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CHINO - Prado Helitack Base-San Bernardino Unit located at the Prado Conservation Camp in Chino offered Monrovia Cub Scout Pack 66 and Monrovia Troop 66 an experience they will not soon forget. The Scouts were treated to an unexpected demonstration from the Helitack crew. The scouts were greeted by

Fire Captains Jason Camillieri, and Arnold Ramirez. The Captains hosted a safety briefing and explained to the scouts what they will be seeing. While the scouts were being briefed, in the background the UH-1H Super Huev helicopter was being loaded with fire crew, safety checks being performed, gear being stowed and the crew dawning their turnout gear. All the while the rotors were slowly spinning and gaining momentum to the all familiar whine of the UH-1H Super Huey.

Having an opportunity such as this opens up doors and minds for the scouts to see careers that can effect change in the lives of others. Scouts are about being of service, and learning from CAL FIRE about how they operate and prepare for firefighting in some of the more treacherous terrains in the United States, is awe inspiring.

The Cal Fire crew of Copter 305 demonstrated five live water drop techniques. The crew showed the scouts how water



Monrovia Troop & Pack 66, Prado Helitack Crew 305 (Photo By Mark Peters, SM)

was pumped from the water truck called "water loading" and how they would siphon water from a lake, reservoir or pool. The scouts watched in earnest as the crew practiced off-boarding while hovering, this enables the crews to disembark quickly with their gear when the chopper is not able to land. The Scouts were able to tour the wildland fire truck and the UH-01 Huey that is used for getting the fire crew to the fire.

Helitack Crew allowed the scouts to try on their gear; many of the scouts had to be balanced as the simple pack they used weighed in at 50 pounds, more than some of our

scouts. After the tour of the water truck and its operations able to all climb inside and feel the scouts moved to the UHwhat it's like to be a fire fighter 1H Super Huey from the Viet-

nam era, which has been refurbished for firefighting and water dropping. They were

sitting in the back ready to jump out.

Thank you to the Crew of Prado Helitack Crew 305 for taking the time to answer all our scouts' questions and allowing them to see another side to wildland firefighting. A huge Thank You to the men who made this day possible for us, Fire Pilot Wayne Krager, Fire Captain Jason Camillieri, Fire Captain Arnold Ramirez, Fire Apparatus Engineer Ethan Klapp, Fire Fighter Joseph Cauzza, Fire Fighter Adam Elite, Fire Fighter Caleb Long, Fire Fighter Josh Moreno, Firefighter Chris Olsen, and Firefighter Saul Pinon.

Monrovia Pack and Troop 66 pride themselves on new experiences and adventures. To learn more about us please look for our page on Facebook @MonroviaTroop66 and @MonroviaPack66 or email us monroviatroop66@gmail.com

City Notices The Re-Opening of the Via Verde Country Club



Having a great time at the newly upgraded Via Verde Country Club were Ron and Monica Kartchner of San Clemente, Ziphora and Monique of Covina, Tasha Bell Director of Operations of Via Verde Country Club and Scott Hay also of Via Verde Country Club.

By Jayam Rutnam

SAN DIMAS - The new owner of the Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas, threw a Grand Re-Opening Party on August 4th at their remodeled location. This coincided with the ribbon cutting involving the participation of five Chambers of Commerce.

With two bands, one outside by the swimming pool and another in their banquet room, members, guests and visitors were treated to an array of delicacies served by their new chef Shushan, who comes from an extensive background of being a chef at other successful country clubs.

There was a constant stream of guests, some with their spouses and children, who visited the Open House. There

were chicken and beef tacos served by the pool and the bars were open. It was a hot day, so a beer was a welcome thirst quencher.

Membership Director Michelle Porter was busy signing up new members, while Tasha Bell, Director of Operations was seen mingling and running around making sure the event was going smoothly.

The Via Verde Country Club was conceived by Vinell Pauley and designed by Bill Bell in the late 1960's. Nestled amongst the rolling Via Verde Hills with a picturesque view of the San Gabriel mountains, Via Verde is the only Private Country Club in San Dimas within a five mile radius. It is a non equity club that offers membership for sale and resale. The Men's As-

sociation and Women's Auxiliary gives our membership a collective voice to vote on club related issues. The golf course is maintained in immaculate condition, the restaurant offers excellent food and the golf, tennis and swimming associations provide numerous and challenging events for all members. Their 350+ persons banquet rooms features a private entrance, deluxe cocktail bars, detailed woodwork, a hand carved fireplace, luxuriously shimmering chandeliers and an expansive outdoor deck with an unrivaled view of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The Via Verde Country Club is located at 1400 Avenida Entrada in San Dimas, Califor-



Troop & Pack 66 of Monrovia, Prado Helitack Crew 305 (Photo By Mark Peters, SM)

Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Division 35 Supports **UCLA Children's Hosptial Event**



LOS ANGELES - Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Division 35, consisting of the San Gabriel Valley region and the foothill area, assisted UCLA Pediatric Craniofacial Program at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital with their Annual Pediatric Craniofacial Picnic. This picnic is put on each year for all the kids and families that have had surgery due to congenital and acquired craniofacial

anomalies. This picnic brings joy to the kids and families!

The picnic was on July 28th, 2018 at UCLA Sunset Canyon Recreation Center 1-4 PM. This picnic served roughly 300 kids and their families.

The UCLA Pediatric Craniofacial Program at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital offers a multidisciplinary approach to the

diagnosis and treatment of children with congenital and acquired craniofacial anomalies. The program also serves patients of all ages with trauma-related injuries requiring craniofacial restoration. In addition, the craniofacial team extends its expertise into vascular anomalies and reconstruction of pediatric faces disfigured by cancer removal.

Beware 'Blow-and-Go' Scams

For their own peace of mind, home owners should get their heating an cooling systems cleaned by members of NADCA, who must comply with a strict Code of Ethics. Some homeowners have been taken by what's known as "blow-and-go" air duct cleaning—but you don't have to be. These companies charge what seems a nominal fee but do a very poor job. They may ask you to pay extra for unneeded services and

even pretend to be members of

Protect Yourself Six Ways

1. Ask the contractor which components will be cleaned.

2. Verify that the contractor will limit the release of dust, dirt and debris into your home dur-

ing the cleaning. 3. Make certain the contractor will use both agitation and vacuum collection.

4. Ask the contractor to in-

form you if any chemicals will be used and to provide a safety data sheet for them.

5. Have the contractor provide proof of proper licenses.

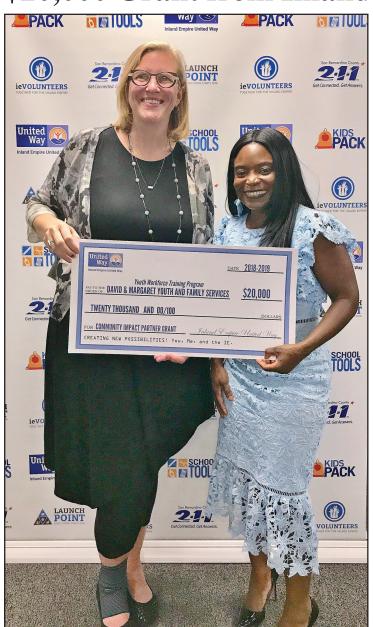
6. To ensure that the company you hire is indeed a NADCA member, look it up in NADCA's Find a Professional Directory at info@nadca.com.

For further facts and tips, visit nadca.com/homeowners/whyhire-a-nadca-member. (NAPSI)

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David & Margaret Youth and Family Services Receives \$20,000 Grant from Inland Empire Unites Way

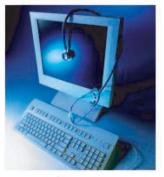


David & Margaret Development Director Maggie Bohlman (left) and Inland Empire United Way President and CEO Dr. Felita Jones.

LA VERNE - David & Margaret Youth and Family Services in La Verne is pleased to announce that it has received a \$20,000 grant from Inland Empire United Way. The funds will support the Youth Workforce Training Program for youth who are transitioning out of foster care.

The Youth Workforce Training Program provides job readiness skills, life skills and on the job training to youth ages 18-24 (Transitional Age Youth, or TAY). TAY are given the op-

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allows them access to life skills classes, literacy classes, professional development lectures and the opportunity to gain 160 hours of paid on the job training and skill building.

Clients are given the fundamentals of how to obtain and maintain work while earning and managing income to support themselves and/or dependents. They are also offered one-on-one sessions with a job coach and have access to social workers and mental health services as needed. The agency's annual goals are to place up to 24 TAY in paid internships and up to 125 TAY have the opportunity to access the program services including life skills, job-readiness, and career exploration sessions.

"This has been an exceptional year for the Youth Workforce Training Program, which wouldn't have been possible without IEUW's invaluable support," says David & Margaret Executive Director Charles Rich. "Our newly built facility is providing new internship opportunities, as well as dedicated classroom space for the transitional age youth programs. There are also staff offices on-site providing immediate access to staff for the TAY. This has fostered rela-

tionships and enhanced learning opportunities."

A vital part of Inland Empire United Way's mission is partnering with other resultsoriented nonprofits in the region that are equally dedicated to improving the lives and futures of low-income families in the areas of education, health, and financial stability in the Inland Empire. Each year, a volunteer review team, comprised of local donors and community representatives, conducts a diligent review of programs to determine the best investment of United Way's dollars.

"Inland Empire United Way is proud to support the David & Margaret Youth and Family Services. A place where they are actively renewing hope and inspiring change in the lives of young people throughout the Inland Empire," said Dr. Felita Jones, President and CEO of IEUW. "Their efforts to help equip young individuals in the areas or workforce and career readiness is both unique and customized for maximum potential. We are excited to see their continued progress in helping developing our youth for self-sufficiency and being skill ready, and are delighted to be able to award them \$20,000 to greater assist in these areas."

4 Ways to Eat Affordably this Summer

Summers tend to be jam packed with activity -- from baseball games to trips to the pool to evening strolls through the neighborhood.

Fuel your family affordably through it all with these tips from the discount experts at Dollar General.

• Start your day right: Whether it's a granola bar, a fresh muffin or an elaborate meal of eggs, bacon and pancakes, it's important to start every day with breakfast. Rather than stopping off each morning at a coffee shop or diner, you can make breakfast at home for far less. Stock up on breakfast ingredients at a discount retailer and don't forget to buy ground coffee or energy drinks to give yourself a jumpstart to the day.

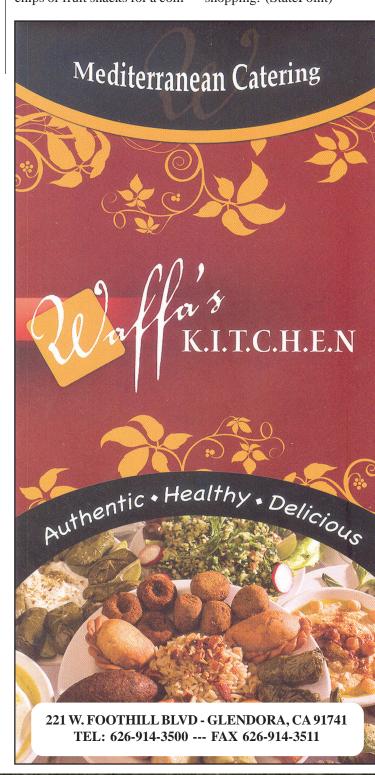
• Power through with a power lunch: Keep lunch affordable by stocking up on sandwich materials for the entire week, including fresh bread and a variety of condiments, sandwich meat and cheese. If you or your family members get bored easily, mix and match these elements to keep things interesting each day. Then, add some almonds, chips or fruit snacks for a complete meal. For outdoor summer lunches, consider items that can be easily grilled.

• Make dinner time family time: Get the most out of summer nights by making dinner easy and convenient. Check out dollargeneral.com/ easymeals for tasty dinner ideas that include pizza, homemade macaroni and cheese and more, and can be created with one-stop shopping at Dollar General. Consider carving out a bit more time in your evening with paper products and plastic utensils that will make dinner clean-up a breeze.

• Stay full with snack time: Keep kids energized between meals with snacks like cereal bars, chips, nuts and popsicles. Does your child play little league or another sport? You can ensure the entire team stays well-hydrated with sports drinks and water. Discount retailers offer these items in bulk at very affordable prices.

For more ideas to keep your family fed for less this summer, visit DollarGeneral.com.

When it comes to affordable cooking, don't fret. Make plans to fuel your family's activities all summer long with savvy shopping. (StatePoint)





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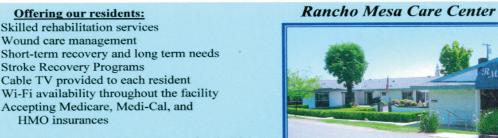
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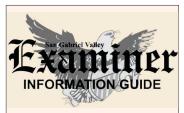
Senator Chang Calls on Caltrans to Remove Gas Tax Signs

Signs Only Serve to Influence Voter Opinions on the Gas Tax

SACRAMENTO - Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) recently delivered a letter to the California Department of department remove taxpayerfunded signs that advertise and promote the recently enacted gas tax. Chang's letter further calls for a review of funding of the highway signs and questions what value they offer

"These signs are a blatant misuse of public funds," said Senator Chang.

"Californians are not interested in paying for a public relations campaign to promote an unpopular tax increase. Worse yet, the signs fail to tell California drivers the complete story about the history of neglect on our transportation infrastructure. They do not tell drivers that every year, \$1 billion dollars are siphoned away from transportation projects. Now



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we are siphoning money to pay for useless signs."

In 2017, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, imposing Transportation requesting the a \$52 billion tax over the next 10 years with no expiration date. The tax has been dubbed the largest gas tax increase in California's history. A referendum on the November ballot gives voters the opportunity to keep or repeal the tax.

> Recently, Caltrans has been constructing and displaying signs on roadways that high

light SB 1, informing drivers that the new law is "Rebuilding California." According to recent news reports, the pro-SB 1 signs cost \$700 each, but it's unclear if this price tag includes labor and upkeep.

In her letter, Senator Chang writes, "No matter what the issue, it is not the job of taxpayer-funded state departments to influence public opinion on matters considered on the ballot. I write to urge you to remove these signs...'

LA County Child Support Services Observes "Child **Support Awareness Month"**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- The Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department (CSSD) will be engaging with the community and sharing information about its services at over 80 special outreach activities in August as part of the annual nationwide celebration of Child Support Awareness Month (CSAM) 2018. CSAM is held to highlight the important role that child support services play in improving the lives of families and children.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will help kick off CSAM 2018 on Tuesday, August 7th by presenting a resolution to CSSD Director Dr. Steven J. Golightly and CSSD child support professionals, commending the Department for its work supporting the families and children in L.A. County.

"Children need their parents" support and we can help," said Dr. Golightly. "Child Support Awareness Month gives us a special opportunity to share information about our vital services and interact in new ways with the community and the families that we are privileged to serve."

will be collaborating with many LA.

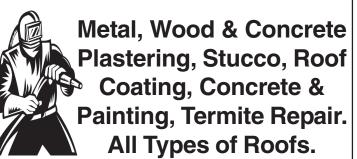
well-known organizations and agencies including the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Friends Outside, Pomona Valley Ex-Offender Reentry Resource Fair, America's Job Center of California, Pomona Unified School District, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Homeboy Industries and the Whittier Narrows Homeless Resource Fair.

A highlight of CSAM will be "Child Support Connect Day" on August 23rd where L.A. County CSSD will take its services to the community along with other agencies and organizations. "Child Support Connect Day" will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, 1731 E. 120th St., Los Angeles, CA 90059.

CSSD serves families by establishing parentage, obtaining child support and medical support orders and enforcing child and spousal support obligations. For more information, call 866-901-3212, view the website at cssd.lacounty.gov, and follow on Twitter, Face-Throughout August, CSSD book and Instagram @CSSD

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Board of Supervisors Votes to Expand School Shooting Prevention Team

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger to expand and strengthen a program that aims to prevent shootings and violence at LA County schools.

The School Threat Assessment Response Team (START) is a program established under DMH made up of mental health professionals who respond to principals, counselors, school security officers, or parents worried about students who have talked about suicide, exhibited concerning behavior, or made threats. After receiving a credible threat, START members visit the school, evaluate the student, and go to the student's home. In most cases, START can recommend counseling. In more serious cases the student might be put on a 72hour-hold or arrested if a crime has been committed.

The START program currently is made up of 10 staff. However, in response to the increase in high profile school shootings across the country, in February Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Barger proposed examining ways the team could be expanded and strengthened. Since that first motion was passed in February, the START team has received 133 calls of possible threats.

"I have no doubt that the START program has saved lives," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "But this team's resources are stretched thin. In a county of over 10 million, we need more than a team of 10 people working on this issue. We are investing in the START program and giving them the resources they need to take every single threat seriously because our children's lives are at stake."

"In partnership with law enforcement and our schools, the START program is an important tool that can work to prevent tragedies by responding to clear warning signs and cries for help by those who may be a danger to themselves or others," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "We must ensure that our schools, parents, teachers, and students help us gather information and so that mental health professionals

can effectively assess and address concerning behavior."

The Department of Mental Health provided a report back with several recommendations including expanding the START program, developing an education outreach program to train students, teachers, and community members to recognize and report threats, and develop a countywide communications awareness campaign. The Department of Mental Health has been instructed to implement these recommendations and hire an expert consultant to develop the best way to expand the START program to best meet the needs of our schools.

With passage of this motion, the Department of Mental Health will partner with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to reach out to all LA County school districts to provide resources for a school violence prevention awareness campaign, training modules and a school violence prevention video for school orientations ahead of this coming school year.

Independent Review Identifies Software Problems, Not Cyberattack, As Cause Of Widespread Voter Roster Omissions

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -An extensive independent review by information technology leader IBM Security Services identified software misconfigurations—not a cyberattack—as the root cause of the omission of 118,509 names from printed voter rosters in precincts across Los Angeles County for the June 5 Primary Election.

No voters were removed from voting rolls because of the roster error, and their right to vote was never at issue. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk said the roster print problem ultimately affected approximately 12,000 voters who went to the polls and cast provisional ballots, which were processed immediately and counted as part of the official election results.

The independent review verified that there was no pattern of voters being excluded from the printed roster due to demographic characteristics or geographic boundaries.

In its investigation of the omissions, IBM found that formatting changes in the statewide voter database made it incompatible with the software the County uses to generate the printed lists for polling places.

According to IBM, the County's Voter Information Management System application had not been updated to process this state

format change, so the system generated voter records with empty spaces for the birthdates of 118,509 voters.

Since the birthdates were missing, the County's system incorrectly classified these voters as "underage" and left them off the printed precinct rosters.

IBM ran multiple simulations to determine what happened. It found that the incompatible state database was initially used to develop a voter roster file for printing. That initial export was stopped after 118,509 records were processed with empty birthdate fields. Then a second export was started, using the County's own voter database. That export generated correct voter information. However, the system did not clear the erroneous data from the first export. As a result, the incorrect data was merged with correct data, leading to the error in printing the rosters.

In its review, IBM also investigated a 21-minute outage of the County's voter information website, LAVote.net, on the evening of the election after the polls had closed. Once again, it found no evidence of a cyberattack, and attributed the outage to heavy demand on the website.

IBM recommended that the County undertake a series of corrective actions, including:

- Updating the software code so the state and local voter databases are compatible
- Implementing new quality control practices for Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk staff
- Resolving deficiencies in the system used to create the printed voter roster • Increasing capacity and
- changing configurations on LAVote.net to accommodate periods of high demand

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean Logan said the County has already put in place measures to ensure that voter rosters are correctly printed for the General Election on November 6,

IBM Security Services' full incident assessment and root cause analysis included a forensic review of the systems, procedures and agencies used in preparing and producing precinct rosters for the County's 4,357 voting precincts and more than 5.1 million voters. The review also included testing of networks, servers and databases to evaluate any potential vulnerabilities and to assess the effectiveness of security controls, policies and quality control processes.

The review was conducted with the assistance of the County's Chief Information Officer and Auditor-Controller.

Disabled Man Forgotten, Dies in Car

By George Ogden WEST COVINA - West

Covina Police responded to a call in the 300 block of Frankfurt Ave. in the South Side of West Covina to a man found dead just after 8 p.m. Paramedics arrived and the man found was unresponsive and appeared to have died from an

unknown type of medical emergency.

The man in his 50s may have been accidentally left inside the vehicle for an unknown length of time. The man was intellectually disabled.

Homicide detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Walnut Station are investigating the

The driver of the car had been questioned by detectives and has been cooperating with the investigators.

The man has not been iden-

Laguna Arts Pageant of the Masters Under the Sun

ARCADIA - Join the Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department for an adult excursion to this fantastic annual event in Laguna Beach on Friday, **August 24**. The trip fee of \$77 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 and returns at midnight!

In the 2018 show, UNDER THE SUN, theatrical magic, live music and light-hearted storytelling will honor Laguna's own and other artistic pioneers from around the world who left their studios in search of new inspiration. In the early years of the 20th century, a new generation of impressionists and plein air painters set up their easels outdoors and reveled in the natural beauty to be found as far as the eye could

see. There'll also be no shortage of fun and surprises as the Pageant acknowledges two local milestones: the 85th anniversary of "living pictures" at the Festival of Arts and the 100th anniversary of Laguna Art Museum. You won't want to miss this exciting salute to a world of "art that lives and breathes" beneath the stars in the Pageant's beautiful amphitheater.

For more information, please call 626 574-5113.



Mojave Desert: A New Water Source

And, the water wars continue. The wrestling up north to meet all state and federal mandates and balance use between recreation, fish and wildlife, generatepower to electricity-dependent areas, the Central Valley famers and Southern California residential demand has become a papershuffling, mind-boggling, lawsuit after lawsuit effort.

Not only are the multitude of organizations long-established and fighting for the delta rehabilitation before all else, but it seems the federal agencies are now having ardent conversations about how much water goes where. Bureau of Interior is now challenging Bureau of Reclamation over water flow in and out of reservoirs to try to balance the federal mandate to preserve recreational interests, Endangered Species Act compliance, and water much needed by the Central Valley and Southern California.

But there is a new guy in town and working on water delivery to some of our Southern California communities. In fact, our own Upper District serving areas in the east San Gabriel Valley was presented with an offer not too long ago.

Cadiz Inc., a Los Angeles based company, owns 70 square miles of property with significant water rights in Southern California, in the eastern Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County. Cadiz is proposing to pump as much as 16.3 billion gallons of ground water a year and pipe it out to sell to those Southern California areas that need it. They estimate reliable water for 400,000 people over 50 years and 3,500 to 4,000 new jobs. And, they say they can compete with Metropolitan Water District when it comes to water rates and think their water will be less expensive than desalination and recycled water.

The water project area is about 80 miles north of Barstow but their proposal has gotten Sen.



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

Dianne Feinstein upset who would like to stop the project because of the potential environmental impact on the area and the Mojave National Preserve which she created. L.A. Times reports, Feinstein, for years, has attached a rider to congressional appropriations bills barring the Bureau of Land Management from spending money on the Cadiz Project.

Feinstein charged, "For close to two decades, Cadiz has been trying to ram through a water extraction project that would harm the Mojave Desert. And now we hear from the Metropolitan Water District that the water Cadiz wants to extract could contain dangerous chemicals that pose a threat to the safety of Southern California's water supply. The water that Cadiz plans to extract contains numerous contaminants including arsenic and cancercausing Chromium-6. Left untreated, it could pollute the pristine water of the Colorado River Aqueduct, endangering the health of not only Cadiz's customers but all 19 million Californians who rely on that water."

Metropolitan responded at the time the proposal was conceptual and incomplete and lacks essential details on how to build and pay for what Cadiz is propos-

With an approved Environmental Impact Report and rights to use an abandoned gas line to move the water, a proposal was made to Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. The Boards choices were to take no action, direct staff to further evaluate the District's water supply options or to authorize the general manager to execute the non-binding letter of intent regarding purchase and sale agreement for water with the Cadiz Valley Water Project.

The Upper District vote was 3-2 not execute the non-binding agreement. That agreement would only allow for future negotiations with the Cadiz Water Project. Board Member, Anthony Fellow said he thought they needed to have both Sen. Feinstein and MWD on board to approve the project before Upper District took any action.

Brian Urias was concerned with moving forward having received letters from Cong. Judy Chu, Supervisor Hilda Solis, Assemblymembers Ed Chau and Chris Holden, and Senator Anthony Portantino and Speaker Anthony Rendon. Urias went on to tell the Desert Sun, lobbyists working for Cadiz had repeatedly contacted him trying to influence his vote ... and said ... "he was told among other things, that 'Cadiz will run someone against you, and will be funding them with thousands of dollars" . Directors Chavez and Trevino abstained on the non-execution motion.

Desert Sun reported: "Cadiz CEO Scott Slater had responded to Urias by email on Friday, asking him to share documentation and telling him --- I can assure you that no person purporting to represent Cadiz has the authority to engage in unethical conduct.

President Trump has given his green light to the project and Bureau of Land Management has rescinded the requirement for a permit to run the water transport pipe that was required under the Obama Administration. No permit is now needed.

Why Not Report a Good Cop?

Way too often, we hear "bad cop this, bad cop that" and so on. You hear about police officers shooting unarmed citizens and then there is an uproar and even riots only to have the bodycam prove the suspect had a gun or was shooting at police. But that doesn't matter to them, the police still should not have shot their loved one. They try using race as the motive the police did what they did and but real reason was their "loved one" was armed and ready to kill.

An incident, a man was shot in the back. Big protest all over. The bodycam clearly shows that the running suspect was shooting at police while he was running. The police did the right thing without question.

Sure we have men and women officers that go over the top and thankfully there really isn't that many. It gets publicized and gets a lot of attention.

Everyone seems to take note of their bad side and not enough is done for the good side. If you see a police officer doing something good that is not a normal duty of a police officer, maybe people should report that too.

I will give you an example of



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

something I saw. A police officer was changing a flat tire for an elderly couple in a parking lot. I believe he was on his lunch break, but yet took the time to do this for these people. I was able to identify this officer and sent a letter in to the chief to let him know what I saw.

Many years ago, I saw a police officer bring food to a homeless guy... I did a story on what I saw, the problem was, I did not find out the officer's name.

Another involves a friend of mine many years ago. His elderly father had dementia and liked to go for walks. He would dress sharply and take off. This happened about 3 a.m. in the morning and when he attempted to cross Azusa Ave. at Vine Ave against a red light he was hit by a

small pick-up truck. The old guy was really hurt and most likely would not survive. Witnesses said the old fellow appeared to push the walk button but did not wait for the light to change he started crossing the street and was hit.

A West Covina Police officer found identification that stated the old man lives on Vine Ave. and went to the home to make notification. The people there said the officer was very professional and passionate about what happened and explained what the family needed to do immediately. They said he was extremely helpful. Sadly the old gentleman died from his injuries.

The officer is now a Sergeant with the West Covina Police Department. Sgt. Keith Shishido, according to the family, felt he went above and beyond when making the notification and they are still to this day very grateful.

If you see something good that they do, even if it something strange, let the department know about it. When the officer hears that someone gave them accolades for something, it makes their job more pleasant.

"That's Just the Way it Is!"

Sometimes You Hear The Bullet

Korea, North and South, has been on everyone's minds lately as President Trump opens dialogue with the Communist North, calls for de-nuclearization, and receives hostages as well as soldiers' remains. As the possibility is being discussed of a new effort, after decades, to reach a peace treaty, comments on the internet included one very thought provoking request I read. Someone said if a ceremony for some kind of agreement is planned, why not invite some of the remaining cast members of the show "M*A*S*H?" Cynics dismissed this as trivializing an important historic milestone, but wait, don't dismiss it too soon. Let's reconsider.

"M*A*S*H" was in many ways a typical service comedy, even with its vailed references to Vietnam, when it debuted in the post Vietnam 1970's. And one could have continued considering it typical, no more than another "McHale's Navy" or "Sgt. Bilko." Except something happened. Something that would change the direction of what would become, surprisingly, a very long series run. It happened late in the first season with an episode called

"Sometimes you hear the bullet." Hawkeye Pierce (Alan Alda) meets a young soldier, played by Ron Howard, who lied about his age to get into the service in order to impress his girlfriend. The doctor reluctantly promised to keep his secret. Hawkeye was also surprised with an old childhood friend of his that had joined the Army and wanted to use his experiences to write a book. He had a title in mind, "Sometimes you hear the bullet." It refers to the idea that men dying, as he witnessed, did not pass on in some dramatic way. That only happens in the movies.

Pierce would be reunited again with his friend when he returns as a mortally wounded patient. The doctor is only made aware of it when he is rolled in on a gurney. Upon his death, Col. Blake (McLean Stevenson) in a rare moment of seriousness simply says to the shocked Hawkeye, "Pierce, go help McIntyre," followed at the end of the OR session with a little more advice. "In war there are two rules. Rule number one, young men die. Rule number two, doctors can't change rule number one." But Hawkeye resolves that he can change one life. He immediately breaks his promise and turns in the underage soldier.

As we would see in following episodes over a long 11 year run, Hawkeye Pierce and his fellow



Charles Lopresto

medical personal would do a lot of things they didn't want to do. In one episode, Alan Alda's

real life father, Robert, played an

old doctor who frustrated Pierce with his lack of stamina and efficiency under medical combat conditions. But the elder doctor had a rejoinder "Let me see how you do when you are on your third war." Dramatic portrayals would come in abundance and the issues of war covered, everything from abandoned mixed race babies, to over zealous field commanders, to victims of post traumatic syndrome, would get the "M*A*S*H" treatment. One soldier was angry when he caught B.J. Hunnicutt (Mike Farrell) harvesting an aorta from his wounded buddy upon the soldier's death. Father Mulcahy (William Christopher) asked the soldier, "Was your buddy the kind of guy who would fall on a grenade to save his fellow soldiers?" The soldier said "Yes, of course." Then the chaplain said "Well, he is doing that right now." On Christmas day when a cease fire had not been so "ceased," B.J. tried to keep a soldier alive until past midnight. "Why would it matter," he was asked. "Because children shouldn't remember Christmas as the day their daddy died." Dr. Sidney Freedman, the psychiatrist, had to treat a shocked bomber pilot who convinced himself that he was Jesus Christ. Sidney's assessment: "Here you have this guy who spent the better part of two years bombing people who never did anything to him and he finally

said enough is enough. I am Jesus Christ and the next bomb I drop, I drop on me." In a poignant scene as the pilot is sent to rehab, Radar O'Reilly (Gary Burghoff) asks him to bless his teddy bear. "He is not real, but we are very close." He does, and then blesses Radar. A couple of episodes were shot in black and white, documentary style, and had a war correspondent played by Clete Roberts interviewing the personnel. The questions were scripted, but the answers were all improvised by the actors in their roles. William Christopher described the OR on an extremely cold day, in which the doctors and nurses would stand over the wounded bodies to warm themselves with the body heat. "Seeing that changes you."

We have often called the Korean conflict, the "forgotten war." But for one half hour each week in the 1970's and early 80's we were reminded of the Korean War experience, with laughs and with a lot of tears. Those characters we got to know over all those seasons were important to us because they put a face on a war that was only seen on old black and white newsreel foot-

Many of the show's players are no longer with us and they won't be experiencing any closure to the war that was officially called a police action. Alan Alda, the shows star, Hawkeye Pierce, was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. I still remember the line Hawkeye said, "If it is a police action, why didn't we call the police?"

Would it not be a serious consideration to somehow in a small way remember the finest comedy show that was ever presented on television and the stories it represented with a real connection to history?

Few entertainment shows really present what they depict in a serious and accurate way, but every so often one does come along. After all, sometimes you hear the bullet.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Big Bear Lake eating and eating. The average ish, came livestock like cattle,

By Joe Castillo

Weekend Getaway... Big Bear Lake lies in the San Bernardino wonderful place to getaway for the weekend and with lots of recreational activities available but it's also a place to enjoy and relax. For thousands of years the Yuhavist people of the Serrano Nation made the area their home. Their name means 'people of the pines' and the collection of Jeffrey, ponderosa and sugar pines among others around the lake made an appropriate name.

But it was the magnificent Grizzly Bear which gave its name to the lake. Throughout California, the Grizzly roamed, especially in places where an abundance of food sources were available. They made their strongest habitats in the mountains and along the Pacific Ocean coast and Big Bear Lake was right in their homeland. The Grizzly was an enormous specimen and its large size was based on their appetite and what they were eating and

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weight of an adult female was nearly 400 pounds while a male zly weighed 2,200 pounds which is one of the largest wild animals to roam the west.

A cousin of the Black Bear, the Grizzly possessed a noticeable hump on their back above their shoulder which Black bears do not possess. The hump is actually a muscle which provided the Grizzly with strong legs to propel them in chase after any victim or game. The Grizzly had a large set of paws which were used to balance its enormous body. The Visitor Center at Big Bear Lake has a mold of the one of the last Grizzlies in the area which you can compare with your own hand or perhaps five of your family or friends' hands just so you can see how huge the animal was. The Indians in the region were respectful of the Grizzly, and believed it was bad luck to dream

With the arrival of the Span-





sheep, horses and oxen. It was more food for the always hungry Mountains a short 70 miles east grizzly came in almost 800 Grizzly and with livestock easy of downtown Los Angeles. It's a pounds. The largest known Grizto find in enclosed pens, the Grizzly knew where its food could be found. But the ranchers eventually fought back and organized hunting parties to reduce the number of marauding bears and keep their herds safe and secured. The westward expansion mostly caused by the Gold Rush brought more and more settlers to the West and soon the habitats of the Grizzly Bears were being threatened by those wanting to ensure their own safety as well as their families' protection. With the discovery of gold in Big Bear Valley in 1855, the Grizzly Bear was sought more than ever before. Hunting continued and with no regulations, the Grizzly was the most sought after big game prize. By 1906, the last Grizzly in Big Bear Lake was killed and by 1922 the last California Grizzly died.

> Even though the Grizzly has been extinct in California for nearly 100 years, it can still be seen at every state, county and city building in California as the centerpiece of the State of California flag, the only state flag of the union with a bear as its symbol. It's only appropriate, that the mighty Grizzly have a place all alone high up a flag pole where it can be admired for its strength, power and speed and its impact on the growth of California. ..

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Loud Bark, Small Bite?

So far at least, second-quarter earnings announcements are coming in much better than expected. With 53% of S&P 500 companies reporting results, 83% have delivered a positive earnings surprise and 77% a positive sales surprise. Earnings are 21.3% above last year's level. Despite these blockbusters results, many leading growth stocks oscillated with the overall stock market. Recently, for instance, the Nasdaq Composite moved up 0.86% in the morning and then pulled back 0.92%, closing

slightly down for the day. Fortunately, this kind of reversal means nothing in the long run. However, these "air pockets" may be great buying opportunities. Since professional investors love to take vacations in August, more buying opportunities may be available in the upcoming weeks. The bears continue to talk about "peak earnings momentum," but third- and fourth-quarter S&P 500 earnings are forecasted to rise at a 22.4% and 18.7% annual pace, respectively. If earnings are "slowing down," it might be like your car decelerating from 155 mph in one quarter to 145 mph in the next quarter, reaccelerating to 150 mph in the following quarter and then "slowing" to 135 mph in the final quarter. The bottom line is that we are still going very fast. Expect many short sellers to get buried in the wake of these rising earnings.

There appears to be broad support for bringing China and other nations in line (with fairer trade relationships). However, it is becoming clear that this situation could play out over several months, whereas the market and many investors would much prefer a quicker fix.

A trade war could culminate in new tariffs that exceed \$700 billion or more in total on a global basis, but that pales in compariWhat's up in the Economy? **Economic Analyst**

economy. That would not be even 1% of total global commerce. However, it could cause ripples and disruptions within the global supply chain, which is the larger risk to the stock market. News of regional manufacturing slowdowns might also dampen inves-

tor sentiment.

& Former Glendora Mayor

Against this backdrop of the loud bark of trade rhetoric versus a small bite out of global growth, it shouldn't have much of an impact on GDP. The second quarter's real GDP growth was 4.1% (about as expected), but final sales increased 5% and inventories fell enough to front-load significant second half growth. Final sales roared, with a 5.1% gain suggesting strong underlying demand. But the noise level could get to a place where market volatility spikes in August leading up to the September deadline, when the \$200 billion in additional tariffs on China could begin.

Investors will be contending with the implementation of the next round of tariffs in the first week of September, followed by the FOMC meeting scheduled for September 25-26, in which bond traders are predicting an 86.1% probability that the Fed will raise the Fed Funds Rate to 2.00% to 2.25%. If nothing changes it may be worthwhile to take some market profits before Labor Day.

The other factor that investors

dictable for equity markets. While a spike in volatility might not repeat the scale of what took place in February, there is the possibility of China announcing other non-tariff-related measures to retaliate against U.S. tariffs, like slapping regulatory red tape on American companies doing business in China, or restricting further American business investment in China. A widening of the U.S.-China trade struggle outside of tariffs brings new uncertainty to the markets, and that could invite more volatility.

So, while I expect the current low-volatility landscape to persist over time, I see potential for episodic spikes amid confusion and uncertainty, as opposed to fundamental risks of economic growth slowing. In sum, stock selection will be at more of a premium during the August-September timeframe, while the market sorts out China's economy, the Fed, European credit, oil prices, and currency manipulation.

While confidence is high and the Nasdaq and Russell 2000 trade at new highs and lead the current rally, that doesn't mean the historical pattern won't reemerge. Over time, August and September have been the worst two months for equity market returns. The "Stock Trader's Almanac" reports that, on average, September is the month when the stock market's three leading indexes usually perform the poorest, so it's a good time to consider selling stocks that have underperformed in what has been a bullish investing landscape of late. Trimming the fat from one's portfolio is usually a good idea, especially this time of the year.

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I welcome your questions and

Your Money - Ask Julia

Does my husband have any rights to the house I inherited when my first husband died?

California is a community property state, giving your spouse half of all your property. However, the one exception is property acquired by gift or bequest. In other words, as long as your current husband is not on title, he does not have any rights to the house you inherited.

What's your advice on selling our home without a Realtor?

It is possible, but be aware that those who seek out "For Sale by Owners" are typically looking for a big bargain. Statistics show that homes sold by using a Realtor sell for more net profit (even after paying Realtors fees). Ask yourself how you will know if the people looking at your home are actually financially qualified to purchase? Do you know the laws about disclosures? Attend some open houses in your neighborhood to compare your home to theirs, and also to get some ideas on improving yours. Let me know if you'd like a free CMA (Comparative Market Analysis) to help you price your home competitively.

As seniors, the only thing that is holding us back from selling our big family house and buying a smaller house or condo is that we're under Prop. 13, which has kept our property taxes low. Is there anything we can do?

There are a couple of other Propositions already in effect that allow you to transfer your tax base, whether within L.A. County, or (selected) other counties.



Julia Yoder

Proposition 60 limits you to purchasing within the same county as the house you are selling is located. Proposition 90 allows inter-county base-tax-value transfers in 10 California counties. The California State Board of Equalization has more details.

I've decided to take an early retirement after having sold my business. Is there anywhere I can put the sales proceeds so that they are safe and very longlasting?

There are a couple of different strategic options available so that your money lasts at least through your lifetime, and possibly longer. You could use one or the other, or a combination of both. These options involve life insurance and fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. If your first reaction is, "No way," you owe it to yourself to take another look at these products which have evolved into incredible financial planning avenues with lifetime living benefits as well as the possibility of leaving a legacy.

Can I get the money out of my old annuity and put it into an-

other that's better? Will I have to pay all the taxes first?

You might be able to do a 1035 exchange, which, when done properly, avoids creating a taxable event.

I want to learn more about finances, but I hardly know where to start! Am I alone, or are other women financialknowledge starved?

You are not alone. According to the Women, Money and Power, Phase II study conducted by an independent survey organization for a major insurance company, 1 in 3 women are eager to learn, but 1 in 5 say they don't know where to begin. Phase I explored women's feelings about money and finances, whereas Phase II sought to address those feelings by exploring the unmet needs of women when it comes to financial planning and by identifying possible solutions. Let me know if you'd like more information about the Women, Money, and Power studies.

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c o m m e n t s : have to consider is seasonality. The months of August and Sepkenherman46@hotmail.com. son to the \$80 trillion global tember are notoriously unpre-**Assessor Prang Releases 2018** Assessment Roll; Data Reveals Strong By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists Real Estate Market, Business Sector

Optimism, Record Tax Savings LOSANGELES – Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has certified the 2018 Assessment Roll, which indicates growth in real estate and business property values and record-setting savings for homeowners, nonprofits, and faith-based orga-

nizations. The roll value of \$1.57 trillion (gross) and the \$80 billion in business property have set new highs for the county, as have taxsaving exemptions, which topped \$59.8 billion.

"Los Angeles County's economic base is strong and continues to be on an upswing," Assessor Prang announced. "The appreciation of real estate for the 8th consecutive year, coupled with optimism in the business sector, means additional resources will be available for education, public safety, firefighting efforts, health services, and transporta-

The leading indicators in the roll's increase are: a) sales and other transfers of real estate, which added \$47.6 billion as compared to 2017, and b) new construction, which added another \$11 billion. The combination

of these and other factors yielded a net increase of 6.62% – the greatest growth in values since prior to the 2008 recession.

However, the Assessor also emphasized that the average growth in assessed values across the county does not mean property owners will be subject to a corresponding increase of 6.62% on their property tax bills. Existing homeowners will see only the standard 2% annual adjustment for inflation, pursuant to protections set out by Prop.

Assessor Prang's proactive efforts to promote savings for seniors, veterans, disaster victims, and homeowners has resulted in record-setting tax reductions. This year, over 1 million will claim the Homeowner Exemption, and a record number of veterans will save through the Disabled Veteran Exemption – a total of \$7.74 billion that will be exempt from taxation, saving \$77 million. Likewise, non-profit, community service, and faithbased institutions will see a record \$52 billion in exemptions, producing \$521 million in

savings. Another indicator of the growing economy and business optimism is the record-setting \$4.53 billion (or, 5.9%) increase in business personal property. This reflects record growth in investment in equipment and technology as well as marine vessels and aircraft. The resulting \$80 billion in business property is another new high for Los Angeles County.

The 2018 Assessment Roll comprises 2.57 million real estate parcels and business assessments, including 1,874,588 single-family residences, 249,660 residential-income properties, 248,198 commercial/industrial properties, and 205,204 business properties.

In his announcement, Assessor Prang concluded, "I want to thank my team for their diligent efforts to ensure fair and accurate assessments, which serve as a foundation for vital local public services that will directly benefit Los Angeles County's residents and businesses and improve quality of life in our neighborhoods.'

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

Is Your Automotive Service and Repair Shop Certified?

In a recent study of several hundred people, the question was asked, "Does the auto shop you use have certified technicians?" The vast majority said they assumed that they were.

The shop you use may have certified people, but the reality is there is no mandatory certification required to own or operate an auto repair shop in California. To be an auto shop owner, you must have a state license issued by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), which any person can apply for and receive with no automotive experience at all.

To apply and receive an automotive repair dealer's license (ARD), just show up to the Bureau of Auto Repair (BAR) with \$200.00, a name for the company and a tax ID. Wala! You're in the automotive repair business, no proof of insurance, no tools and no experience necessary.

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This is one part of our industry that I would like to see reviewed. A professional that cuts hair or fingernails is required to be state certified, but a mechanic who works on tires, engines or brakes doesn't need a single day of training or any tools to do so.

The only certification system we have is voluntary, with the exception of being a smog station. Smog technicians are licensed by the state and require continuing education.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers a series of tests that a technician can take to be certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At my shop, I require all staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well. ASE tests are all written tests and it does not necessarily mean a person is competent to work on a car.

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AAA Approved auto shops must have ASE certified technicians employed as well as have a minimum set of tools for the cars they work on. I recommend using an AAA approved shop due to their tough standards, and you have a voice through the arbitration system, should you have a concern with the service or re-

In these uncertain times, saving a few dollars is always something to consider. But don't get caught up with a low price that will cost you more later. Have a knowledgeable certified technician perform the service or repairs on your car; it will save you time and money in the long run. Before you agree to have any work performed, ask if the technician working on your car is certified. If you wonder sometimes why someone is lower in price than everyone else, there's usually a reason.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

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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 Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists welcome you to our August 16 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our Program will be a Power Point Presentation and Talk on Member's Growing Spaces. Questions and answers, plus how and where we grow our fantastic orchids will be discussed.

Tiki Bar Bunco

Grab your lei and come on down to Tiki Bar Bunco on Friday, August 17 at 12:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia! Whether you are a bunco veteran or a total newbie, this game is easy to learn and exciting to play. Enjoy refreshments, meet new people and roll the dice to try and win gift cards all for only \$10. Register online or in person at the Arcadia Community Center today. For more information, please call 626.574.5130.

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 informa-

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 Birthday Celebration

Join the Julia McNeill Senior Center monthly Birthday Celebration on the third Wednesday of the month (Aug. 15th) from

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Dance to the music of DJ Sonic Boom as active adults celebrate their birthday. Have some cake and lots of music, as well as door prizes for your celebration! \$1 door admission. For more information contact the Julia McNeill Senior Center at (626) 813-5245 ext.

Annual Fashion Show

Join us on Wednesday, August 15th for an event filled with fashion and intrigue as we will reveal this year's theme for the 25th Annual Award Winning Prom. Seniors will be modeling the latest fashions and have the opportunity to purchase items after the show. Presale Prom Tickets after the Fashion Show! For more information contact the Julia McNeill Senior Center at (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) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA

Dementia Conversations

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Alzheimer's Association presents a seminar "Dementia Conversations" on Friday, August 10, 10:45-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Learn to have honest and caring conversations about common concerns when someone begins to show signs of dementia. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Covina Women's Connection

The next Covina Women's Connection luncheon will be Tuesday, August 14th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hibachi Super Buffet, 1459 N. Citrus Ave., Covina. Known as the "Hat Lady", Miss Lillie Knauls will grace us with her music and share how to have a "Hattitude of Joy". Wear your hat and you may win a prize. You won't want to miss her!!! The cost is \$15. Reservations are encouraged however, walk-ins are always welcome. For more information or to make a reservation, email Pat Almeida at patnsammylucy@yahoo.com, or call Maxine Depweg at (909)929-8016.

Free Summer Karaoke (Ages 50+)

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting Free Summer Karaoke at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Friday, **August 17** from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Oldies But Goodies Singing Club!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts Oldies but Goodies Singing Club at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays (August 16 and 30) from 2:15-3 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Free Ice Cream Social! (Ages 50+)

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department, along with co-sponsor AGA, inc. is hosting Free Ice Cream Social at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Friday, August 3 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-

DUARTE

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

Alzheimer's Safe **Return Registration**

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

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

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

<u>GLENDORA</u> **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 more 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 contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148email or 8235. jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us.

<u>LA VERNE</u> **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

To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

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

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

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

Senior Stretch & **Exercise Class**

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

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

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 Sen-

sibly) 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

• 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.

Classic Car Nights at Lake Avenue Church

PASADENA- Lake Avenue Church is hosting free Classic Car Nights on Friday nights on August 10 and 24, 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 newer sports cars well, along with music and burgers. Also, the final event of the summer on August 24 will feature a special chili-cook-off,

judged by local personalities, live music and more.

Admission is free. Donations to cover the cost of the food are appreciated. For more information, contact Rich Kasten at carnights@gmail.com.

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

Concert & Movies in the Park Series!

ARCADIA- Arcadia's summer concert and movie series are now both on Thursday evenings. Concerts start at 6:30pm and movies at dusk on the west lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening outdoors. There is also a FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. The Surfer Taco Food Truck at all of the events! Parking is provided at City Hall and Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 5 only. For more information, please call 626.574.5113. Below is the lineup for AUGUST 9.

Cash Up Front (Tribute to Johnny Cash) AND Lego Ninjago (PG) – Fire Department Night

For high-octane renditions of Cash's classic catalog, there is no substitute for Cash Up Front. For the band, the music is the tribute to Johnny. Johnny Cash's spirit looms large as the music takes center stage, bringing enthusiastic audience members what they came to hear...CASH done the way it should be done!

Lego Ninjago (PG)

The battle for NINJAGO City is upon us! Master Builder Lloyd and his friends take on Garmadon, Lloyd's own father. Pitting father against son, the epic showdown tests these fierce but undisciplined modern-day ninjas as they learn to check their egos and pull together to unleash the inner power of Spinjitzu. What a way to end the series!

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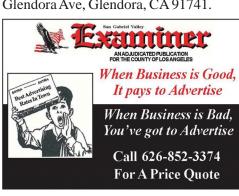
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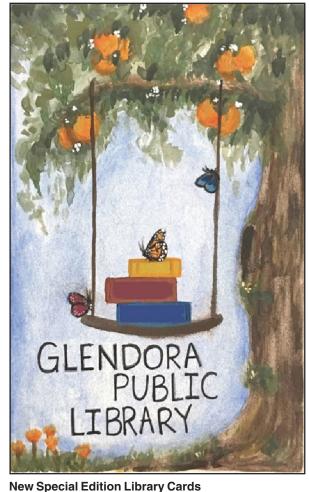
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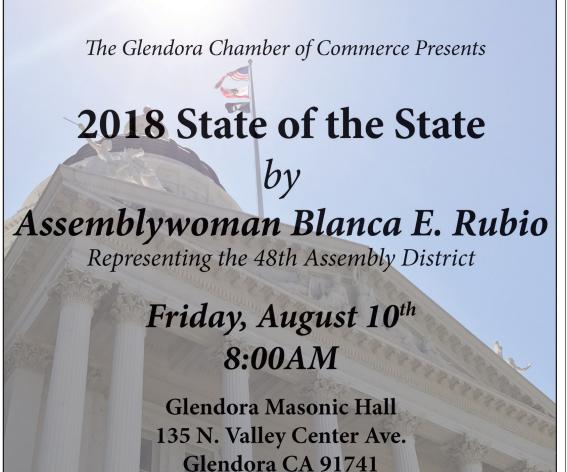
Winner Announced

GLENDORA - The Glendora Public Library is proud to announce the winner of the 2nd Annual Library card design contest: congratulations to Kayla Chang! The contest, which ran Spring 2018, challenged participants to design a library card that reflected the values the library personifies such as connecting people to the world of ideas, information and imagination. New Special Edition Library Cards, featuring Kayla's design, will be available beginning in September, while supplies last.

For more information regarding Library programs and services, please contact us at (626) 852-4891 or visit our website www.glendoraLibrary.org. The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 South Glendora Ave, Glendora, CA 91741.







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Library Card Design Contest | Twice A Victim: Finding A Path Forward After An Accident

Each year, hundreds of thousands of Americans are injured in serious accidents. Though the causes may be different, one thing is increasingly common: Because there are often long delays in collecting payments for legitimate insurance claims, injured parties can become "twice victims."

An All-Too-Common Story "The bus accident caused serious injury to my right wrist and I broke my left ankle," said Debra A., a school aide working with disabled children. "During a class trip, the school bus was in an accident and my entire life changed in an instant. While there were safety features on the bus for the children, there were none for the adults. When we crashed, I flew forward and quickly realized I was seriously hurt," she

added. Debra's injuries were so serious she could not return to work. Soon, she faced mounting medical bills, she was delinquent on her mortgage, and all her general household and family expenses were piling up. She had nowhere to go and no one to turn to for financial support. There were no family members who could loan her money and since she was out of work, no bank would either. Debra was a victim, not once, but twice. She was hurt in the accident and soon thereafter, she was hurting from the financial realities of life.

With the assistance of her attorney, Debra sued the bus operator whose insurance company fought her for years. "I never dreamed it would take 10 years for the insurance company to pay me the money I was entitled to," she said. "Everything I worked for, everything I owned was soon going to be lost because the insurance company was finding every reason not to settle. The most insulting part of it all was that during the entire insurance settlement process, I had the feeling that the insurance company was simply trying to wear me down by offering me much less than my attorney felt my claim was really worth. They probably assumed I was getting desperate and they figured I'd jump at a low settlement

"With my back against the wall and no place else to turn for financial help, I found a silver lining in LawCash, a leader in the presettlement legal funding industry. The cash advances from LawCash saved my house, gave me the free-



Accident victims may not have to wait for insurance settlements to start healing physically and fiscally.

dom to take care of necessary expenses, and more important, the advances gave me peace of mind to continue to pursue my case. I felt empowered," Debra added.

"Once my case was resolved on terms that were fair. I paid back my legal advance and I was able to move on with my life."

How Presettlement Funding

The service does not promote or encourage litigation. All its clients must be represented by legal counsel and must have filed a legitimate claim before LawCash will accept an application. Nor does it influence the case, as all decisions related to the legal approach and overall strategy are between the victim and his or

her lawyer. Perhaps most important, the presettlement funding is not a loan. If the case is lost, the claimants owe nothing. In addition, they're not required to put up collateral or make interim payments, and the advance has no effect on their credit.

After the accident, Debra was not able to work with her disabled students any longer, but she has not lost her interest in helping others. She is even asking her State Legislators to think about their constituents when considering access to this critical legal funding resource.

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Baldwin Park's American Legion Post 241 Burglarized

By George Ogden

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park American Legion Post 241, a veteran's organization which assists the community and its veterans in the area was burglarized. The burglars stole all the ceremonial rifles and a 700lb safe among other things while destroying property.

Gail Pouliot, a volunteer at the American Legion post was devastated when she came to the Legion Post on the morning of August 4th.

Commander Rudy Avalar explained that the thieves broke in through a kitchen door and then went to the office and kicked in the office door, breaking it off the hinges. They stole all the ceremonial rifles used for funerals and color guard duty. The rifles are actually the property of the Federal Government and are on a forever loan to the post to use for various ceremonies. This burglary now becomes a federal offence as well. The safe that was stolen weighs over 700 lbs. and was a vintage 1930 safe. There is some speculation that three people were involved in the burglary. The safe had about \$3,000 in it, checkbooks, ledgers, records and much more. They also destroyed the office trying to pull the safe out. They took the safe out the side doors and loaded it in their vehicle.

The American Legion is still open and doing business daily. They support many community events and groups. Now it will be a little harder as those funds were in the safe but this is what they do and have been doing in since 1961.



Burglars kicked in the office door to steal a safe and rifles.

Annual Picnic Held by FPH Auxiliary



Picnic chairman, Karen Grammer, congratulates Mary Barham, winner of the summer raffle, her prize.

GLENDORA - Good food, music and fellowship, is there any better way to spend a summer evening? Members of the Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary and their guests don't think so. On Sunday, July 29th, the group got together for their annual picnic at Finkbiner Park. It's a night to have fun and socialize. Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided by the hospital with an array of sides and des-

serts brought by those who attended. To add to the enjoyment of the evening, The Night Owl Jazz Band preformed the many hits of the likes of Miller, Sinatra and Ella. If you are interested in helping your community by volunteering for one of the many interesting jobs at the hospital along with meeting some fun and interesting people, please call the volunteer office, (626)857-3103

EYE-DAS to Host Afternoon of Antiques Appraisal Fair

GLENDORA - An antique buffet, porcelain collectibles, a favorite painting, glittering costume jewelry....are your treasures and family heirlooms worth more than you think? Come to the 3rd Annual Visual Aides Booster Club of the Eye-Das Foundations Afternoon of Antiquity Appraisal Fair to find out. This enlightening and fun event will be held on Saturday, **September 15** from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Glendora Library's Bidwell Forum, 140 South Glendora Avenue, Glendora.

Now is the chance to clean out your garages and attics and find out if those collectables, baskets, paintings, books, or family heirlooms that are stored away are really treasures that may be worth some money. Besides being a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon, it's really fun and interesting to see all the things people bring and to find out the history behind these items.

Niles Grace, formerly The In-



stant Appraiser on A&E's "The Incurable Collector", will evaluate all items brought to the event. No firearms, coins or fine jewelry, please.

This adult only event will also include wine and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be several Special Gift Baskets. Tickets for these baskets will be sold at the event. Admission is \$35 (presale); or \$40 at the door, while each item to be evaluated is \$10. Registration of items to be evaluated is from 1:00 - 2:00

pm, with evaluations from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

This is the only major fundraiser for EYE-DAS, with all proceeds going to benefit the blind and visually impaired of the San Gabriel Valley. The EYE-DAS Foundation is a charitable non-profit 501©(3) Organization, ID# 95-4181623. To purchase Admission or Evaluation tickets, please contact Jo Cox (626)963-8835 or Rose Wentz (626)963-6413.

Silverado Brea Memory Care Community Is Scheduled To Open In Early 2019

By Jorge V. Rosales

BREA - Silverado was founded over 20 years ago with the goal of changing the way the world cares for those with memory impairments and it is recognized for their experience in enriching the lives of individuals and families of those living with Alzheimer's disease or any other form of dementia.

Their first memory care community was started in Escondido, CA in 1996 with their third community opening in Azusa CA in 1998. More than two decades later, Silverado operates 38 communities across eight states.

Now in 2018, Silverado Senior living, in an effort to serve this growing population is planning to build their newest community in Brea. CA and is slated to open next year, 2019. The Silverado Brea Memory Care Community will bring their signature style of care to north Orange County.

Silverado's ever-growing list of features and innovations includes: • Staff specially trained in the changes of Alzheimer's, Lewy body dementia and other types of dementia • A warm social atmosphere that downplays an overly-clinical feel • Nexus, a research-based brain health program to help early stage residents build and maintain cognitive ability • Licensed nurses on-site around the clock • Physician Medical Directors with a background in dementia who guide and oversee care • Dementia Care Certification program for caregivers that requires 40 hours of classroom and hands-on training • Specially Designed building features to meet the unique needs of those living with memory impairments.

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