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SAN DIMAS - Linco Picture Framing is a family-owned and operated business since 1976. Linco moved from Northern California to Southern California where it was located on West Allen Avenue in San Dimas. In 2007, the business purchased the property for its current location at 326 W. Arrow Highway (between Cienega and Cataract Avenues).

Owner, Steve Lindemann, was the official picture framer for the Oakland Raiders working directly with Raider's owner, Al Davis. When the Oakland Raiders moved to Southern California to become the Los Angeles Raiders, Steve decided to stay in Northern California rather than relocate with the team. At that time, he redirected his efforts to framing winner's circle pictures for the local race tracks, Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows.

In 1984, Steve moved to Southern California for a job opportunity with the Los Angeles Times. While working as an Advertising Manager for the LA Times, Steve continued his framing activities during the evenings and on the weekends. He grew the business by focusing on the framing of newspaper and magazine articles for display purposes. His first big commercial contract was with the Yard House Restaurants.

As his framing business grew, he decided to pursue the picture



The Linco Team: Steve Lindemann, President; Laura Delk, General Manager; Eduardo Cruz, Production Manager; Brian Liberty, Lead Framer

framing full-time and left his newspaper career behind in 1998. Today, Linco Picture Framing has a customer list that exceeds 16,000. For the past several years, Linco has been concentrating their efforts in the communities of Glendora, Covina, San Dimas, and La Verne. However, Linco continues to frame both newspaper and magazine articles throughout the United States from its San Dimas location. Linco's focus is both commercial and retail picture framing.

Most recently, with the store

closings of the San Dimas Aaron Brothers and Glendora's Richard's Picture Framing, Linco's retail business has increased substantially. Linco works with all different types of customers....photographers, artists, designers, collectors, memorabilia, needlepoint, and individuals with their own special projects. All production work is done in-house at the San Dimas location. Printing is available on both paper and canvas. Linco uses three types of framing materials, wood, metal, and poly. They also have a wide variety of glass and acrylic to choose from to meet their client's special needs. Framing mirrors for entry ways, bathrooms and all areas of the home has become a growing part of Linco's business because they also offer installation services. Steve and his wife, Leslie,

have worked for the business while going to high school and attending college. The picture framing business offered each child the opportunity to work in areas of their interest. Oldest daughter, Sandy, who now lives in Berkeley with her husband and two sons, focused on process and procedures. Oldest son, Chris, who lives in Covina with his wife and two children, worked in the production area and has now gone on to become a local General Contractor. Middle daughter, Laura Delk, lives in San Dimas with her husband and daughter. Laura will eventually take over the business and become the second-generation ownership. Laura is currently the General Manager and oversees all areas from sales and design to production, including specializing in computer

have five children. All five kids

preparation. Middle daughter, Lisa, currently lives in Dublin, California, and is the General Manager of the newest location of Lucile's Smokehouse restaurant. Lisa helped with sales, final assembly and deliveries. Youngest son, Evan, lives in La Verne and is pursuing a career in welding. Evan worked in all areas production, sales, and service.

When not at Linco, Steve and Leslie enjoy time with their five children and five grandchildren. They also like to travel (this summer they went to Maui), bike ride, and spend time in the desert and their condo in Palm Springs.

Linco currently has six employees with over 75 years of combined picture framing experience. Both Steve and Laura look forward to helping you with your picture framing projects when you visit their San Dimas shop. Picture framing is Linco's passion, demonstrated by their many clients 5-Star reviews on both YELP and Google. You can see their work displayed at: Glendora Country Club, Peppertree Café, RDS Insurance, Georgio's Tuxedo's, The Hat, Glendora Floor Store, Glendora Florist, Glendora Police Department, T. Phillip's, Century 21 Marty Rodriguez, Glendora Glass Company, America's Christian Credit Union, among others. Linco frames it all and would like to become your picture framer in the future. Please stop by the shop to say hello and see the operation first hand. Located at 326 W. Arrow Highway, San Dimas. Monday through Saturday, 10am-6pm. www.lincopictureframing.com. (909) 971-0244.

Attempted Armed Home

Mayflower Elementary Enhances School Environment with Watch D.O.G.S.



Nine fathers and father-figures volunteered at Mayflower Elementary School on Nov. 28 as part of the launch of Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program, wearing matching T-shirts and welcoming students.

MONROVIA – While giving high-fives and monitoring entrances, fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father-figures wished students a good day at school during the launch of Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) at Mayflower Elementary on Nov. 28.

Volunteers wore designed Watch D.O.G.S. T-shirts and spent time on campus introducing themselves to students. The program encourages members to spend at least one day at the school and take part in school activities throughout the year.

"I think it's important because studies show that parental involvement in school activities helps children in their development – not only academically – but socially building their self-esteem, as well," volunteer Jeff Wenninger said. "There is a dire need for male role models in the school setting."

Watch D.O.G.S., which be-

gan in 1998, helps students gain positive male role models while schools gain extra security. Volunteers who participate get a glimpse of the school climate, which helps them better relate to their children.

"These volunteers impact our students in a positive way because they take time out of their schedules to come to our campus as everyday fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father-figures," Board President Terrence Williams said. "I know from my own experience as a Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer that by being present and actively engaged, our volunteers fill a much-needed role and build valuable relationships with our students."

Responsibilities for Watch D.O.G.S. include working with students on assignments, participating in recess or lunch activities, watching school entrances and hallways, assisting with traffic before and after school, and other assigned activities that allow them to engage with students.

"We are excited for the program at Mayflower Elementary because it gives our families something new to be a part of," Principal Michele Costarella said. "Having Watch D.O.G.S. at Mayflower will help promote a healthy and positive school climate."

The program is recognized by the United States Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and ensures every child has a father or father-figure to connect with in a positive way while at school.

"Thank you to those who have already volunteered in the program," Superintendent Katherine Thorossian said. "We look forward to growing our group and getting more fathers and father-figures involved at Mayflower and throughout our schools."

Invasion in City of Covina



The picture shows the two suspects. The one on the left has a gun in his left hand while the other has a tire iron.

By George Ogden

COVINA - Two armed masked men, one with a gun and the other a tire iron tried to get into an occupied home of a young family on Tuesday, Dec. 18. This was in the 1500 block of East Algrove Street in Covina.

The two men came to the front door, one pulled out a gun while the other carried the tire iron. One kept knocking on the door and calling out a first name of the resident. Police believe they saw the name on a vehicle parked outside the home.

Both suspects wore hoodies and gloves and had blue bandanas over their faces. One man was a male black and the other may have been black or Hispanic.

The occupants of the home

have a security camera at their front door and saw the suspects with a gun and tire iron. The young couple, a man, his pregnant wife and their 6-year-old son were home during the attempted break in.

The man quickly armed himself while his wife called the police. He stood by the door and was ready to shoot the intruders if they made entry. Knowing that they had a gun, the thought was to quickly open the door and start shooting before they realized what was going on. Just before that action took place, the two left. Their decision to leave at that time most likely saved their lives.

The suspects left in a white ford van with a black license plate. They left without know-

have a security camera at their ing how close they came to front door and saw the suspects being killed.

Police are still investigating and are most likely viewing videos along the exit path the suspect's vehicle took including homes and businesses.



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El Monte Union Embraces Community Partners to Strengthen Campus Safety



El Monte Police Department officers and El Monte High School administrators recently partnered to conduct a "Critical Incident Response" training and lockdown drill.

EL MONTE – El Monte Union has partnered with the children in our schools." El Monte Police Department to conduct random K-9 detection sweeps at its campuses in an effort to deter students from bringing contraband to school. It is part of one of many initiatives the District has in place to ensure the safety of students and staff.

"Safe schools provide an environment in which teaching and learning can flourish and our students can attain personal and academic achievement," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "It is critical for our community to work together to ensure the safety of

The District actively collaborates with local law enforcement, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, to provide a safe and secure school environment. Most recently, El Monte Police led a random sweep of all EMUHSD's schools using a police-trained dog to search for unlawful substances and drugs in classrooms and on campus.

The program was initiated during the 2016-17 school year and is conducted at least twice a year.

'We follow strict protocols



An El Monte Police Department officer conducts a random K-9 detection sweep at one of El Monte Union campuses as part of the District's increased safety measures.



and laws to ensure the safety of students and staff when these searches are done," El Monte Police Chief David Reynoso said. "This is an example of the great partnership that our police department has with the school districts in our city to promote safety in the community."

El Monte Union works with a broad spectrum of community stakeholders, local law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents, students, teachers and staff to develop, implement and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate.

This includes having a School Resource Officer program, conducting regular safety drills and lockdowns to prepare for emergencies, providing active shooter training to all District staff, installing security cameras, working with local police to investigate all safety threats and requiring visitors to check in through each school's front office.

The Sheriff's Department over the summer held an active shooter training for officers at Rosemead High School, similar to a training held last year at South El Monte High School.

Women's Club of West Covina and **Rotary Join Forces for CHP Toy Drive**



CHP's Rodrigo Jimenez, Luanne Arredondo and Sandra Taylor.

By George Ogden and Luanne Arredondo

West Covina - The Woman's Club of West Covina donated toys to the CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive. The event was held at the Plaza West Covina with KCAL9 on hand to get the event on TV.

Also on hand were a number of other organizations that participated as well. The Rotary was there to combine efforts to help with the cause.

Arredondo commented, "It was great to see everyone that came out to help the youth in our communities. Thank you, Officer Rodrigo Jimenez, for your service and for your support of our youth. Thank you, Plaza West Covina, for your support of this project and our youth. #KidsFirst"

The event was very successful and with the help of the CHP and those who participated, Christmas will be a little better for those that are having hard times.

Susan M. Keith Elected President of the Citrus Community College **District Board of Trustees**

GLENDORA - Mrs. Susan M. Keith is the new president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. She was elected during the board's annual organizational meeting on Dec. 4, 2018. This is the fifth time that she has been elected by the trustees to serve a one-year term as president since she began serving on the board in 1999.

The new president has a wealth of experience in educational leadership. Mrs. Keith previously served on the board of education of the Claremont Unified School District for 12 years. She has served 19 years on the board



Mrs. Susan M. Keith, new president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

lege and California State Poly-

represents the remaining area of Duarte, as well as portions of Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia, Covina and Irwindale. Ms. Yachi Rivas is the student trustee, elected by the students at Citrus Cols lege.

In the newly reorganized 𝔅 board, Dr. Dickerson will serve as the new vice president, and Dr. Ortell will be the clerk/secretary of the board. Both Dr. Dickerson and Dr. Ortell were just re-elect-

ed to the board of trustees in the recent Nov. 6, 2018, elections. The superintendent/president of Citrus College, Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., administered the oath of office to the re-elected board members during the Dec. 4 meeting of the board of trustees. Dr. Perri commented, "We are fortunate to have a very supportive board of trustees serving our college district." She thanked Dr. Rasmussen for her service as president of the board for the past year, and extended her congratulations to the new president, Mrs. Keith. "It will be an honor and a pleasure to continuing serving under the direction of our board of trustees with Mrs. Keith as president," Dr. Perri said.

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At the beginning of the school year, the El Monte Police Department conducted a "Critical Incident Response" training for students at El Monte, Arroyo, Fernando R. Ledesma and Mountain View high schools. Lock down drills were also performed to ensure students and schools are up-todate with practices and procedures.

"By working together, we can create a strong and effective network to ensure the safety of our school community," Zuniga said.

of trustees at Citrus College. Since 2013, she has also served on the board of directors of the California Community College Trustees, a statewide policy body.

Mrs. Keith began her studies in higher education at Lassen Community College. Later, she earned a bachelor's degree in English from California State University, East Bay. She also completed postgraduate studies in art photography. Her career was focused on fund development and public relations for nonprofit organizations, Claremont Graduate University, Pitzer Col-

technic University, Pomona.

Mrs. Keith is one of five members of the board elected by voters in their geographical areas during the general or mid-term elections. She represents Claremont and portions of Pomona and La Verne; the previous board president, Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, represents Glendora and portions of San Dimas; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, represents Azusa and portions of Duarte; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, represents the Monrovia/Bradbury area and some neighborhoods in Duarte: and Dr. Edward C. Ortell.

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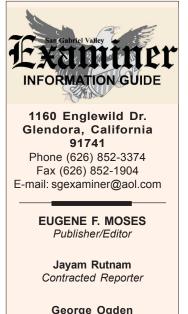
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LA County Library Director Skye Patrick Named 2019 Librarian of the Year by Library Journal

- Skye Patrick joined LA County Library in February 2016, with ambitions to champion change and position the Library as a center of learning accessible to all residents of Los Angeles County. She's done just that, and so much more, as made clear by her award of 2019 Librarian of the Year from Library Journal.

Since joining LA County Library, one of the largest library systems in the US, Patrick has focused on breaking down barriers and increasing access for all customers. Embracing the unique communities that the Library serves, she launched the iCount equity initiative, ensuring the Library makes a conscious effort in designing programs that address the needs of its diverse residents.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by Library Journal, one



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LOSANGELES COUNTY of the industry's most reputable publications," said Patrick. "This is not only a recognition for me but also a recognition for the entire LA County Library team. They work so hard and are committed to providing the best service to our customers; without the support of our staff, I would not be able to achieve what I have set out to do."

To support the innovative programming at the Library, Patrick expanded service hours by over 15,000 hours across 75 library locations without incurring additional costs. Under her leadership, the Library introduced many award-winning programs such as The Great Read Away, Turns the Tables DJ workshops, and MakMo maker mobiles. Patrick also established a Marketing team-which was awarded 2018 Marketer of the Year by Library Journal-with the goal of improving the Library's promotional efforts and creating awareness of the myriad of services the Library offers.

Patrick is also instrumental to bringing in over \$30M in grant funding for expanding and improving Library programming and services through partnerships. Understanding the importance of technology, Patrick worked to meet customer needs by improving the Library's information technology infrastructure. Its digital alliance with Microsoft allows the Library to begin updating the operating system of over 2,200 public computers in 2019. Funding from the Federal Communications Commission's Schools and Libraries program also enables the Library to work toward increasing its internet bandwidth for a faster internet connection starting in 2019.

"Libraries are important to the wellbeing of communities," said Patrick. "I am committed to seeking creative and innovative ways to offer Library services that help improve the quality of our customers' lives."

Library Journal presents this award to a professional librarian for outstanding achievement and accomplishment reflecting service goals of the library profession that include free access to information for all, encouragement of reading, creation of incentives to greater use of books, enhancement and expansion of library service to all residents, and strengthening of the role of the library within the community.

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Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Reminds Motorists of New 2019 Laws

SACRAMENTO – With the New Year just around the corner, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to inform the public about several new laws or changes to existing law that, unless otherwise noted, take effect January 1, 2019.

Temporary License Plate Program (AB 516, Mullin): This law requires licensed California dealers, of new and used vehicles to attach temporary paper license plates on a vehicle at the point of sale if that vehicle does not display license plates previously issued by the DMV. The temporary license plates contain a unique number and expiration date. No vehicle can be driven off the dealership lot without the temporary license plate affixed to it unless it already has issued plates. The intent of this new law is to reduce the number of toll violators and improve safety for law enforcement.

Gender Identity Female, Male, or Nonbinary (SB 179, Atkins): This law allows individuals applying for a California driver license or identification card to self-certify their chosen gender category of male, female or nonbinary in the application. Applicants who select nonbinary will receive a card with an "X" in the gender category.

Driving Under the Influence - Ignition Interlock Device (SB 1046, Hill): From January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2026, this law mandates repeat offenders for driving under the influence (DUI) and first DUI offenders whose violations resulted in injury, to install an ignition interlock device (IID) for a period ranging from 12 to 48 months. This law also allows those who receive a suspension under the Administrative Per Se law to obtain an IID-restricted driving privilege, and receive credit toward their required IID restriction period if they are later convicted of a DUI. These provisions apply to DUI violations that involve alcohol or the combined use of alcohol and drugs. They do not apply to drug-only violations. Additionally, courts have the discretion to order a non-injury first DUI offender to install an IID for a period of up to 6 months. If the court does not order IID installation, a non-injury first offender may apply for a driver license for IID restrictions or restrictions that allow them to drive to, from, and during their employment and to and from a DUI treatment program for 12 months. Previously, an IID pilot program was only in effect in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Tulare counties.

Smog Check Changes and New Abatement Fees (AB 1274, O'Donnell): This law expands the existing smog check exemption to vehicles that are up to eight model years old, up from the current exemption of six model years. During the additional two years of exemption, these vehicles will pay an annual \$25 smog abatement fee. The current annual \$20 smog abatement fee for the first six years of exemption remains unchanged.

Driving Privilege for Minors (AB 2685, Lackey): This law repeals a juvenile court's authority to suspend, restrict or delay the issuance of a driver license of a habitual truant or ward of the state for up to one year. The law clarifies that any suspensions or delays reported prior to January 1, 2019, remain in effect

Motorized Scooters, (AB 2989, Flora): Bicycle helmets are no longer required for riders of motorized scooters who are age 18 or older. It also amends existing law to prohibit a person from operating a motorized scooter on a highway with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour, unless it is within a Class IV bikeway as well as a Class II bikeway. However, it permits local authorities to authorize the operation of motorized

scooters on roads with speed limits up to 35 miles per hour outside of a Class II or Class IV bikeway.

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Unsafe, unsecured loads on vehicles (AB 1925, Choi): This law requires the DMV to include at least one question addressing laws pertaining to driving with an unsafe, unsecured load in at least 20 percent of the knowledge tests administered to driver license applicants. Unsecured loads, such as ladders, buckets and loose items in the back of pickup trucks, can be dangerous for motorists when they fall onto the road. Therefore, all vehicle loads must be covered or secured.

High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 544, Bloom): As previously announced, AB 544 created a new program to grant lowemission vehicles and transitional zero-emission vehicles access to high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes for an approximate four-year period, regardless of the vehicle occupancy level. A green or white decal is valid until January 1, 2019 and vehicles displaying these decals no longer have access to HOV lanes. Vehicles that were issued a green or white decal between January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 are eligible to apply for a red decal that grants them access to HOV lanes until January 1, 2022. The DMV notified these customers of their eligibility by mail. The DMV will issue light purple decals in 2019 that will grant access to HOV lanes until January 1, 2023. Decals are available to applicants who have not applied for or received a consumer rebate pursuant to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, unless they meet annual income requirements. For more information or to apply, visit DMV's Clean Air Vehicle Decals webpage. Visit the California Air Resources Board website for additional information on vehicle eligibility.

LACoFD Seeks to Fill Vacant Positions for Fire Fighter Trainee/Paramedics

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Angeles County Fire Department posted an exam bulletin for a priority recruitment of paramedics. This specific exam is only for applicants who already have a valid, non-probationary paramedic license, issued by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority. Applicants must also have 12 months of experience as a paramedic running 9-1-1 calls.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will begin accepting applications for this priority paramedic recruitment beginning Monday, January 7, 2019.

Additionally, in the spring of 2019, a second exam will be offered to all those interested in ee. The Fire Fighter Trainee exam will require applicants to have a valid Emergency Medical Technician Certificate, issued by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Both exams will assist the Los Angeles County Fire Department in filling critical firefighter paramedic and firefighter vacancies to sustain the necessary level of emergency staffing in the communities we serve.

"We are pleased to officially begin the process of recruiting new team members who will join us in in carrying out our daily mission of protecting lives and

serve," said Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby. "While we anticipate this exam will be competitive, we commend applicants for embarking on this exciting journey towards a rewarding career as a Los Angeles County firefighter - a career that provides fulfillment, purpose, and excitement."

Information regarding both exams can be found by visiting the Department's Fire Fighter Trainee/Paramedic and Fire Fighter Trainee Exam Information webpage at http:// www.fire.lacounty.gov/be-a-firefighter/recruitment-exam.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Activities Across The Angeles National Forest

ARCADIA - The U.S. Forest Service will soon start annual prescribed burning operations on the Angeles National Forest to reduce the risk of wildfire and protect the communities within and adjacent to the forest.

These active forest management efforts will foster a healthier ecosystem and minimize the effects of large wildfires on the landscape.

Forest fire officials implement fuels and vegetation management projects throughout the year, some of which are in preparation for prescribed fires. These projects are part of a continuing effort to reduce the threat of wildfire and improve forest health. The prescribed fire program will continue through the winter and spring months as weather and other

environmental factors permit. The ignition of all prescribed burns is dependent on the availability of personnel, equipment and appropriate conditions. Prescribed burn planning and execution are closely coordinated with the National Weather Service and Air Quality Management Districts in order to manage smoke production and minimize impacts as much as possible.

"Staff on the Angeles National Forest work year-round to create resilient landscapes, fire-adapted communities and safe, effective wildfire response in accordance with the National Cohesive Wildfire Management Strategy," said Forest Fire Management Officer, Robert Garcia. "Fire Management remains an essential

component of our mission as we work towards achieving our strategic goals of healthy and resilient forested landscapes for generations to come."

When burns occur, information signs will be posted along the roadways to alert the public to the burning activity and subsequent visible smoke in the area. Information will also be posted on social media accounts https://twitter.com/ Angeles NF or https:// www.facebook.com/angelesnationalforest/A complete list of projects can be found on the Forest website www.fs.usda.gov/angeles/ Members of the media interested in observing treatments and talking with fire management officials, please contact Forest Public Affairs staff.

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Mule Creek: Home of the Infamous

Amador County Chamber of Commerce advertises the City of Ione as ... "nestled in the oakstudded valleys of the Gold Country ... [with] gentle climate, pastoral setting of farm and grazing land ... [and] Castle Oaks Golf Course just a couple of miles from Ione's historic Main Street."

Once known as Bedbug and the supply center during the Gold Rush, Ione advertises its historical landmark, Preston Castle, built in 1890 with bricks made at San Quentin and Folsom prisons and brought in by train to eventually become the Preston School of Industry established by the State Legislature to rehabilitate juvenile offenders.

Ione, with a population of approximately 8,000 and a rich, symbolic California history, is also the home to Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) that has its own remarkable infamous history with notable notorious criminals like Charles Manson, Charles "Tex" Watson, Gregory Powell, the Onion Field Killer, and even Suge Knight who spent some time at Mule Creek as reported by Wikipedia. It is the only Sensitive0 Needs Yards (SNY) prison providing safe areas for inmates segregated from the general prison population for their own safety. Many are gang dropouts, informants, sex offenders, and former law enforcement officers.

Recently, Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) has developed a more infamous reputation than the criminals it is and has reportedly housed over the years. Jack Mitchell, publisher of The Ledger Dispatch, Amador and Calaveras Regional Newspaper, began talking with David Anderson, Sierra Communication and Construction supervisor who was overseeing the contract to install a culvert along the perimeter security road. His comments on the situation at a state prison, in this one instance, are truly incredible, especially for us in Los Angeles County hit with MS4 mandates burying cities with hundreds of millions of dollars in improvements that could bankrupt our cities. All of us in L.A. County will now pay an add-on property tax on impervious surfaces to water mandates.



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

Mitchell reports ... Sierra Communication and Construction Incorporated, with David Anderson supervising, was awarded a contract to install a culvert along the perimeter of Mule Creek State Prison in 2012. Five years later, October 2017, Anderson and his three man crew were experiencing contamination exposure effects. Muscle aches, joint pain, fatigue, dizziness and disorientation, cough, wheezing, mental irritation, chronic nosebleeds, continual on-going headaches and some of those symptoms continue to haunt the four crew members on that state construction job even today.

Anderson told the Ledger Dispatch because of his health problems and what he saw at MCSP, he is convinced there is catastrophic sewer and drain system failure and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is dumping industrial and domestic sewage into Mule Creek. Elaborating further, "Sewage is flowing from all the storm drain outlets, which suggests multiple cross connections between the sewer and storm drain systems. Storm drain systems are not interconnected, which means the source of the waste flow would be entering from multiple cross-connections."

In 2006, with a prison population reportedly at 3,996 inmates and a staff of 1,000, neighbors of the prison and Mule Creek reported black water running into the Creek and tests done on drinking water wells sited nitrate and solvent contamination. Mitchell talked with Jim Scully, help the County help our cities retired Sacramento City Police into compliance with MS4 storm Department officer, who owns patch article property along Mule Creek. Scul-

ly had the water in the Creek tested and said it came back "positive for coli forms and organics known to be hazardous to human and environmental health ... [and the water] tested positive for caffeine."

When the Water Board threw out the tests as non-conclusive because they were not conducted by a disinterested party, Scully went back and asked the Board to conduct their own tests. They declined to retest or investigate and said it was up to CDCR. Local drainage is to Mule Creek, a tributary to Dry Creek, and then to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The prison was opened in June 1987, covers 866 acres to house 1,700 inmates. By 2006, it had 3,996 inmates and by November 2015, had 2,828 or 166.4% over design capacity according to court documents filed by then Attorney General Kamala Harris. Its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) according to the Dispatch Ledger ran at 230% of design capacity with CDCR required to build a tertiary treatment plant. That did not happen.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in its review of CDCR's application for expansion of their Waste Water Treatment Plant noted the onsite industrial-type activities associated with the Prison Industries Authority included meat packing operations - 7 million pounds a year in March 2015 -- laundry service, and some dry industries such as coffee roasting and packaging, and textiles manufacturing. The industrial wastewater is mainly generated at the meat packing operation and laundry services.

As I read those articles I began to wonder if the bond money from all the recent bonds passed by the voters that had that little catch phrase in them - "Requires non-state matching funds for certain projects ... favors disadvantaged communities for certain projects [or] ... gives priority to disadvantaged communities" ... could mean our state prison system like Mule Creek State Prison. Especially if they get caught!

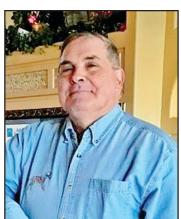
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My Turn: President Trump Addresses The Elephants In The Room

President Trump is facing one of those decisions that can make for a real dilemma because there is no easy answer. He is determining whether or not to pull out of Syria and opposition for pulling out is greatest among many of his best supporters. Folks like Lindsey Graham, Tom Cotton and Joni Ernst, as well as much of the military brass, and the state department, are saying how it is risking a dangerous vacuum if the pullout is done. Many look to the pullout of Iraq that Obama ordered and see the void left unfilled that resulted in the creation of ISIS in the first place. I, for one, was against the departure from Iraq at the time, but here we are again.

Mike Lee and Rand Paul are lone voices on the side of pulling out and they make good points as well. Syria, like much of the Middle East seems to be on life support with American military protection. And just how long can they remain there? And meanwhile, Trump is trying to fund the wall and beef up security in other areas. He would rather keep resources in areas where our protection is appreciated and our resources can be better utilized. That was Rand Paul's point in his discussion with Bill Hemmer on Fox News.

Now this will be a decision between President Trump and the



Charles Lopresto

Republicans because, lets face it, the Democrats are worthless. They will be worthless on this decision, like so many others, because of their sole interest in nothing more than what hurts Trump or makes him look bad. They will continue to seek a loss for Trump over a win for America, in spite of what they may claim.

But consider this important point. We are facing one of those situations where a president really needs our support and an intellectually honest assessment of his ability to make the right decision. Presidents in the past have always been quite often, the loneliest man in the world with the ultimate decisions resting on their shoulders alone. But there is more to it these days. While the people in opposition to him spend their every waking moment working to destroy, im-

peach or marginalize him and his ability to function, the decisions that affect us all still have to be made. This is no time for the nonsense from Gerald Nadler, Elijah Cummings and Maxine Waters, among countless others of the beltway, or, in a wider sense, the know-nothing celebrity types as well, that are long on mouth and short on brains. They continue to ignore what matters as they constantly go after him.

And give Trump credit. He, like few people before him, has been willing to shake the rafters to force the dust to fall out. No discussion, no issue, no cankicked problem, has been off limits for his agenda.

Many folks in opposition, like to accuse him of being child-like. In one way he might be. He sees something that has been ignored, passed over or avoided and simply asks "why?" Especially if it pertains to a promise he has pledged to keep. He reminds me of the little girl in the dish washer commercial that sees her mom cleaning off the dishes BEFORE she puts them in the machine and asks the question "Just what DOES the dishwasher do?"

Trump quite often asks that of our government and the current issues.

Just what does staying in Syria actually do?

New Citrus College Report Highlights Progress, Success

As a member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud of the fact that Citrus College has become synonymous with success. The completion of my term as board president provides me with the perfect opportunity to reflect on the college's accomplishments, many of which can be found in the newly released Citrus College Annual Report. From impressive college completion numbers to exciting technological advancements, the progress has been extraordinary.

The theme for the annual report, "The Art of Student Success," is quite fitting. Among the highlights included in the publication are the college's remarkable student success rates. During the 2016-2017 academic year, 1,404 students graduated from Citrus College. The college also had 1,126 students transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Specifically, 759 transferred to California State University institutions, 148 students transferred to University of California institutions, 150 transferred to instate private universities and 143 transferred out of state. Citrus College's impressive completion numbers reflect its commitment to empowering students to reach their academic goals. In fact, the college's focus on student success and college completion serves as the one overarching goal of its 2016-2021 Strategic Plan. Introduced in 2016 and highlighted in the annual report, the strategic plan includes 11 focus areas and 18 measureable college-wide objectives. There were 99 activities outlined for the first year of the Strategic Plan, and I am happy to report that significant progress was made on each of them. Another highlight included in the recent Citrus College Annual Report is the college attaining full accreditation status. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges informed Citrus College that it had met all eligibility requirements, standards and commission policies for full accreditation. Accreditation is the primary means by which col-



Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, President, Citrus Community **College District Board of Trustees**

leges and universities in the United States assure and im-

has made to enhance the student experience. One of these advancements is a mobile app. The Citrus College Technology and Computer Services Department worked with a mobile-solutions firm to design an app that features access to the college's website, emergency contacts, a campus map and more. Additional technological advancements included the introduction of an online catalog, the debut of new program assessment software and the transition to Canvas, a new teaching management system. While cutting-edge technology and innovative programs made 2016-2017 a banner year for Citrus College, there was even more reason to celebrate. That fall, the Citrus College Foundation rolled out the red carpet to commemorate its 50th anniversary. It was a pleasure to join the more than 300 guests who gathered on the Citrus College campus to celebrate five decades of fostering partnerships, recognizing philanthropic involvement, and providing scholarships and resources to help students meet their academic goals. For more than a decade, I have had the honor of representing Glendora and portions of San Dimas on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. Although my term as board president will be ending in early December, I look forward to serving on the governing board in the months and years ahead. I am certain the progress that was highlighted in the newly released Citrus College Annual Report will continue, thanks to the vision of the college's leadership, the hard work of its employees, and the continued support of its community leaders and local residents.

TIME JOCKEY" - Grand Marshall

By Joe Castillo

Notable Persons Each year the Tournament of Roses honors a notable person to be the Grand Marshall of the New Year's Day Rose Parade in Pasadena. The selection is based on a person's lifetime achievement and goodwill in the category designated as the theme of the parade. The Grand Marshall will preside over the parade and the Rose Bowl game. Four U.S. Presidents have been named as the Grand Marshall: Herbert Hoover, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon (twice) and Gerald Ford. There have been three persons selected twice: Former President Richard Nixon, Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren and entertainer Bob Hope. There have been more entertainers named as Grand Marshall than any other group of professionals. Such notable actors and actresses such as Gregory Peck, Danny Kaye. Jimmy Stewart, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Walt Disney, Shirley Temple and Mary Pickford have

all been crowned as the Grand Marshall.

In 1970, with the successful moon landing of Apollo 12, the tournament committee chose the three-man crew of Charles Conrad, Richard Gordan and Alan Bean as Grand Marhalls. All three enthusiastically cheered by the crowds of spectators wherever they went as part of their duties as Grand Marshall. Athletes have also been well presented with notables such as golfer Arnold Palmer, baseball's Hank Aaron, professional football player Merlin Olsen and soccer great Pele all named as the Tournament of Roses Grand Marshall. General Omar Bradley was honored in 1948, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients Private Robert Gray, General William Dean and seven different 1951 winners were honored. Dr. Francis Rowland one of the founders and originators one of the Tournament of Roses was honored a record seven times and was the first Grand Marshall named in 1880.

This years' Grand Marshall is singer Chaka Khan, the first time a singer has been honored since Frank Sinatra was named as Grand Marshall in 1980. The theme of this years' parade is "The Melody of Life" and Chaka as recognized for her many hit songs including "Tell Me Something Good" (1974), "I'm Every Woman" (1978), "What Cha Gonna Do for Me" (1981), "Ain't Nobody" (1983) and "I Feel For You" (1984). Gerald Freeny, President of this years' tournament, announced the selection of the Queen of Funk and Chaka Khan enthusiastically accepted the invitation on behalf of her love of music, making the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade one of the more musical in recent memory.

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prove their quality, making this a major accomplishment that affirms the excellence of the educational experience of Citrus College.

Providing a high-quality education would not be possible without innovation and growth. For this reason, the expansion of the support services offered by the college is significant news. Every year, prior to the start of the fall semester, Citrus College hosts a Welcome Day. The annual report highlights the event's increased attendance, with more than 200 new students participating. The college's Early Decision program, which facilitates the transition from high school to college, and its I Will Complete College (IWCC) program, which is designed for first-time students, also experienced growth. During the spring semester, more than 900 local high school students attended Early Decision workshops and more than 400 students participated in IWCC.

Keeping pace with technology is also crucial to ensuring continued educational excellence. The Citrus College Annual Report includes information about several technological advancements the college



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"Newcomers and Friends" Invites **Local Residents to January Event**

ed in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring wellknown landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local women to attend their January general meeting. On January 2, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of

ARCADIA-Are you interest- SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee ested in joining is welcome to will be held in Jordan Hall at Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 West Duarte Road, in Arcadia.

> This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety of activities. Anyone inter

attend. You can bring a friend along or just come and meet your future friends!

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@gmail.com or them online visit at www.sgvnewcomers.com

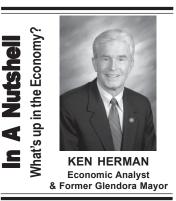
The San Gabriel Valley Straminer

Why Thumbs Down To A Rate Hike?

The question on Wednesday (as nearly everyone expected the Fed would hike rates) was thought to be only how they signal a pause. However, pre-press conference communications from the Fed were defiant. The FOMC raised rates and signaled a modestly slower path of tightening in 2019. The fed funds range is now 2.25-2.50%. Markets - expecting a pause - reacted as one might expect, with the yield curve flattening and stocks tanking. The message from both markets (stocks and bonds) is that recession odds are a little higher now given the Fed's action.

One of the great mysteries is why stocks - and commodities too - have been behaving as if a recession is looming, while economic indicators continue to chalk up solid growth. Fed officials, who put far more stock in economic data than market data, are skeptical economic growth will slow, let alone stop. Looking back over the last 30 years, however, it is noteworthy the stock market anticipated every recession, while the Fed saw none until they were well underway. This is likely why so many Street economists are now forecasting both continued tightening and recession. The default Street view appears to envision the Fed tightening America into a recession.

Central banking is hard. Regular banking is bad enough, but at least regular bankers can assume markets are efficiently priced, meaning they generally stay out of trouble as long as they avoid too much risk concentration. Central banks like the Fed, as a price setter, override market efficiency by setting the price of money at a rate they think is better than market equilibrium. They do it despite constantly shifting supply and demand, relying on a



combination of luck, intuition and antiquated economic models. The wonder is not that the FOMC occasionally gets it wrong. The wonder may be that it ever gets it right.

Whenever anyone sets themselves up as smarter than the market, things could go badly wrong. Unfortunately, the Fed does sometimes get things wrong, especially at turning points, when available economic data offers no information about what's happening in real time.

It's not uncommon for a Fed Chair to question market behavior, but this was the first time I can remember seeing the Chair entirely dismissive of financial market signals. Powell's insistence that it's just the stock market and his implication that equity values are meaningless beyond their impact on wealth and future spending smacks of denial. The Eurodollar curve is partially inverted, for heaven's sake, pointing to a 50-50 chance of an interest rate cut in 2020. Commodity prices are tumbling, in part because the world's biggest buyer, China, is cutting back. Is our Treasury yield curve on its way to inverting also?

Market prices have meaning, reflecting supply and demand shifts realized and anticipated. They reflect inputs far more diverse and up to date than any macro model, and until last Wednesday, investors thought Jerome

Powell of all people - a market veteran and skeptic of models would understand their importance. The disappointed reaction of equities, yields, currencies, and commodities to the Fed's decision and Powell's explanation of it (now a global reaction as investors shed risk and fled to safe havens in Asia and Europe) reflects not only disappointment in the FOMC but disappointment in the Fed Chairman.

However, many Trump initiatives continue to positively impact corporate profits, cash availability and stock repurchasing. Recently lower stock prices should accelerate stock buybacks, which can't hurt future market values. It is too early to concede continually declining market valuations just because of the Fed's logic failure last Wednesday. Why should we panic, or predict a significant recession starting in 2019? Patience through at least year-end may be better advice.

It would have been understandable for Powell to say he did not understand why markets are doing what they are doing. But to pretend the signals are coming from stocks alone and to dismiss the possibility that a sell-off has meaning possibly suggests complacency. A sharp sell-off in the dollar is perhaps the ultimate rebuke. When a central bank is more hawkish than expected and its currency drops, you are witnessing the collective wisdom of the global market signaling a mistake that will be reversed either sooner, to avert recession, or later, in reaction to recession.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Happy New Year--2019! New Year. New Start.

LIVE to make and keep your New Year's resolutions. Plan ahead to either have a designated driver or take a taxi/Uber/Lyft home. (ADUI or ACCIDENT can really mess up your life and the lives of others!) Just because you have the right of way does not necessarily mean it is safe to proceed. And, just because there's a stop sign or signal doesn't mean the other guy is going to stop. Drive DEFENSIVELY. Avoid road-rage. Be aware of your surroundings. Please be safe.

The stock market is SCARY! What can I do now?

Doing anything now would be like closing the barn door after the horse got out. If a person sells their stock now, they are nearly giving it away at bargain-basement prices. Investors always say, "Buy low. Sell high." The market is now low, therefore it could be the time to consider buying. (It could go lower, but it could also rally.) Now you have a better understanding why I advise to diversify your investment types - don't have ALL your retirement savings in the stock market.

In the past, I've failed to accomplish my New Year's resolutions. That makes it really hard to set any new resolutions. Any advice?

Most of us don't remember what last year's resolutions were, let alone which ones we accomplished! Why? Lack of a written plan. Write down your goals in a very specific manner. Write down the daily actions necessary, and a date to accomplish this goal. Add WHY you want to accomplish this, and the reward you'll



Julia Yoder

give yourself. Now, here's a difficult challenge: give a copy of your written plan to a friend or coach. Read your goals every morning and take action. Every evening review what you did that day and decide to do even better the next day.

I know that I'd save time and money by being more organized, but I cannot seem to get into a routine. Do you have any recommendations?

"Time is money" - you're right, you can save money by being more organized. Start with a budget. Using your bank and credit card statements, receipts for cash payments, and memory, write down every expense you've had for the last 2 or 3 months. Include cash withdrawals from ATMs. Make special note of semi-annual and annual bills (taxes, car registration, etc.). Take that information and create a monthly budget. Every day, make a note of your income (paycheck, pension) and your outgo (bills, and all money spent). It will soon become apparent to you where you could reduce your spending, or what you could do without in order to get something you want. For example, if you really want

to save for a vacation, what part of your budget could you trim? Create a specific place to put your receipts, bills, tax returns. Let me know if you'd like some help with setting up your budget. For a free monthly TO DO list, go to www.GetOrganized.com. For routines that you could customize and use right away, try www.flylady.net.

What are the differences between a 401k and a Roth IRA?

401(k)'s and Roth IRA's each offer something worthwhile, but are different. 401(k)'s are funded with money you have not paid taxes on, yet. Roth IRA's are funded with money you've already paid taxes on. 401(k) money is taxed when withdrawn, but Roth IRA money is not. 401(k) money is subject to Required Minimum Distributions, but Roth IRA's are not. Contributions to your 401(k) are tax deductible from your gross income; Roth IRA's are not. 401(k)'s have higher contribution limits than Roth IRA's. For tax information specific to your circumstances, check with your CPA.

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California Announces New Use Tax Collection Requirements for In-State and Out-of-State Retailers

The California Department of quired to be registered to collect Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) announced today that beginning April 1, 2019, out-ofstate retailers selling above certain thresholds into California will be required to collect California use taxes on their sales

California use tax prior to April 1, 2019 will see no change in their registration obligations; retailers with a physical presence in California are still generally required to be registered with the CDTFA.

District taxes are the voterapproved sales and use taxes imposed by cities, counties and other local jurisdictions (districts) added to California's base sales and use tax rate of 7.25 percent to fund important local services. Currently, retailers located in a taxing district are engaged in business in that district. A retailer is also engaged in business in a district where they have some form of physical presence under existing law. Beginning April 1, 2019, any retailer whose sales into a district exceed \$100,000 or who make sales into a district in 200 or more transactions in the preceding or current calendar year is considered to be engaged in business in that district and is required to collect that district's use tax on sales made for delivery in that district. Retailers are required to report and pay any district tax to the CDTFA on their sales and use tax return.

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

The Role of the Check Engine Light

ers that monitor your engine for the best performance, your transmission for proper shifting, your braking system for safe stopping, and it monitors many other devices to make sure they are working properly. If a system detects a problem, it needs to alert you, so you can bring the car in for service. This is the role of the check engine light.

The check engine light looks different from car to car. It is usually a yellow or orange color. It will rarely be red. Most of the time it illuminates in the shape of an engine. If the check engine light comes on solid (not blinking), you can continue to drive the car until you have a chance to bring it in. This does not mean you should ignore it.

When the check engine light is on, the car defaults to a backup system that controls all the important systems. Driving around for a short time until you can set up an appointment

Your car has many comput- is no problem, but continuing to drive more than 20 miles is a bad idea.

> If the check engine light is blinking rhythmically, this indicates a serious problem! A computer system has had a major malfunction that will damage the catalytic converter. If you notice a blinking check engine light, you do not need to stop in the middle of the bridge and call a tow truck, but you do need to stop driving as soon as it is practical. Whether the check engine light is solid or blinking, it's a good idea to drive gently.

The modern car is more complex than ever, and many folks believe a small hand-held code reader will tell you what's wrong with the car. This is incorrect information. It is called a code reader for a reason; it reads the trouble code for the major systems only. A code reader will not tell you the complete story of the car's condition.

For A Price Quote

Please don't diagnose or replace parts based on a code reader device. The only way to correctly find all the issues with your car is to use a scanner. The scanner does what it says; it scans all the modules and systems of the car, instead of a select few that a code reader does. Most cars have 20 to 100 modules; a code reader is not set to read even half of those.

Quick story; we recently had a car come in with a catalytic converter code. It would be easy to recommend and replace the part. The cost was \$1200.00. Testing and analysing the system with scan data revealed that an oxygen sensor (one of the four that are on this car) was the culprit. The cost was \$400.00. We felt good doing a proper diagnosis and repair. The customer was also happy!

No one wants to pay for expensive testing, but it beats changing parts and losing that hard-earned cash we all want to spend elsewhere. Please use a shop that is well equipped and don't rely on the old code reader any more.

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into California. Today's Special Notices also impact in-state and out-of-state retailers' obligations to collect and remit district use taxes adopted by California localities.

"Today's announcement does not increase or create any tax," said CDTFA Director Nick Maduros. "Rather, California will now require more out-of-state retailers to collect and remit taxes just as brick-and-mortar retailers have done for decades. With the Supreme Court's decision in Wayfair, California is able to help level the playing field for California businesses." Requirements for Certain **Out-of-State Retailers**

The new use tax collection requirement is not retroactive and applies only to sales made on and after April 1, 2019. For out-ofstate retailers, the new collection requirement applies if, during the preceding or current calendar year, the retailer's sales for delivery into California exceed \$100,000 or the retailer makes sales for delivery into California in 200 or more separate transactions.

Retailers who are already re-

Although the new requirement to collect California use tax applies only to sales on and after April 1, 2019, retailers may choose to register and collect the tax prior to April 1, 2019. Retailers can register on the CDTFA website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov.

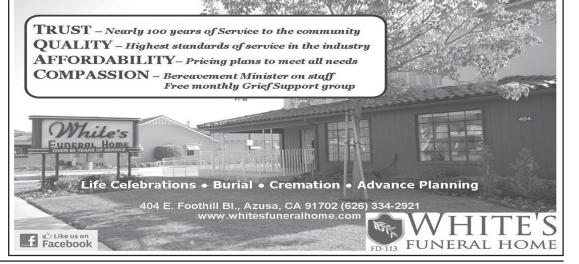
"We know the legislature is also looking closely at this issue and we look forward to working with them as we proceed," said CDTFA Director Nick Maduros.

Impact on District Tax Collection Requirements for Out-of-State and In-State Retailers

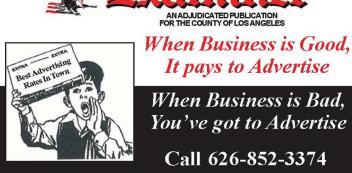
Certain retailers selling above these thresholds in a single local jurisdiction (district) will also be responsible for collecting that district's use tax pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 7262 and the Supreme Court's decision in South Dakota v. Wayfair. This responsibility will apply if, during the preceding or current calendar year, the retailer's sales into the district exceed \$100,000 or the retailer made sales into the district in 200 or more separate transactions. This requirement will apply equally to in-state and out-of-state retailers.

The CDTFA plans to begin the interested parties process for rulemaking next year.

Taxpayers seeking additional information on registration requirements can find the CDTFA's online guide Use Tax Collection Requirements Based on Sales into California Due to the Wayfair Decision at www.cdtfa.ca.gov/industry/wayfair. Taxpayers may also contact their local office for assistance.



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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 **Youth Basketball** League

Arcadia Recreation and Community Services is excited to offer a basketball league designed to expose children to the fundamental skills of the sport while allowing them to experience teamwork and sportsmanship. Leagues are organized to provide a fun, non-competitive, learning experience for boys and girls of all skill levels in grades 3rd-8th. Practice is held at Dana Middle School in the Dana Gym on Mondays and Wednesdays, times T.B.D. Transportation to and from the practice and games is the responsibility of the participants. Space is limited and registration is currently open until filled online at www.ArcadiaCA.gov or at the Recreation Office. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

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 International Potluck

Come join us on December **27th** from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm as we celebrate our accomplishments of our year with a taste of dishes from different cultures. Live music performance to be announced. There will be a slideshow of the senior center events of 2018. Please register your dish at the Julia McNeill Senior Center. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

Downtown Ventura

Spend your day strolling through the lively Downtown Ventura area on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 9:00 am -5:00 pm that features beautiful historic architecture and a vibrant mix of retail shops, restaurants, antique stores, and more. Also located conveniently nearby is The San Buena Ventura Mission, known for its beautiful gardens and faithfully restored artifact (admission not included). With more than 65 restaurants, 110 shops, 35 salons and relaxation venues, miles of beaches and mountain trails, Downtown Ventura has something for everyone. 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

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

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Meals on Wheels

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

Senior Lunch

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

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 ap-

following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or email at jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us.

LA VERNE **Pick Your Own** Oranges Enjoy a "Slice of La Verne's

Past" while picking some of the best tasting oranges around at Heritage Park. The Heritage Foundation offers you one of the last working orange groves in the area as a place to enjoy with your family. Bags of oranges are \$5, and mesh bags and the picking poles are supplied. The historic Weber house will also be open for tours from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Orange Picking opens Saturdays beginning January 12, 2017, and continuing approximately until the beginning of March. For more information call (909) 293-9005 or check out their web site at www.laverneheritage.org. Heritage Park is at 5001 Via De Mansion, La Verne.

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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.

and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

SAN DIMAS San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

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

WEST COVINA **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:

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

City of La Verne's curbside recycling program, Christmas tree recycling will be available again this year on Monday, December 31, 2018, and again on Residents who have curbside avoid flocked trees if possible, recycling available must first remove all decorations, the stand, and place the Christmas tree next to their recycling bins. A separate truck will pick-up the tree and take it to be recycled as alternative daily cover

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 wav.

• 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.

LAVERNE - As part of the at the landfill. Participation in this program helps the City of La Verne meet California requirements to divert thousands of tons of materials from area landfills. If your tree is six feet Monday, January 7, 2019. or more, please cut in half and

Saturday Adult Basketball League

Gather your friends, form a team and stay active in the adult basketball league. Whether it's casual or competitive, there's always an opportunity to stay fit and have fun. Games are played at the Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia on Saturdays between the hours of 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Saturday Open League is limited to six teams and is open to all levels of play. League fees area \$500 plus a \$40 forfeit deposit, which includes 9 league games, officials, scorekeepers, and championship award. Registration takes place on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

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



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

<u>COVINA</u>

BUNCO!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call

(626) 384-5380.

Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts "Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball" at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE **Duarte Museum Needs Docents**

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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 **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

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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 as they cannot be recycled.

For more information on this or other recycling programs, please contact La Verne Customer Service at (909) 596-8744.



Glendora Police Chief Lisa Rosales To Speak At Glendora Woman's Club

the collecting of nonperishable

food items donated by club-

members for Shepherd's Pan-

try, said project chair Gloria Liddle. Located in Glendora,

the Pantry serves families in

need in 10 area cities, and do-

nations are always greatly ap-

recent ongoing service projects

is the collecting of used eye-

glasses for the California Lions

"Friends in Sight" program, said

Chris Ohrmund, project chair

and a member of the Lions

Club. Also collected for the

project are children's eyeglass-

es, lenses without frames, eyeglass cases, sunglasses, and

broken glasses. After the eye-

glasses are cleaned and calibrat-

ed, the glasses are distributed

at Vision Clinics, open to ev-

eryone that are held in various

venue throughout the area, said

The Woman's Club has a

Mrs. Ohrmund.

Another of the club's more

preciated.



Glendora Police Chief Lisa Rosales

By Joan Hallidy GLENDORA-- Glendora Police Chief Lisa Rosales will be the guest speaker for the Glendora Woman's Club luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, January 8. Her topic will be "The State of Our City's Security," said program vice president Helen Storland.

The club day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. Following will be the luncheon by Cambria Catering and the program by Glendora Police Chief Rosales.

Each month, the members Participation Art Display features a different theme. This month's theme will be "Bring In The New Year" and members are encouraged to bring an item from home to display, said Joy Martau, committee member and club co-president.

One of the club's ongoing service projects each month,

special arrangement with the New Unto others Thrift Store located in Glendora at 175 N. Vermont Avenue, said club copresidents Carolyn Cunningham and Joy Martau. When club members and community friends donate saleable, useable items or make purchases at the store and mention Glendora Woman's Club name at the time, the Woman's Club will receive credit. This special arrangement replaces the Club's Annual Rummage Sales held preciously at the clubhouse said project members.

For information about membership in the Glendora Woman's Club, one of the oldest active service clubs in Glendora, call Chris at 909-598-0554; for information about renting the clubhouse for a special event or meeting, call Ryan at Cambria Catering at 626-335-7010

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Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to Enforce Rent Stabilization **Ordinance in Unincorporated LA County**

Temporary, six-month ordinance goes into effect, limiting rent increases to three percent a year

LOS ANGELES – A temporary rent stabilization ordinance is now in effect for eligible rental units in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The ordinance, which is valid for 180 days, limits residential rent increases to no more than three percent within a 12-month period and limits the reasons a tenant can be evicted.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) enforces the new ordinance. DCBA is working to educate renters and landlords about the County's new temporary ordinance, which was implemented by the County's Board of Supervisors in November last month.

For more information about L.A. County's new temporary rent stabilization ordinance, contact DCBA's new Rent Stabilization program at (833) 223-RENT (7368), Email: rent@dcba.lacounty.gov or Website: rent.lacounty.gov

To find out if a property is in unincorporated Los Angeles County, visit the Los Angeles County Register-Recorder/ County Clerk website at lavote.net/precinctmap and select "District Map Look Up By Address".

Single-family homes, condominiums, and some apartments are not considered eligible rental units.

The Board of Supervisors can extend the temporary rent stabilization ordinance, as necessary, or vote to replace it with a permanent ordinance.

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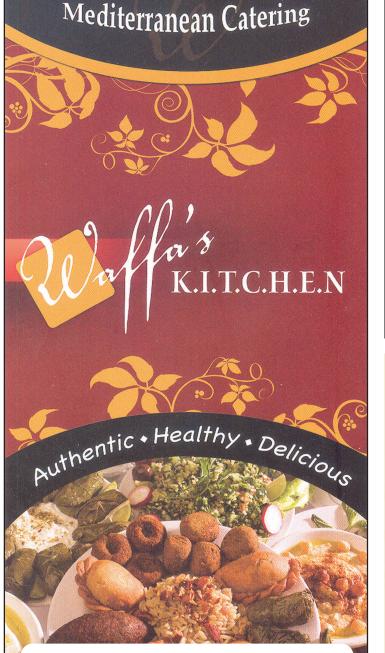
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More information at Glendora-Chamber.org

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Tournament Of Roses 39th Annual Monrovia Unified Creative Arts **Bandfest - A Festival Of Marching Bands** Elementary School Earns Disney Grant



Tournament of Roses Honor Band and Herald Trumpets will open every Bandfest show.

by Howard Palmer

If you have decided you'll pass on getting up early and heading to Pasadena to view the Rose Parade on New Year's morning in person and would rather join the millions who will be turning on the TV - well that's your choice. There is no question the parade is more exciting in person. The floats are more beautiful, the bands with the high-stepping drum majors sound more powerful and the horses seem to prance with unbound energy. The frustrating part of watching in person or via TV is that everything passes by so quickly that you don't get to enjoy all the beauty and sounds.

There is a way to relieve this frustration, especially if you like marching bands. The bands in the Rose Parade come from around the world, yet during the parade they pass by in less than a minute. Of course they look their best, especially in front of the TV cameras, but they have much more to offer. The Tournament of Roses has the answer - Bandfest. Two to three days before the parade you can see many of the bands that will be in the parade perform their complete award winning field shows at the Pasadena City College Jackie Robinson Stadium.

There are three shows held each year and each has a different group of bands performing. Each three -hour show is kicked off by the Tournament of Roses Honor Band and Herald Trumpets. Saturday, December 29 is an afternoon performance at 1:30pm. The next day, the 30th, is a full day with 9:30am and 2pm shows.

The Bandfest is presented by Remo Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of drumheads which has been in business for over 60 years. They have for many years provided each band with drumheads depicting the theme of the Tournament of Roses in a colorful design.

The 39th Annual Bandfest will more than fill your eyes and ears as the colorful attire and sounds of the award winning bands are put on display. As the Herald Trumpets enter the field at the fifty yard line to begin each show with a spine tingling fanfare you will know you are in for a treat.

The Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band follows the Herald Trumpets to start each show and they have marched in every Rose Parade since 1930. 2019 marks the band's 90th consecutive appearance. They will be followed by seven to eight additional bands in each show with each show composed of different bands. There are bands from around the United States and they are joined by bands from Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Canada, Sweden and Japan.

There are many side stories regarding the bands. One band showed perseverance in the face of tragedy to get to the Rose Parade. Banda Escolar de Guayanilla from Puerto Rico was faced with unexpected events that destroyed everything they had. Hurricanes Irma and Maria, both category 5 storms, destroyed their small town of Guayanilla. The reconstruction has been difficult. Some students lost their homes, yet the community came together to assist the band in fulfilling their dream to march in the parade. Those who can be at the Sunday morning show will have the opportunity to show their admiration for their perseverance.

Last year some of the shows were sell-outs indicating the rising popularity of Bandfest. You can obtain tickets from Sharp Seating Co., 737 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena 626-795-4171. www.sharpseating.com. \$15 for each show. Once you've seen one you'll want to see them all!

MONROVIA - Monrovia Unified's Wild Rose School of Creative Arts has won the Disney Musicals in Schools grant, which provides students and teachers 17 weeks of training with theater professionals in preparation for a production of a Disney KIDS musical this spring.

The school is one of five Los Angeles County schools chosen for the honor.

"I am so proud that our school staff is being recognized for its dedication to our students, families, and surrounding community," Wild Rose intervention specialist and play producer Sharon Naugle said. "We believe that students thrive when they are encouraged to express themselves in the arts."

The award, administered through Center Theatre Group, provides the school with free performance rights, educational support materials and guidance from teaching artists trained by Center Theater Group and Disney Theatrical Productions.

"Our teachers will receive invaluable support and professional development in theater arts from professionals, including actors, choreographers, and musical directors," Principal Leslie Rapkine-Miller said. "This type of training for our teachers will elevate our theater arts program. We feel incredibly lucky that we have been chosen."

In addition to working with teachers, the teaching artists will



Students at Wild Rose School of Creative Arts practice for a production of Disney's "Aladdin."

work with a cast of about 50 students in third through fifth grade in all aspects of production, including tech, stage management, lighting, and sound. At the conclusion of the 17-week program, students will perform a number at the Ahmanson Theater in a production that showcases each of the five schools that were selected for the award.

"Our students will have the opportunity of a lifetime this April when they will perform a scene of Disney's 'The Lion King'," Naugle said. "I cannot wait to see the audience's reaction and the pride of our students as they bring this work to life on stage.'

Wild Rose has served the Monrovia community since 1912 and was re-dedicated as a creative arts school at the beginning of this school year.

tional program at Wild Rose School of Creative Arts to be acknowledged with this award," Board President Terrence Williams said. "It is truly a validation of the special, expanded options we provide for Monrovia's families and will help us to do even more."

In addition to theater arts, Wild Rose offers programs for its students that include vocal music, show choir, dance, ceramics, band, and - beginning in 2019-20 - an English/Spanish Dual Immersion Program.

"The staff and students at Wild Rose are truly deserving of this opportunity," Superintendent Katherine Thorossian said. "I am excited to see their growth through this process and for them to be able to showcase their talents to the community in their performances."

"It's exciting for our excep-

International Cultural Club of San Dimas Christmas Party



South El Monte High Musician to Perform in Tournament of Roses Parade

EL MONTE - South El Monte High School senior Daniel Torres will represent El Monte Union High School District at the 130th Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade after winning a coveted spot in the Pasadena City College Honor Band, which has marched in every parade since 1930. After a rigorous audition process that included hundreds of high school musicians from throughout Southern California, the Honor Band chose Torres, a four-year member of the Might Eagles Marching Band, to perform in the New Year's Day parade. "I was speechless," Torres said. "I just pointed at the computer screen when I received the email. I couldn't believe it, but I'm so happy to be a part of it." Torres is joining nearly 250 musicians who will represent their schools and showcase their talents in the parade, watched by millions across the globe.

"It was a lot of pressure because the Rose Parade is world-renowned and it has always been my ultimate goal to be in it," the baritone saxophone player said.

To prepare for the October takes classes at Rio Hondo

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WEST COVINA - Are you looking for a way to serve your community? Do you like interacting with people? Citrus Valley Health Partners at Queen of the Valley hospital, West Covina, needs volunteers who would be willing to help in the gift shop

and front desk. It's challenging, rewarding and fun. Four hour shift, weekly minimum requirement.

For more information, call Tiffany Ramirez, director of volunteer services at 626-925-6337 or email tramirez@mail.cvhp.org



South El Monte High School baritone sax player Daniel Torres has been selected to join the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade as a member of the Honor Band.

audition, Torres practiced for College.

at least two hours a day while Members have been practicing every Sunday since Nov. 4 juggling athletics and academics. Torres, who has applied to and will practice almost every eight universities – including day during the winter break. UC Berkeley, UCLA and Performers will memorize and Cornell – plays basketball, is perfect five pieces during the enrolled in AP Calculus BC and group and sectional rehearsals, and will train for the six-mile trek during marches around the hills of Dodger Stadium.

> "This is an exciting opportunity that comes around once in a lifetime, and we are proud to see one of our own join the illustrious band to represent El Monte Union," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "We will be cheering him on from the sidelines and can't wait to welcome in the New Year."

Some of the Christmas guests were Gustavo Hernandez. Hemant and Rina Shah, David Aston, Alicia and Norma Castillo, Gladys Dyo, Victoria Lopez (President), Gisela Pickens, Marianne Goodman, Bob Pacheco, Rosie Rivera, Sam Elali and the host Lupe Karady.

By Jayam Rutnam

AZUSA - The International Cultural Club of San Dimas, Christmas Party was held at the beautiful residence of Lupe Karady in the exclusive Azusa

Canyon area. Around 25 members met and exchanged gifts, shared in margaritas and participated in a pot luck dinner. The surprise was when Santa

appeared out of nowhere, to hand out the presents. The name of the person who played Santa Claus remains anonymous, but he did a great job.

One Year Celebration of Dulcet Designs by Jenn



GLENDORA – The Glendora Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure to help celebrate the 1 Year Anniversary of Dulcet Designs by Jenn here in Glendora with a ribbon cutting and certificate presentation.

Dulcet Designs by Jenn was represented by Owner Jennifer Moritz, family and friends. From the Office of State Senator Anthony Portantino was Marco Lungren and from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger was Representative Sandra Maravilla. From the City of Glendora was Councilmembers Karen Davis, Gary Boyer, and Michael Allawos. The Glendora Chamber Board & Ambassadors was represented by Marilyn Sparks and Ken Salzman, along with Karyn Colasanti, Sue Laub and Patrice Reinhard. Also, present was Glendora Chamber President/ CEO Joe Cina & Membership & Events Coordinator Michele Street.

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