).

Speaking of inflation, crude oil prices declined much of last week due to the Energy Information Agency (EIA) weekly reports of record crude oil production (10.369 million barrels per day) as well as rising inventories of crude oil (up 2.4 million barrels in the latest week). This is the time of year when crude oil prices normally rise in anticipation of increasing demand, so the fact that crude oil prices have declined since February 26th is indicative that energy-related inflation may be moderating.

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and hold talks on denuclearization with the U.S. is welcome news; but, the hopes of a successful resolution is premature, since previous talks with North Korea have not been productive. However, President Trump has put the U.S. in a strong negotiating position with its increasing military buildup and sanctions, so there is hope of eventual improved relations (even though almost all experts including President Trump himself are skeptical).

It's too early to celebrate peace but suffice it to say that many former U.S. Presidents could have made this breakthrough but none of them tried. The credit goes directly to Mr. Trump and his meet-with-alone style of leadership as he decided to meet the North Korean leader without even consulting his own Secretary of State.

What Wall Street finds fascinating is that while North Korea's nuclear tests and missile tests were getting more frequent in 2017, the South Korean stock market was powering ahead, making an all-time high in January 2018 before correcting in synch with Wall Street. Did the benchmark KOSPI index see through Kim Jong-un's intentions to get Mr. Trump to the negotiating ta-

While North Korea under-The news that North Korea standably does not get much would suspend nuclear testing good press in the West, Kim Jong-un has been making many China-style reforms that have improved his domestic economy. Educated in the West, Kim Jongun would be delighted if he could pull off a China-style economic turnaround that ensures his survival and puts the North Korean economy on a sound footing.

China has supported North Korea because the Chinese do not have too many allies in Asia (which has a huge U.S. military presence), so having a renegade ally in the region is better than having none. You can bet that the Chinese will probably be the biggest investor in North Korea, for they need to maintain their influence in the region.

A 1990 German-style unification in Korea is unlikely, in my opinion, as that probably means the removal from power of Kim Jong-un. The whole point of this summit is to cement Kim's position, so while North Korea may come out of its darkness, it is likely to be a long process. Mr. Kim seems to rather enjoy always being surrounded by people taking notes on his every word. He will go far to keep himself in that position.

Will President Trump's meeting with Kim Jong-un be as revered as President Nixon's meeting with Mao in 1972? Hard to say at this point, even though it certainly has the potential to be a major political win for both sides. The Trump-Kim summit may turn out to be the start of a major investment cycle in the North.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

With the stock market ups and downs, is it time for me sell mv stocks?

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I need more time to file my tax returns. Is there a grace period?

Your tax returns, or extension with payment if you owe, are due April 17, 2018. There are exceptions, so check with your tax preparer, or look it up on the internet. If you need up to six more months to file your returns, file IRS Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File, and California State Form FTB 3519 Payment Automatic Extension for Individuals. NOTE: An extension to file is NOT an extension to pay. Be as accurate as possible in your estimation of what you owe; if there's a dramatic difference between your estimate and what you actually end up owing, the IRS might void your extension and charge you interest and penalties. You can use the paper Forms and make certain the postmark is no later than April 17, or you can complete the Form online. You can pay via direct debit from a bank account, charge it to most major credit cards, or call and pay (800) 272-9829, or (888) 729-1040. If you typically include a Schedule C with your returns, but you don't anticipate owing any income taxes, you must either file your returns or file for extension by the April 17

I owe taxes, but I don't have the money to pay now. What can



Julia Yoder

File your completed tax returns on time, and select a payment plan. The penalty for filing on time, but paying late, is far less severe than the penalty for filing late when you owe.

I used the standard deduction, but wish I had itemized. Is there anything I can do?

You can file an amended return within a three-year period.

We have to pay taxes on the income (dividends and interest earnings) from our investments. We made enough that it looks like they'll either reduce our monthly checks, or we'll have to pay taxes on our Social Security. Is there a way for us to invest without having to pay all these

You might be able to safely reposition your investments in such a way as to not incur income taxes. The first step toward accomplishing what you want is to schedule an appointment with a financial professional for a review of your current financial position, your goals, and your

We plan to retire in about 8 vears. What do we need to be doing now?

Use an online retirement calculator that allows you to input how many years you have until retirement, how much you have in retirement savings, and how much you anticipate needing during retirement. You'll be able to play with the numbers to create different scenarios. And, you'll see if you're on track, or if you need to increase your retirement savings over the next 8 years so that you can enjoy your anticipated retirement lifestyle.

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Love Never Dies At The **Pantages Theater**

\$85 Per Person, Saturday, **April 7** 12:00pm to 6:00pm

The ultimate love story continues in Love Never Dies, Andrew Lloyd Webber's spellbinding sequel to the Phantom of the Opera. Join us as we watch a story of boundless love, passion, and drama. Sit back and relax as we take to the Hollywood Pantages Theater! Unfortunately due to the Pantages Theater being a historic building there is no elevator to get to the upper level of the theater. This trip is not suitable for those who are handicapped or those who cannot walk up

stairs. Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora, CA 91741.

The LA Lakers Vs The LA Clippers

\$35 Per Person, Wednesday, **April 11** 5:30pm to 11:30pm

It's game time! Watch Southern California's favorite teams battle one another at the Staples Center. Come with us as we root for our favorite basketball team and possibly even see a celebrity at the game! This trip includes tickets to the game at a discounted price, transportation to and from the Staples Center, food vouchers, and photo opportunities. Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora, CA 91741.

2017 Tax Forms at the **Glendora Library**

GLENDORA - In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB), the Glendora Public Library is distributing tax forms and other tax-related resourc-

The Library will receive IRS 1040, 1040 A, and 1040 EZ forms and a limited number of instruction booklets. Forms and instructions will be available in the Library's lobby as soon as they become available (usually late January or early February). Please contact the Library at (626) 852-4891 for availability prior to making a special trip to the Library. These and other IRS forms are online available www.irs.gov.

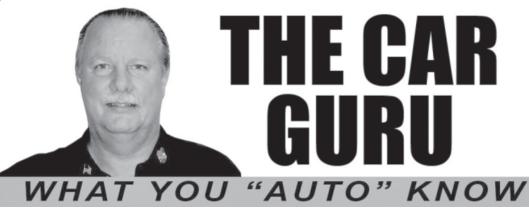
The Library will also receive California Resident 540 and 540 2EZ booklets. Forms are included in the booklets. Forms and instructions can be found at the California Franchise Tax Board at www.ftb.ca.gov

The librarian at the Information Desk can assist you in finding and printing tax forms. All tax forms can be printed at the library for 10 cents per page.

The Library also has tax preparation computer software (TurboTax) for checkout. Please call the Library to check

availability or to reserve your

For more information about these and other Library services, contact the Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit the library's website at www.glendoralibrary.org. The Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Ave., Glendora.



By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

The Basics Of A Healthy Car

Cars are built better than ever these days and give us miles of service. Keeping them healthy is important and extends their life.

• Oil is their lifeblood. Dirty oil makes it harder for your engine to turn over and causes premature engine wear.

• Belts and hoses are made of very durable material with relatively long lives, but they do deteriorate over time. We recommend an eight to ten-year replacement cycle.

• Leaks are not normal except

for condensation from your air conditioner. 11 different fluids keep your car running; brake fluid, antifreeze, engine oil, power steering fluid, air conditioner refrigerant, shock absorber fluid, battery electrolyte, windshield washer solvent, rear axle or CV boot lubricant and fuel. If any of these leak, they need to be fixed

• Tires need to be kept properly inflated to save gas and tire wear and rotated every six months.

· Coolant, when neglected can corrode and leave sediment throughout your cooling system causing clogging that results in damaging hot spots that can harm your engine. Flushing every two years is recommended.

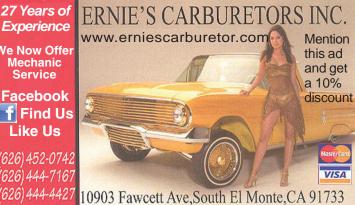
• The battery needs to have the cables securely attached and free of corrosion in order to get power to the starter and accessories so the alternator receives a charge.

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AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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 Spring Fling - An Evening in Paris

Bonjour! Grab your passport and spend an evening in "Paris" dining on French themed food, dancing to live music by Linda Herman, enjoying the photo booth, dessert bar, raffle and more! The Spring Fling will be held on Friday, April 20 from 4:30-7pm at the Arcadia Community Center - 365 Campus Drive. Tickets are \$13 and are for sale now both online at arcadiaca.gov/ recreation and in person at the Arcadia Community Center. Don't wait to purchase your ticket for an unforgettable evening in Paris.

Instructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more information.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club

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

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

BALDWIN PARK Clifton's Cafeteria and **Griffith Observatory**

On Thursday, April 5th from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm, we will be heading to Los Angeles to visit the Clifton's Cafeteria and Griffith Observatory. Clifton's, the world's largest public cafeteria and California's lone survivor from the Golden Age of Cafeterias, is the culmination of five generations of dining innovation. With everything from Crystal Caverns filled with world class minerals to stepped terraces, a stone chapel and magnificent murals. Clifton's Cafeteria offers a new take on dining with quality food, a legendary environment and contemporary value. We will then spend the rest of the afternoon at the Griffith Observatory, one of LA's greatest cultural attractions, offering spectacular views from the Pacific Ocean to Downtown Los Angeles. Meals not included. Tickets are \$10 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$15 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

Income Tax Appointments

AARP is providing free tax assistance to the senior community 55 years of age or older. This service is available only on Thursday and appointment is necessary. To schedule an appointment, please visit the Julia Mc-Neill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

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

Leaders-in-Training/Junior Lifeguard program

COVINA - The Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Leaders-in-Training/Junior Lifeguard program. Teens learn about city government, the job application process, and the importance of dependability, all while serving the public. They also gain valuable experience working with staff in various City Departments. The program is partially funded through a grant from the Webb Foundation.

813-5245, Ext. 323

Applications are available online at www.covinaca.gov or at the Parks & Recreation Office. Registration fee is \$40 for Leaders-in-Training and \$75 for Junior Lifeguards. Application deadline is Thursday, April 12 by 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

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Senior Lunch Program

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts a daily nutrition program for senior citizens at their senior programs site, located at the former Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 12 pm. For those 60 and older there is a \$3 suggested donation. For those under 60, the fee is \$5. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel. Applications are available at covinaca.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Covina's T.E.A.M.

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is looking for Covina teens who would like to help out and volunteer in their community. Join Covina's T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) and participate in service projects and community events each month. Attend a meeting for more information. Meetings held on Tuesday April **10,** 6-7 p.m. at Cougar Park, 150 W. Puente Street. No preregistration required.

For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Basketball And T-Ball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Winter Basketball for ages 18 months-11 years and T-ball for ages 3-6. These programs provide instruction and fun in a noncompetitive atmosphere. For more information or to register, please call (626) 384-5340 or visit covinaca.gov.

Covina Chalk Art Fes-

tival The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department and AutismHwy.com present the annual Covina Chalk Art Festival on Saturday, **April 14**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rainout date is April 21) Join us at Heritage Plaza Park (San Bernardino Rd. and Citrus Ave.) as artists from all over the area transform the cement into a bright and colorful museum. There will be a Kids' chalk area, vendors, food and more!

For more information, please call (626) 384-5340 or email parksandrecreation@covinaca.gov.

All proceeds benefit children and adults on the Autism Spectrum by providing opportunities for creativity and community inclusion.

Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers "Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave.,

Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

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 \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington

Alzheimer's Safe **Return Registration**

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

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

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

GLENDORA Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For info, glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

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.

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center please contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or please

jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us. LA VERNE

Get About Transportation

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

To Register: (909) 621-9900 To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

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

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

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

Senior Stretch & **Exercise Class**

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

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

La Fetra Center **Senior Classes**

Sing For Health Sing For Joy You don't have to sing well to

get all the benefits! Come join our group for a great time of laughter and singing. Singing releases endorphins known as those "feel good" chemicals in your brain. It also increases circulation and oxygen to your

blood. Singing is a great way to relieve stress and will leave you feeling happy for the rest of the day! Mondays, through April 30, 2018 9:00am - 10:00am Preregister at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560. *\$10.00 is payable to the instructor for printed materials.

Classic Cinema

Join us as watch classic films from the golden years in Hollywood. This class will focus on how movies were made and the background of the films. Following the movies there will be a question and answer portion that will help you appreciate your favorite movies even more! Mondays, through May 21, 2018 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Pre-register at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560.

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

WEST COVINA TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets every Thursday at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: ehernandez57@aol.com

Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many

- more. • For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.
- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The fare is only \$1.00 each way. · No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

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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Monrovia Unified Teacher Named Regional California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year

MONROVIA - Lisa Herald, a 14-year history teacher at Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet School, has been named a regional winner for the California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year for connecting lessons to student experiences and assigning hands-on projects that highlight student strengths and interests.

The annual award recognizes 22 educators from regions throughout California who exemplify excellence in middle school education reform.

"The special thing about middle school students is they can be silly and have fun, but also be mature enough to handle advanced subjects and tough topics," Herald said. "I try really hard to make sure my students understand the importance of history, and to be recognized for that work means a lot to me."

Herald, who has been Santa Fe's social science department chair for 10 years, believes that students respond to course material when they can relate to what is being taught. Her lesson plans include a variety of mediums, such as writing and drawing, to ensure all students can apply their personal strengths and skills toward learning the material, as well as help them find a deeper meaning in every assignment.

Interactive notebooks, for example, allow students to show their learning through maps, vocabulary, poetry and songs. Every activity throughout the school



Santa Fe Computer Science Magnet School teacher Lisa Herald (second from left) was named the regional winner for the California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year. Also pictured: Santa Fe Principal Geoff Zamarripa, and Santa Fe teachers Shirley Conde and Dave Hart.

year goes into the notebooks to can be," Herald said.

form a yearlong portfolio. "Lisa Herald has very high standards for herself, her colleagues, and her students, and being around her makes you want to raise your own practice and expectations," Santa Fe Principal Geoffrey Zamarripa said. "Every day, Lisa has an engaging, inspirational lesson for her eighthgraders. It is a complete joy to be in her class and learn with her

students." Herald also serves as an adviser for Renaissance, a student leadership program that hosts spirit weeks and goal-setting initiatives to recognize peers for achieving grade point averages of 3.0 or higher, perfect attendance, and excellent citizenship.

"I cannot imagine being at any other school because we have a family atmosphere where everyone wants to work together and help to make Santa Fe the best it

Herald's passion for history comes from listening to her grandparents recount stories from their World War II experiences. She wanted to become a middle school teacher after working with students at an afterschool program as a high school recreational leader and a cheering coach.

"Lisa is an example of the quality of teachers we have throughout Monrovia Unified," Monrovia Unified Board of Education President Terrence Williams said. "Her ability to make history exciting to her students according to their unique strengths shows that every student has the potential to succeed, no matter what the subject is."

Herald earned a master's degree in educational leadership and an administrative credential from Point Loma University, along with a bachelor's degree in history and a teaching credential in social studies from California State Fullerton.

"Congratulations Lisa, for dedicating yourself to Santa Fe and ensuring that our students receive the opportunity to demonstrate their best selves," Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "This honor is so very well deserved."

Glendora Genealogy **Monthly Meeting**

Genealogy Group will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday **April 24** in the Elm Room of the La Fetra Senior Center, 333 East Foothill Blvd, Glendora. There will be a refresher class led by Pat Chavarria from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be followed by our business meeting at 7:00

GLENDORA - The Glendora pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Bill Beigell, WW2 Military and Casualty Researcher and Historian. His topic will be "Families Seeking Answers: Military Records Research, Korean and Vietnam Wars".

> This workshop will provide participants with in-depth background into the methods and challenges of researching how Americans served, and sometimes died, while in service in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Covered will be the challenges of locating military files due to the massive fire at the National Personnel Records Center in 1973, how to mitigate slow governmental department response times, what files remain available for each branch of service, and how to locate them. Step by step research instructions, sample files, and handouts will be provided, with expert training not available to the public.

> This workshop will include attendee participation, as well as stories of some of the men Bill Beigel has researched and the clients he's worked for, highlighting the significance to families and the demand for this intensely personal and hard to find data.

Bill Beigel is an American military and casualty researcher, specializing in facts relating to Americans who died or went missing in active duty in World War II and the wars with Korea and Vietnam. Beigel's research helps individuals and groups to learn the circumstances of military deaths in 20th Century wars, as next of kin usually received very little information during wartime.

Bill Beigel holds a BA in History and a Masters in Geography, both from UCLA. His research is conducted for individuals, veterans groups, service organizations, communities, universities, and others. Bill Beigel's work has been featured in USA Today, Fox News, CBS News, Newsday, Los Angeles's Daily Breeze, War History Online and dozens of other media outlets. A large collection of Beigel's research on members of the 8th Air Force is featured in the American Air Museum in Duxford, England. Beigel is the official researcher for the Kwajalein MIA Recovery Project, whose mission is to locate downed WWII servicemen in the Kwajalein Atoll and assist in the recovery of remains. Beigel's book describing the "Return of the World War II Dead" program of the U.S. is pending publication. For more information, please http:"ww2research.com.

Any questions about our group or the meeting please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.





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Teen Center Boxing Program

DUARTE - The Duarte Teen Center is a hidden jewel right here in town. One of the most successful programs is the Boxing Program. At a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting, the Club was able to present Teen Center Manager, Marilyn Mays with additional equipment including a Heavy Bag and more protective equipment.

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey tinac51@aol.com.



Teen Center Manager Marilyn Mays, Past President Duarte Kiwanis Cheryl Reynolds, President Elect Duarte Kiwanis Reyna Diaz.

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Harmonica for Vets

GLENDORA - A program from Citrus College Foundation and Veterans Success Center on campus is running a fund raiser selling beautiful harmonicas to assist costs for the VSC and at the same time donate one to active personnel for each sold. Accepting first delivery at the Bob Hope USO Ontario International Airport were center manager D.J. Stanhope together with Foundation representative Sharon Lewis and former USO entertainer Regina de Doelder. Additional deliveries went to Bob Hope USO Palm Springs and Bob Hope USO LAX. A portion of these deliveries will also go to Wounded Warriors.

There are still a few for sale, please call (626) 914-8825 for ordering information - the price is \$20.00 each.



Veterans Success Center manager D.J. Stanhope with Foundation representative Sharon Lewis and former USO entertainer Regina de Doelder.

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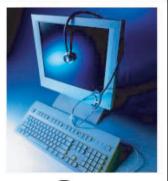
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