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The Wall That Heals: Vietnam War Memorial Wall - Honoring One Name At A Time

By Jorge V. Rosales

SAN DIMAS - A truck carrying the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, in Washington D.C., was escorted through Pomona, La Verne, Covina, Glendora, and San Dimas on its way to Lone Hill Middle School, 700 S. Lone Hill Ave. in San Dimas, CA., on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. The wall was on display there from March 22 at 10:00 am, with a candlelight vigil ceremony on March 24 at 7:00 pm., and ending March 25 with a closing ceremony before dismantling the Wall.

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Like the original Memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron-shape and for the first time in the history of The Wall That Heals, visitors were able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

The replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 144 individual panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Machine engraving of the more than 58,000 names along with modern LED lighting provide better readability of The Wall day and night.

The replica honors the more



Photo by Marc M. Pijuan

One of many that knelt and grieved over a lost one at The Wall That Heals.

than 3 million Americans who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War and bears the names of more than 58,000 men and women who died there.

The names on The Wall That Heals replicate the names on the Memorial in Washington, D.C. As on the Memorial, the names are listed alphabetically by day of casualty. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far

end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back to the center/apex. Thus, the beginning and ending of the conflict are joined at the center, signifying an epoch in American history.

The Wall That Heals exhibit also features a mobile Education Center. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a his-

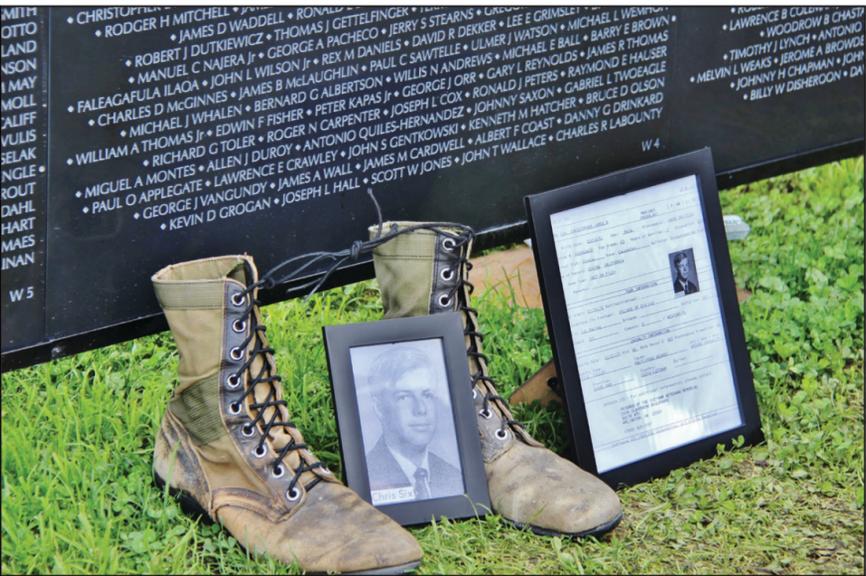
torical and cultural context. The San Dimas Community Foundation HEROES hosted The Wall That Heals to honor those who served and sacrificed.

The exhibit includes the wall replica and a mobile education center comprised of: digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes" -- service members whose names are on the wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit; digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans

from the local area honored through VVMF's In Memory program, which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died as a result of their service; video displays that teach about the history and impact of the wall and of the collection of items left at the wall in D.C.; educational exhibits told through items in the collection; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War.

Through The Wall That Heals, The Foundation was able to return the names home to San Dimas and surrounding communities and allow Vietnam veterans and their family members who cannot make it to Washington, D.C. the opportunity to see The Wall. It also gave San Dimas and surrounding communities a teaching moment for younger generations on why we should honor those who have served and sacrificed so much.

The next two stops of The Wall That Heals before it leaves California are scheduled for San Luis Obispo, CA March 29-April 1, 2018 hosted by the County of San Luis Obispo Veterans Services Office and Gardena, CA April 5-April 8, 2018 hosted by the City of Gardena and The Gardena Veteran's Committee.



A Hometown Hero from Covina, CA, Christopher James R. Six, is remembered at The Wall That Heals



Two young ladies visiting The Wall That Heals, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, in Washington D.C., on display at Lone Hill Middle School in San Dimas from 3/22-25, bend down over Panel 30 West to trace or rub the name of their uncle over a piece of paper with a pencil.

Are You Prepared?

DUARTE - The Duarte Kiwanis Club got quite an education on Emergency Preparedness at a recent meeting. Duarte Kiwanis Board Member, Kaye Biggs reminded everyone how important it is to have a plan in place including:

- Evacuation of your home
- Evacuation of your neighborhood
- Emergency kits - at home, at work and in your car.

It is critical to "know your neighbors" in case of emergency - our neighbors may be the first folks who can help. Capitalizing on a Neighborhood Watch group is a great start.

The County of Los Angeles has been preparing for "the big one" or any other extreme emergency. They have Mobile Medical Assets that include, for example:



Cheryl Reynolds, Duarte Kiwanis Past President, Kaye Biggs Duarte Kiwanis Board Member, and Anthony Hadloc, Community Service Officer.

- 4 Trailers
- 100 bed capacity
- Mobile surgical suite

These units can be moved to help hospitals that may have been damaged. Their plan includes stored antibiotics located throughout LA County.

In Duarte, a new CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has been formed under the leadership of Anthony Hadloc, Community Service Officer. The members of the CERT are all volunteers who have completed a 20 hour basic skills course. The pur-

pose of CERT is to augment the Public Safety Staff. These folks are those in bright green vests who go door-to-door prior to an evacuation due to potential flooding, for example.

It was great to learn how much our local agencies are prepared and can work together in case of emergencies. It's also a great reminder for all of us to be prepared!

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

Arcadia Woman's Club Hosts Appreciation Lunch for Arcadia's First Responders

ARCADIA - Continuing a more than 30 year tradition, the Arcadia Woman's Club hosted its annual appreciation luncheon for members of the Arcadia Police and Fire Departments on March 15. Approximately 80 members of the two departments were able to drop in on their lunch hour and enjoy a hot lasagna meal served by members of the Woman's Club. Tables in the historic clubhouse auditorium displayed festive patriotic decorations expressing appreciation to these fine men and women who heroically serve our community. In addition, tubs of homemade cookies were sent to each of Arcadia's three fire stations and the Police Department staff room for a later snack.

Arcadia Woman's Club president Cheryl Alberg indicated that this is one of the club's favorite projects. "Members really look forward to serving Arcadia's men and women of fire and law enforcement each year. It's a special tradition for our Club and just a small way to show our appreciation and give back."



Arcadia Woman's Club president Cheryl Alberg and club Parliamentarian Marilyn Daleo greet members of the Arcadia Fire and Police Departments.

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Assembly Member Blanca Rubio Brings Duarte Community to Sacramento



Incoming Chair, Tina Heaney, Chamber Board Member, Rana Madain, Chamber President/CEO, Sheryl Lefmann, Chamber Board Member, Victor Benavides, Duarte Council Member, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Duarte Unified School District Superintendent, Allan Mucerino, Chamber Past Chair, Bb Cruz, Chamber Chair, Tina Carey, Assembly Member, Blanca Rubio, Chamber Vice Chair, Bernadette Chang, Duarte Mayor Pro-Tem, Liz Reilly, DUSD President, Rev. Doug Edwards, DUSD Board Member, Reyna Diaz

DUARTE - The Duarte Chamber provided the opportunity for local businesses, residents and officials to have lunch with Assembly Member Blanca Rubio and to hear how she is representing our area. Assembly Member Rubio was elected in 2016 and is considered a "Moderate Democrat" since she does have a commitment to represent business issues along with those of the community.

Blanca has worked tirelessly to give her constituents a voice in the Capitol, placing advocacy for children, women, families, students, and immigrants at the forefront of her work. Since her election in 2016, Blanca has authored bills that support victims of domestic violence, create opportunities for children within the foster care system, ensure our youngest students are given proper support to succeed in school, and support for immigrant communities. Through her work as Chairwoman of the Human Service Committee, Blanca has raised awareness of women's rights by authoring resolutions that declare August Breast Feeding Awareness Month and October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Blanca made it clear to everyone in attendance that she is an advocate for issues in her district, and her staff is always avail-

able to assist constituents, including cities, businesses and organizations with state related concerns. In one case during a meeting of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee where discussion of the state and regional water boards was being considered, she recalled the multiple concerns relayed from the foothill cities in her district regarding the burdensome cost of the MS4 Sotrm Water Permit. The impact to Duarte would be multiple times their annual budget. During this committee discussion, Blanca asked that the audit include the cities in our district to shed light on the process and outcome. The audit was released earlier in March and the CA Auditor's report validated the many concerns by the foothill cities. Had it not been for the advocacy of cities like Duarte, she would never have had the opportunity to speak on their behalf when the chance was presented.

After her update, the Assembly Member responded to several questions from the attendees including what she sees as the biggest issue for businesses over the next two years. Her biggest concern is workforce development and the need for businesses, public entities and schools to partner and ensure young people are getting the skills and training needed for the workplace. One

example the anticipated number of employees retiring in the next few years from the Gas Company - leading to a shortage of trained welders. Bob Cruz, past Chair of the Duarte Chamber, was able to share information regarding a partnership between Delafied (a Duarte Chamber member business) the Duarte Chamber, Duarte Unified School District and Mt SAC. Collectively, a welding "Boot Camp" was created for Juniors and Seniors in High School for training through Mt. SAC. Mr. Cruz continued, "The first camp was held last summer and was so successful that the group wants to expand it in the future. Assembly Member Rubio eagerly responded, "Let us know how we can help you grow that. I will use that as an example of how they [chamber, education and businesses] are working to develop their workforce.

Attendees at the luncheon included members of the Duarte Chamber Board, Duarte Unified School District Board members Doug Edwards and Reyna Diaz, DUSD Superintendent, Allan Mucerino, Duarte Mayor, John Fasana, Duarte Mayor Pro-Tem Liz Reilly, Duarte City Council Member, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci as well as representatives from the offices of State Senator Anthony Portantino, and County Supervisor, Katherine Barger.

Cal-Mart Employee Reunion Supports the West Covina VFW



Former Cal-Mart employees came together for a group photo at the VFW in West Covina.

By George Ogden
WEST COVINA - On Sunday, March 25th, Cal-Mart employees showed up for the VFW breakfast in West Covina to help support the VFW during the recovery process after being shut down for over 5 months because of flooding and repairs.

The group wanted to get together and chose the VFW in

West Covina. They wanted to help support the veterans and at the same time have a breakfast reunion.

They were from all over and had a great time. Some of them had not seen each other for years. The event was spearheaded by JoAnn Negley who is a VFW Auxiliary member and former Cal-Mart employee herself.

Newcomers and Friends Invites Local Residents

ARCADIA - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local women to attend their April general meeting.

On **April 4**, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held at the Fireside Room, Santa Anita Church, 226 West Colo-

rado Blvd., 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 daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

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

Retired Teachers to Learn of Literacy Program at Monrovia Public Library



Victor Castellanos (first row right, plaid shirt), Coordinator of Monrovia Library's Literacy Program, enjoys time with his tutors and students.

MONROVIA - Retired teachers never stop caring about education and about students, whether the students are in a school classroom or elsewhere in the community. A good example of community outreach is the Literacy Program at the Monrovia Public Library, a goal-oriented program designed to meet the adult learner's individual needs. Along with individualized instruction, some classroom activities include core workbooks, reading classroom newspapers, and conversation groups. The California Retired Teachers Association #71 (CalRTA) will learn more about the Literacy Program when Coordinator Victor Castellanos is guest speaker at their luncheon meeting on Fri-

day, April 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The CalRTA meeting will take place at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 S. Palm Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016. Renovations are being completed at the customary meeting place in Arcadia. Some parking is available next to the Monrovia Community Center, or on-street parking is available. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 for members. For luncheon reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714 by April 6. The cost of the luncheon for those who pay at the door without reservations is \$13.

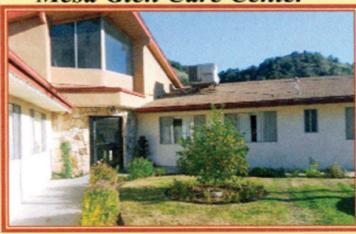
On the program, Joe Callahan from the Literacy Program will add a tutor's perspective to Co-

ordinator Victor Castellanos' comments. Also speaking is CalRTA #71's scholarship recipient Nick Cardet, Cal Poly Pomona graduate, who is now teaching language arts at Clifton Middle School, Monrovia. Finally, Mrs. Denise R. Jaramillo, Superintendent of Alhambra USD, will add a brief message as a follow-up to the other superintendents' presentations at the last CalRTA #71 meeting.

Membership in the California Retired Teachers Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to current educators and to any others interested in joining this active group. CalRTA's motto is "Your Partner in Pension Protection."

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Glendora's Earth Day Festival 2018

Glendora's Annual Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Glendora Civic Center, located at 116 E. Foot-hill Blvd, Glendora, CA from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This popular free community event provides a unique opportunity to learn about the environment in a family - friendly setting. It's an entire day of "green" education, live entertainment, vendors, food and fun activities for all ages.

The purpose of Earth Day is to educate residents on ways to be environmentally aware and for them to learn ways in which they can make a difference. The goal is remind people to take action now to protect the environment before it's too late.

Event activities are listed below and will be free of charge to the public.

Collection Services - A number of collections services will be available including: Confidential Documents Destruction, Used Motor Oil and Filter collections, Safe Drug Drop Off and Beverage Container Recycling.

Community Bike Ride - This leisurely ride beginning at 9:00

a.m. through Glendora's Historic neighborhood is family friendly, at approximately 4 miles in length and taking roughly 35 minutes to complete. Register ahead of time by visiting www.CityofGlendora.org/register and typing in the search code "Earth Day". Meet at City Hall along Glendora Ave by the Library Garden starting at 8:30 a.m.

Youth Activities - Come play some recycling games, a bounce house, an animal magic show, a scavenger hunt, a selfie stop with "Mighty Mike" of Athens services, face painting, gardening activities, a chance to take the "Earth Day Pledge".

Eco Tour of Glendora - A fun and informative shuttle tour designed to learn about Environmentally friendly projects and points of interest in Glendora!

Explore Big Dalton Wilderness Area - Shuttle to north end of the city, tucked in Glendora canyons. Hike the trail and discover the different ecosystems, from the riparian belt with streams traversing the trails to

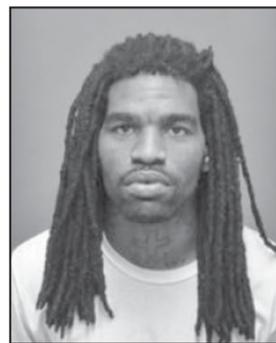
the Oak Woodlands where Oaks twist and turn to reach specks of sunlight.

Earth Day Workshops - Learn how to select plants that will survive and thrive in a drought at the Drought Tolerant & Native Species Plants or maintain a successful garden at the Smart Gardening & Composting Workshop and maximize the use of rain water at the Garden Design with Rain Barrels.

Foothill Gold Line - Come and check out the booth of the Foothill Gold Line. The Foothill Gold Line will add new light rail stations in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. Work has begun, with major construction starting in 2020.

Come join the city in making a difference. For more information or to become a vendor, please visit our web-site at www.CityofGlendora.org/earthday Vendors and food booths will be available all day. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing how together, we can make a difference in our environment starting today.

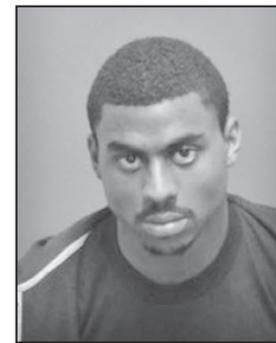
Arrest of Roca Way Residential Burglary Suspects



Bryant Burnett, 26, from Los Angeles



Tywan Brown, 20, from Los Angeles



Tyron Jennings, 19, from Los Angeles

MONTEREY PARK - On March 21, 2018 at approximately 4:02 p.m., Monterey Park Police received a call of three suspects breaking into a residence in the 100 block of Roca Way in Monterey Park. The three suspects were seen in the backyard of a residence, smashing a sliding glass door, and making entry into the residence by the resident monitoring an in-home video sys-

tem. The resident promptly notified the Monterey Park Police Department. Upon the arrival of officers, the suspects attempted to flee through neighboring yards, but were quickly apprehended in the area. All three suspects were arrested for residential burglary.

The suspects are identified as: Bryant Burnett, 26, from Los Angeles, Bail Amount \$140,000.

Tywan Brown, 20, from Los Angeles, Bail Amount \$100,000. Tyron Jennings, 19, from Los Angeles, Bail Amount \$50,000.

All three were booked for 459 PC/Residential Burglary. Burnett and Jennings were released after posting bail, Brown remains in custody and is set to appear for arraignment at the Alhambra Superior on Friday March 23, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Barger Announces \$20,000 Reward In Murder Of Motorist By Boulder Dropped On 134 Freeway

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced that she will introduce a motion before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 20 asking for a \$20,000 reward for the person(s) responsible for dropping a boulder from the overpass at Orange Grove Boulevard in Pasadena onto the 134 freeway resulting in the death of Christopher Lopez.

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at approximately 8:55 p.m., Guadalupe Gutierrez was driving with her husband, Christopher Lopez, their 4 year-old daughter and Mrs. Gutierrez' mother west-bound in the HOV lane, at ap-

proximately 70 miles per hour.

When the car passed under Orange Grove Boulevard in Pasadena, a 30-pound boulder crashed through the windshield hitting Mr. Lopez who was seated in the passenger seat. Mrs. Gutierrez drove her husband directly to Glendale Adventist Medical Center. Despite the efforts of emergency personnel, Mr. Lopez succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Mr. Lopez is survived by his expectant wife Guadalupe and their daughter.

CHP Investigators are seeking witnesses who may have noticed any suspicious person(s) or ac-

tivities around the area of Orange Grove Boulevard and State Route 134 freeway on the evening of the incident. Supervisor Barger encourages anyone with any information to contact investigators at the following numbers or the Crime Stoppers Hotline.

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CHP - Los Angeles
Communication Center Public Line
(323) 259-3200
Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline
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Investigation by Los Angeles County Consumer and Business Affairs, Attorney General Leads to Charges against Alleged Unlawful Immigration Consultant

LOS ANGELES - A joint investigation by the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) and California Attorney General's Consumer Law Section and Division of Law Enforcement has resulted in criminal charges against Edgardo Guerrero of "Oficina Guerrero." Guerrero, who is not an attorney, is accused of defrauding undocumented immigrants and their families seeking lawful permanent residence in the United States. He charged thousands of dollars for legal services that he was not legally qualified to give and failed to

maintain a required bond. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced the arrest and filing of charges today.

If you paid Guerrero for immigration assistance and believe he may have defrauded you, please contact DCBA immediately by calling (800) 593-8222.

"Our department stands at the ready to educate, defend, and speak up for the residents of the County, especially the most vulnerable among us," said DCBA Director Brian J. Stiger. "If you believe you are a victim of fraud, regarding immigration services or any transaction, we are here to

help." "No one, regardless of status, should have to deal with fraudulent behavior while seeking legal advice," said Attorney General Becerra. "At a time when the Trump Administration stokes fear and desperation in communities across the State, the California Department of Justice is committed to protecting families from unscrupulous practitioners who would exploit them for personal gain."

Guerrero was arrested on March 22, 2018, booked into the Los Angeles County jail, and is being held on \$80,000 bail.

DACC Acknowledges National Pet Poison Prevention Week

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - March is recognized as Poison Prevention Awareness Month and National Poison Prevention Week is globally observed the third week of March. This year it fell on March 18-24 and the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) encourages all pet owners to make your homes pet safe.

Please be aware of what can pose as dangers to your pets:

- Dangerous foods for dogs and cats- Chocolate, coffee, alcohol, avocado, macadamia nuts, grapes, raisins, yeast dough, raw/uncooked meat, eggs, Xylitol (found in sweeteners, gum, candy, toothpaste), onions, garlic, milk, and salt.
- Household plants- Be aware of the plants you have in your home and yard. Indigestion of some plant materials by an animals can be fatal.
- Cleaning agents- Never al-

low pets access to areas in which cleaning agents are being stored. Some may cause mild upset stomach or severe burns to the tongue, mouth, and stomach.

- Baits/Traps- Place baits (for rats, mice, or snails) or traps (for ants or roaches) in areas that are inaccessible to pets.

Never give your pet medication unless you are directed to do so by a veterinarian.

Keep in mind, National Poison Week is only one week a year, but poison safety is very important all year long.

If you suspect your pet has eaten any of the dangerous items, please note the amount ingested and contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

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California Democrats Protect Illegal and Citizen Felons

California Republican Party Chairman and former California Senator, Jim Brulte, told Stuart Varney, Fox News, "Democrats have had total control of California for the better part of 8 years. They've made a total mess of it ... and things are worse than before Jerry Brown was elected Governor ..."

Brulte continued, "It is not just illegal immigrant felons Democrats care about protecting. It is citizen California felons. [It is] not just protecting illegal immigrant felons from ICE raids ... the democrats in California over the last 5 years have let about 40,000 felons out of state prison and thousands of felons out of county jails. We are now seeing the violent crime rate rise and it is up almost 16% over the last two years."

This past week we saw law enforcement gather once again in Pomona to not only pay tribute to one of their own but to bury that police officer, Gregg Casillas, who was shot and killed during a 15-hour stand-off dealing with an individual with a reported history of violent crimes, child endangerment, spousal or cohabitant abuse and firearm possessions. Casillas leaves behind two young sons.

A year ago, Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer was shot and killed by a gang member with a violent history, in and out of jail and on probation when he shot and killed that officer. Reports indicated the killer told detectives he was high on marijuana and other drugs at the time of the shooting. Local elected officials blame recent laws undermining California's Criminal Justice System, supported by Gov. Jerry Brown --AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57 - and have launched a campaign to undo the disastrous rise in crime rates those laws have created.

Comment made to me by a source close to police activities and attendee at the police funerals:

"Gov. Jerry Brown showed up at both funerals, Boyer and Casillas, hoping to speak and law enforcement shut him down. At the recent funeral of Pomona Police Officer Gregory Casillas, Brown got a finger to his face with the charge, "You have done this," referring to the three pieces of legislation he orchestrated



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

to allow 40,000 plus criminals released to the streets of California.

Gov. Jerry Brown and Democrat antics in California have reached the New York Times, reporting, "Trump Sues California Over Immigration Laws" and called the lawsuit a preemptive strike against the sanctuary state laws. Named in the lawsuit are Gov. Jerry Brown, State Attorney General Javier Becerra and targeting the three state laws passed to protect illegal immigrants, and more specifically illegal felons.

California Values Act, known to some as SB 54, the sanctuary state bill by Sen. Kevin de Leon, running against Dianne Feinstein for U.S. Senator, is one of the target laws of the Trump Administration. The bill has been strongly opposed by law enforcement and immigration officials because of the limitations it places on state and local agencies in information sharing about serious criminal activities, specifically information on criminal illegal felons.

The Immigrant Worker Protection Act, written by Democrat Assemblyman David Chiu (San Francisco) prohibits local businesses from providing access by immigration officials to employee records without a court order and levies a fine of up to \$10,000 for those caught violating that law. The California Attorney General, Javier Becerra and California Labor Commissioner have exclusive authority to enforce this new law, the New York Times reports.

In host Stuart Varney's final comment to Brulte, he said there is no way Republicans can take over Sacramento to reform this mess Brown has made of the legal system in California because they would be bucking the teach-

ers' unions, municipal employee unions and the large Hispanic communities that traditionally have voted Democrat.

Brulte responded by saying, "Make no mistake about it. Illegal immigrant felons do most of their crimes in the Hispanic community. MS13 [the largest, most violent gang in California] may be a theoretical gang to Jerry Brown but it is a real world experience to a lot of Hispanics in California and why they appreciate taking illegal immigrants out of their community, those illegal immigrants that are felons."

From Shade's Perspective: Law enforcement is a large, serious and most ferrous opponent of Brown's AB 109, Prop 47, Prop 57 and SB 54, Sanctuary State bill. The League of California Cities, made up of local elected officials and inspired by the death of Keith Boyer, has launched the Take Our Communities Back campaign because of the violent crime and cost cities and counties. Personally, in my education community where I work, teachers are angry and fed up because one of their own was seriously attacked by an early-released criminal who is up on eight charges for that assault that almost killed her. They are fed up and had enough! Without coaching or prodding, ½ a dozen are ready to defect from the Democrat Party and vote in a Republican governor in 2018.

Stuart Varney: Stay tuned in!

A 380 Page Informercial

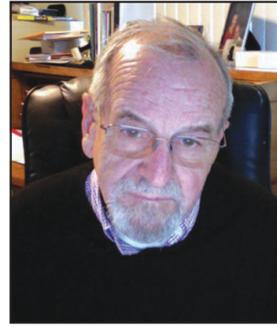
I have recently completed reading an amazing book! These days turning on the TV in search of a news story may result in being confronted with a 60-minute advertisement for a new diet program or another get-rich-quick scheme. Every now and then one of these infomercials will show up disguised as a book hustling a product you can't live without. To read it takes longer—much longer—than 60 minutes, and you probably needed to pay for it. I got the book in question on my Amazon Kindle for twenty bucks.

Let me give you a taste of the sales pitch for which I paid good money. Here is a quote found on page 282.

Having known and observed (him) for a number of years, what I've come to understand is that (he) deeply respects the men and women of God who have such strong godly principles. (he) is a man who treated everyone around him with respect, no matter his or her title or job.

The author of this hymn of praise is none other than Mike Pence, whose main job seems to be keeping the boss' ego sufficiently inflated, as if that were necessary on behalf of a man who manages to turn every encounter into the occasion for self-aggrandizement.

Much of the book's last hundred pages are given over to a parade of conservative religious leaders seeking to outdo one another in claiming that God chose Trump to be President. "We



Charles H. Bayer

thank God every day that he gave us a leader like Donald Trump," said the minister of the First Baptist Church in Dallas. Other evangelical heavies hold that the opposition to Trump is the result of "demonic activity." The devil made us do it!

Scattered throughout the last half of the book are attacks on "The Johnson Amendment" which prohibits tax-exempt institutions from endorsing or funding candidates for public office. Here is a blatant attempt by Christian conservatives to obliterate the "wall of separation" between church and state. These evangelicals see this wall as inhibiting their ability to establish their religious perspective as the foundation of government, leading to a Christian State.

The book's title is "*The Faith of Donald J. Trump.*" It was written by David Brady of "The Christian Broadcasting Network," and is basically an opportunity for a collection of politically motivated right-wing religious leaders to showcase their opinions.

Very little is said about Trump's religious commitments. The first half of the book is basically about the divisions afflicting the Presbyterian Church, the religious traditions of Scotland, the vocational travail of the Trump clan, the story of American fundamentalism/evangelicalism, Norman Vincent Peale, Billy Graham and the Manhattan real estate business. Very little is said about what Trump believes, or the ethic derived from his "Christian" faith.

Indeed, nothing in Trump's agenda seems to have been produced by the life and teachings of Jesus, the New Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures or any other religious tradition. The closest the book comes to an analysis of Trump's faith involves his fascination with Peal's "Power of Positive Thinking." Flowing from that pseudo psychological approach has flourished the Prosperity Gospel of Robert Schuler and Joel Osteen. Here we get closer to what is at the core of Trump's gospel. Obviously his religious fervor lies in American's power and its capacity to allow a handful of individuals and families to gain enormous personal wealth without reference to anything flowing from the Christian tradition.

A hard look at Donald Trump's religious beliefs and perspectives will have to wait until a recognized religious scholar produces an honest objective analysis. This book just doesn't do it.

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Being Stupid Can Get You Kicked

Over the years, we have seen people do stupid things. In fact, if you're like me, I'm sure you've done a few things that were pretty dumb and that we ended up paying for it some way or another.

It usually starts with a kid growing up. Some of us had parents with good parenting skills. If we did something stupid, chances are we get our butts smacked a few times to teach us a lesson and in most cases, it worked.

However, we can look around and see some of the stupid idiots doing something that they shouldn't be doing and paying for it with a little street justice. Sometimes the street justice goes too far.

Recently I went to the VA hospital where they had underground parking. There are not enough places to park and often you have to wait or continue to drive around until a parking space becomes available. The parking spaces at the facility are pretty tight.

On this one particular occasion recently, there were a number of cars roaming the parking lot waiting for somebody to pull out. Sometimes you pass the same car a number of times that are also looking for a spot. I happened to notice this one driver of a car because of the hat that he was wearing. He was an older gentleman with his wife and he was wearing a hat that looks similar to the old Shakey's pizza hat.

I finally found a parking spot and pulled in. I was early for my appointment so I just sat in the car for a few minutes. I was playing on the phone like everybody else does and had my window open. The parking spot behind me across the aisle became available. The guy with the Shakey's pizza hat tried pulling into the spot. Next to that spot was a large "custom" pickup truck that was parked almost right on the line. It made this parking spot a little bit more difficult to get into. The guy with the pizza hat had a hard time maneuvering his car into the parking spot. As I watched him in the mirror I noticed that he soon realized that his wife could not get out of the car so he backed his car out so she could get out and then he pulled back in. I'm



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

sure this is a maneuver that we've have done often ourselves in tight parking situations.

After about a minute or so I hear this hissing sound. As I looked in the mirror, I could see the lady was just standing there in the parking lot at the back of the car. She's looking in between her car and that pickup truck. I soon observed this old man was letting the air out of the tire of that pickup truck. I decided to get out and stop this procedure because it's just flat stupid. As I got out, I yelled out across the parking aisle, "really?" About that same time this rather large middle-aged guy walked up to this incident. You guessed it; he was the owner of the truck. He quickly realized what was happening as the old guy quit letting the air out of the tire and stood up, the owner of the truck exploded in anger. He grabbed the old guy around the throat screaming at him and actually picked him up and carried him to the rear of his pickup truck all the way to the wall and pinned him against the wall with his feet off the ground. The owner of the truck cursed and screamed at the now elevated old man for messing with his truck and threatening him with the opportunity of having a chance to meet Jesus Christ. The old man's wife also went in between the cars and made it impossible for me to get in there to break this up. I'm a big guy and the both of us trying to occupy the same place at the same time is impossible. She's screaming, "he didn't mean it and let him go" and I'm yelling at her to get the hell out of there so I can get in there. I had to pull her out of there so I can get in there and stop this big guy doing something really stupid. When I got to the back of the truck, I could see the anger of the truck driver's face and I

was afraid he was going to punch this old man in the face as he was that pissed off. Instead of me getting physical and getting punched myself by this extremely angry large veteran, I said, "Dude you need to let him go. I think he learned his lesson."

The pickup truck driver looked over his shoulder at me as he held his left hand and his right fist drawn back in the position of getting ready to smash this old man's face in. Then, I was shocked when he simply just let go. The old man crumpled to the ground in kind of a sitting position holding himself up with one hand and his other holding his throat.

During the process, the old man's Styrofoam Shakey's pizza hat had fallen off. The pickup truck driver saw it laying there and stomped on the hat. This caused the top part of the hat to break off and fall mostly inside the hat. He did this while screaming at the guy that he would kill him if he ever touched his truck again. I told this guy to lighten up that he needed to try and chill out. Then he tells me he's at the VA hospital for a psychiatric appointment for anger management therapy. Well that's just great, I thought. I told the guy, "I don't think it's working for you", and he said, "Yes it is, he is still alive isn't he?"

As the old guy was trying to get up, the pickup truck driver picked up what was left of the hat and placed it on the old man's head then picked him up by the lapel of his jacket to help him stand up.

I'm now behind the pickup truck next to the wall and I'm looking at the old man and the driver of the pickup truck staring at each other with the wife behind the driver of the pickup truck with her hands over her mouth. It was kind of a pitiful site but kind of funny. The top part of the hat is

still connected but because the driver of the pickup truck set it on his head kind of hard, caused it to stand up like a lid would when you're opening some canned food. The big guy removed the hat and tried to fix it so it would look more like a hat and placed it on the old man's head again. The old man finally spoke. "I'm sorry", he says and continues with, "you were just parked so close to the line I couldn't get in and I just got stupid that I would let the air out of your tire. I'm sorry, that was stupid." The old man then opened his hand and exposed the valve cap. "Do you want me to put this back on?" He hung on to it the entire time of that confrontation. The big guy looks at it, then looks at the old man, and then takes the cap from him and says, "I've got this." Then the big guy asked the old man if he is okay and he was sorry that he overreacted and got violent. Then he asked again, "Are you okay?" The old guy trying to regain his composure said no, "I'm not okay. I think I really have to go poop now. You scared the crap out of me; I thought I was a dead man. That was just really stupid of me and I'm sorry." Everybody backed out to the aisle in these two people shook hands. The big guy offered to pay for the old man's hat, and the old man said no way. He commented with, "I am going to keep this to remind me of my stupidity." The big guy turned to the man's wife and apologized to her for overreacting. I got thanked for my intervention and I looked up to the big guy and I told him I had to now go poop. Everybody laughed at the stupid joke.

Here is a little lesson for all of us that could have gotten really ugly. Trying to get even by doing something stupid is just not very healthy.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Duarte Community Clean-Up Day And Document Shredding Event April 14

DUARTE - Duarte and Burrtec Waste will hold its bi-annual Duarte Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, **April 14** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at two convenient drop-off locations where residents can dispose of large refuse items and e-waste. The locations are the Duarte Civic Center at 1600 Huntington Drive and Beardslee Elementary School at 1212 Kellwill Way, Duarte, CA, 91010. Please note that at this event, hazardous waste will not be accepted. For household hazardous waste information, please call (800) 238-0172

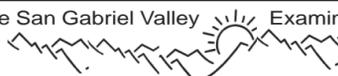
or visit dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/

At the City Hall location only, residents may also take advantage of free "document shredding" as well as free compost materials for their gardens. For compost materials, residents are encouraged to bring a vehicle that can accommodate the load. Burrtec will provide the shovels. For more information about how to participate in the Duarte Community Clean-Up day, please call Duarte City Hall at (626)357-7931 ext. 221.

Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Auxiliary Fundraisers

COVINA - Citrus Valley Medical Center Inter-Community Auxiliary is having the following fundraising events in the month of April: Welcome to My Garden, Thursday, **April 5** from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Brown Bag Room of the hospital's cafeteria. Masquerade Jewelry will be on Wednesday, **April 18** from 7:30 am to 8:00 pm. This is a one day event only and will be in the hospital's Conference Room. Masquerade offers a

\$5.00 sale that is very popular and much loved by everyone. Funds from these events benefit Citrus Valley Medical Center. Auxiliary volunteers work at these events and are an important part of the sale success. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. The hospital is located at 210 W. San Bernardino Road in Covina. For more information call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 915-6237 or email at tramirez@mail.cvhph.org.



Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExaminer@aol.com. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

A Cohesive Fed

The FOMC raised the federal funds rate target range 25bp to a 1.50% to 1.75% range, exactly as expected. The statement acknowledged a stronger economic environment but reaffirmed the Fed's commitment to gradual rate hikes.

The FOMC downgraded its characterization of growth from solid to moderate, consistent with Q1 GDP closer to 2% than 3%. In its forward guidance, the FOMC now expects a stronger economic outlook, with the economy likely to continue to grow "at a moderate pace" in the medium term. The unemployment rate has been flat at 4.1% for five months, but the statement mentions strong employment growth and an unemployment rate that "stayed low." The FOMC's unemployment rate forecast was revised significantly lower in their Summary of Economic Projections.

Chairman Powell telegraphed the rate hike in his recent Humphrey-Hawkins testimony when he emphasized the need for continued gradualism now that economic headwinds have shifted to tailwinds. Powell was not alone in his message. The Fed team was remarkably cohesive in the two weeks before the pre-meeting blackout period. There was - as always from the independently-minded bunch making up the FOMC - a range of opinion and emphasis, but the range was remarkably tight.

Gradualism in rate increases makes sense, but maybe only if future expansion is robust. With Wednesday's hike, the fed funds rate will have surpassed the most popular estimate of a neutral rate. The Fed is no longer removing accommodation. It is tightening. From here, the FOMC anticipates gradual rate hikes because participants expect the natural rate will rise. Given the neutral rate is about zero and inflation is running at 1.5%, a neutral fed funds rate is 1.5%. The fed funds rate target has been 1.25% to 1.5% up until now, meaning it was just short of neutral.

Even though it is tightening,

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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the gradual pace indicates a dovish shift in the FOMC consensus. The FOMC appears to be contemplating the same gamble Greenspan took with the economy in 1995-96. Greenspan made clear the Fed was going to tolerate the things traditionally believed to lead to inflation - though not inflation itself. It was a gamble on higher productivity growth.

There were all sorts of things going on at that time that might have explained low inflation. Wal-Mart started importing more goods from China than most G-7 countries. Globalization, an emerging market recession and other factors played a role. But Fed economists are now convinced productivity gain was the most essential element (because it kept unit-labor costs under control). Foreign competition may have spurred firms to keep prices low, but higher productivity made it possible. Without accelerating productivity, inflation would have roared.

The Fed's doves think an elevated utilization rate of capital and labor might have been the trigger for that productivity burst in the mid-90s. Today they advocate policies that would allow utilization to rise soon in hopes of stimulating a repeat.

The hawks are not at all convinced this is a good idea because economists don't know where higher productivity comes from. As a result, the Fed has a choice to make between:

The doves' way: Allow faster growth and risk higher inflation. This amounts to a bet the road to productivity growth runs through strained capacity, investment and doing more with fewer hours

worked. If that is the road chosen, it won't likely happen without the Fed first allowing demand to accelerate to the point where capacity is strained. The payoff if correct might be: faster economic growth, faster real income growth, continued low inflation, real wage gains, rising living standards, lower debt/GDP ratio and lower consumption/investment ratio. The cost if wrong could be inflation high enough to warrant triggering a recession in 2-3 years.

The hawks' way: Tolerate faster growth only if productivity accelerates first, because if growth speeds up and productivity doesn't, the unemployment rate could fall far enough to trigger an inflation spike. This was the Fed's logic in 2004-06 when productivity never accelerated, quite possibly because capacity utilization was pretty low (labor and capital).

The bond market is calm now because the latest economic data adds up to a weaker-than-expected economic picture. We do not expect it will continue this way. By mid-year, economic acceleration should be obvious. If the Fed continues to push the idea of allowing inflation to exceed 2% for a time, yields will likely rise again.

But, if the FOMC doves are right and productivity reaccelerates, traders will figure it out much faster than in 1996-97 because the Fed is so much more open in its communication than it was back then. We no longer have to wait for the Chair's semi-annual testimony to learn which direction they will be headed with rates. Nor do we have to run the testimony through a Fed-speak-to-English translator to understand it. If productivity accelerates, Powell, Brainard, Williams and the rest will be out explaining in plain English why it will keep inflation in check.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Is it better to go to my bank for a home loan? Or is it better to use a mortgage broker?

Bank loan originators are not required to be licensed and are not held to the same standards and regulations as brokers in terms of testing and ongoing training, mortgages are not their main focus (they also offer auto, boat, personal, etc. loans), are only able to offer limited loan products they have in-house, often charge higher rates, and are slower to adapt to change due to large organizational operations. An independent mortgage professional is a licensed mortgage expert (consistently undergoing continuous training), specializes in mortgages only, partners with several lenders to offer multiple loan products giving you more options, often offers lower rates and cheaper costs due to less overhead, and adapts to industry changes quickly.

Is this true? Can I invest in an IRA for 2017 even though it's 2018?

Yes, you can, but the deadline is April 17. A traditional IRA is tax-deductible. Those funds and the growth will be taxed upon withdrawal. Although a Roth IRA is not tax deductible, it has many benefits upon withdrawing funds. Since you would have already paid taxes on the money you invest into a Roth IRA, that amount will be free of taxes in the future. Unique to Roth IRAs, the growth (interest earned) is not only tax deferred, it can also be income tax free.

I have a couple of CDs that mature this month. Should I reinvest them into CDs or do you have something that is



Julia Yoder
still safe, but could earn a higher rate?

If your CDs are your only emergency fund, you probably want to leave some of that money there. If you want safe, tax-advantaged savings for future use, and/or to leave to heirs, then I would recommend moving some of that money elsewhere. If suitable for you, consider a fixed-indexed annuity, or a fixed-indexed life insurance policy.

What taxes would I have to pay if I flip real estate?

When you buy a home, fix it, and sell it, you will have to pay taxes based on the amount of time you held onto this asset. If you hold onto it for a year or less, you're going to be taxed on your short-term gains at ordinary income-tax rates. If you hold this asset for more than a year, you're going to be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate. If you "flip" real estate too frequently, you are considered "in business" - opening a whole different set of rules. You can defer tax on your real estate gain by exchanging it for another property, known as a like-kind, or Section 1031 exchange. This must be clearly stated in escrow. You can do unlimited

1031 exchanges your whole life.

I read an article the other day that said if you have an adjustable rate mortgage you could be in for a huge adjustment because interest rates going up. Can you look over my adjustable mortgage loan paperwork and explain it to me?

Yes. Scan your document(s) and attach it to an email to me and I'll look it over, and explain it to you so that you can make an informed decision, rather than an emotional one, on whether it's best to refinance or not. This is a free service. If you cannot scan, send me an email and I'll reply with my address so you can send me a copy of your document(s). Meanwhile, rest assured that most adjustable rate mortgages protect the borrower from huge adjustments through "caps"-the maximum amount of each adjustment. Years ago, adjustable rate mortgages didn't have "caps" so the borrower could be shocked by ridiculous adjustments.

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What is Schedule C on your Income Tax Return?

Many individuals are small business owners or single proprietor. The business is usually managed by the proprietor, and the business structure is not as complex as a partnership or corporation.

The IRS made it easier for small businesses to file its income and expenses during the tax year by using Schedule C. The Schedule C can be found on your personal income tax return (1040).

The Schedule C is the complete information you will provide to the IRS as to how much your business has earned during the year (gross amount). You will also itemize your business expenses, backed with receipts. If there is profit left (net gain or net revenue), it will be added to the rest of your income from other sources during the year.

Your net income from Schedule C is subject to Self-Employment tax. Self-Employment tax is paying your own



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Social Security and Medicare contribution for both the employee's and the employer's share. In this case, since you are considered as an employer to yourself, 50% of your self-employment tax becomes deductible on your personal income tax return.

Example 1: I earn money on the side from writing my blog. Since a freelance writer is considered as self-employment, I will use Schedule C when I file my income tax return for the

earnings from blogs.

Example 2: I sell merchandise to the public. I didn't register my business as a partnership or corporation. Therefore, I will use Schedule C when I file my income tax return.

Example 3: I teach piano lessons or Taekwondo on weekends. All the income I received from my weekend gig will be on Schedule C.

The IRS PUB 334, Tax Guide for Small Business is available on line for more information with regards to your Schedule C.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Viruses, Hackers, and Bugs...Oh My!

Self-driving cars are being tested across the nation. This type of vehicle offers many advantages.

- It will be almost impossible to steal one.
- Some problems can be fixed with a software download.
- Accidents will be minimal or non-existent.
- It won't matter if your reflexes or eye-sight aren't what they used to be.

Of course, anything that can be used for good encourages some to find out how to use it for bad. Here are some disadvantages.

- Hackers are already finding ways to get past a car's security system and hack in.
- With all the "partners" needed to mobilize a self-driving car there are more ways for a hacker to infiltrate any system related to the vehicle, from the manufacturer to the software companies.
- Cyber criminals can hold a vehicle "hostage" until they get paid using malware. Just think, anything a cyber criminal can do to a computer system, they can do to a self-driving car.

The good news is that manufacturers and software developers are testing, testing, testing and have hired their own hackers to find vulnerabilities within a self-driving car. Hopefully, we will all be able to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride in the near future.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

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Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

ARCADIA

Instructors Needed

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

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinochle. The group meets at the

Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

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

BALDWIN PARK

Clifton's Cafeteria and Griffith Observatory

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

Income Tax Appointments

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

McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered.

there will be services at 9 and 11 a.m. followed by family activities, coffee, tea and breakfast treats. Childcare for children up to 4 years of age will be available. All children Kindergarten and up are invited to attend services with families. Additional parking will be available at Gateway Plaza, at the southeast corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway (enter off of Mentor St.). We are also conveniently located across the street from the Metro Goldline Lake Avenue Station.

For more information about any Holy Week event, visit www.lakeave.org/holyweek, email worship@lakeave.org or call the church at (626) 844-4721. For childcare information e-mail earlychildhood@lakeave.org or call 626.817.4856.

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 McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA

Senior Lunch Program

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

Community Garden Parcels

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

Covina's T.E.A.M.

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

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

Basketball And T-Ball

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

Covina Chalk Art Festival

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

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

All proceeds benefit children and adults on the Autism Spectrum by providing opportunities

for creativity and community inclusion.

DUARTE

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

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

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

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

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

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

GLENDORA

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (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 seek-

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

LA VERNE

Get About

Transportation

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

To Register: (909) 621-9900
To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964

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

MONROVIA

Senior Blood

Pressure Screenings

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

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

La Fetra Center Senior Classes

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our group for a great time of laughter and singing. Singing releases endorphins known as those "feel good" chemicals in your brain. It also increases circulation and oxygen to your blood. Singing is a great way to relieve stress and will leave you feeling happy for the rest of the day! Mondays, through April 30, 2018 9:00am - 10:00am Pre-register at the La Fetra Center or by calling (626)914-0560. *\$10.00 is payable to the instructor for printed materials.

Classic Cinema

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

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San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

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

WEST COVINA

TOPS Meeting

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

Go West Shuttle Service

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

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.

- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Senior Lunch

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

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

Easter Week Events at Lake Avenue Church

PASADENA - Lake Avenue Church will host Easter-week events on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

- On Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a communion service with music, meditation and prayer. Childcare will not be available.

- On Good Friday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a tenebrae service in the Worship Center, with speakers, choir, orchestra, organ, meditation, prayer, poetry and scripture readings - recreating the emotional aspects of Christ's suffering on the cross. Childcare for children to four years old, and a children's service for kindergarten through fifth grade will be available. For more information, contact worship@lakeave.org or call (626) 844-4721.

- On Easter Sunday, April 1,

California's Deadliest Earthquakes Author To Talk At Museum

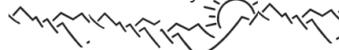
DUARTE - Historian Abe Hoffman, author of recently released California's Deadliest Earthquakes, will talk about the personal accounts and aftermath of California's most destructive tremors on Saturday, April 7, 4:00 p.m. at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte.

More than 3,000 persons died in the 1906 San Francisco

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

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

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

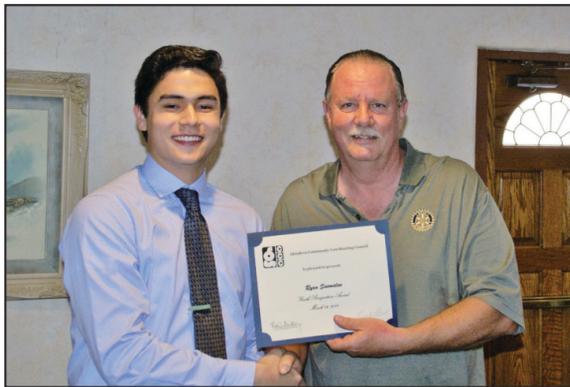


Glendora Community Coordinating Council's March Humanitarian and Youth Recognition Award Recipients

GLENDORA - Diane Dailey has been an Auxiliary with the Glendora Police Department for the past nine years. She is always on time if not early and can be depended on. For the past three years she has volunteered over 500 Auxiliary hours each year, topping herself in 2017 with 611 hours. To date Diane has volunteered 4,534.5 hours to the Glendora Police Department. The time she dedicates is from her heart and a passion to help others. Each Sunday Diane patrols the City of Glendora, being an extra pair of eyes and ears for our police officers and assisting them if needed. In 2017 Diane patrolled 2,344 miles, did 111 vacation house checks, took down 104 signs such as old campaign and yard sale signs and did 136 citizen assists. In addition to patrolling, each year Diane volunteers countless hours to the many events taking place in the City of Glendora where Auxiliary help is needed. Some of these events include foot patrol for such events as the Oaktree Festival, high school graduation, Flashback, school dances, Halloween Carnival and the first day of school, to name a few. Auxiliary also help to direct traffic for dances at Goddard, football games at Citrus College and Glendora High School graduation. Diane has volunteered for them all and then some, in addition to helping inside the police department with organizing National Night Out, filing, scanning documents, and being the go to person who organizes the Auxil-



Diane Dailey, receiving Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Award with Sergeant Gold and Captain Eagan from the Glendora Police Department.



Ryan Suematsu receiving Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Youth Recognition Award from President, Gene Morrill.

ary needed to help with each special event. A very time consuming task. She does it all with grace and ease. Diane is a blessing to the City of Glendora.

Ryan Suematsu is an 11th grade student at Glendora High School. In October 2017 Ryan's Eagle Project involved emptying, cleaning out, remodeling and repairing the storage room at Goddard Middle School. This task took a great deal of time and effort in plan-

ning, organizing and carrying out his plan. Ryan coordinated over 20 scouts and 10 adults, working many hours and did a high quality job. The storage room went from an unusable storage space to a highly functional one allowing the choir program to utilize this space more efficiently. Ryan is an example of a giving youth who goes above and beyond to benefit his community. In addition, Ryan is also an academic achiever at Glendora High School, a member of the Development Club, 3D Design Club, Key Club, Show Choir and on the soccer team. Ryan is certainly a worthy and exemplary recipient of this award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit their website at www.glendoraordinating-council.org for a form and contact information. The GCCC would like to thank Edward Jones Investments for being their meeting sponsor.

Glendora Woman's Club to Celebrate 110 Years of Service



The Darden Sisters Band is scheduled to present a musical program for the Glendora Woman's Club's Birthday Celebration on Tuesday, April 3. Band members pictured at an earlier program are from left, Havi, Selah, Clarah and Tabbi. Photo by Rose Myers

By Joan Hallidy
GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club will celebrate 110 years of service to Glendora and honor the club's past presidents at the club's birthday luncheon meeting on Tuesday, April 3. Sharing the special day will be a musical program by the Darden Sisters Band.

The club day will begin with a social time at 10:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 11 a.m. The cater luncheon by Ritz Catering at noontime and the musical program by the Darden Sisters will follow.

To mark the special day's and honor the club's past presidents, Club President Chris Lear will welcome each past president and present her with a "Rose of Appreciation" for her service to the club and community.

The special day's program will feature the Darden Sisters Band, a return engagement for the group. The program will include a selection of well-known songs and some old favorites, said program vice president Helen Storland. The Darden Band is comprised of Clarah, lead guitarist; Havi, on mandolin; Selah, on violin; and Tabbi, the bassist. All four sisters are vocalists in the group, focusing on harmonies and musical blends.

One of the club's ongoing service projects each month is Shepherd's Pantry, located in Glendora. At each club meeting, clubmembers are asked to donate nonperishable items for the Pantry that serves those in need in 10 areas cities, said

project chair Gloria Liddle. For the club's 110 Birthday Celebration, the Member's Participation Art Display and the Historian's Club Memorabilia." Members are asked to share items for the display that will also include historical items and photos from the club's archives, said Historian Rose Myers and display committee member Susan Lepkojus.

Also on display will be three recognition plaques: on plaque is from the Glendora City Council and one from the Glendora Public Library, both presented to the Glendora Woman's Club in 2012 and honoring the club as the founder of the Glendora Public Library in 1912. The third plaque is from the Glendora

Historical Society, presented to the Woman's Club in 2008, honoring the club as one of the 22 historic monuments of the Society's Pride Project.

The Glendora Woman's Club, organized, on April 28, 1908, is one of the oldest active service organizations in Glendora and one that maintains it's own clubhouse at the same location. This year marks 110 years of continuing service by club to the City of Glendora, said Club President Mrs. Lear.

For information about joining the Woman's Club, its service projects, or department activities, call Patty at 909-929-0684; For information about renting the clubhouse for an event or meeting, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130.

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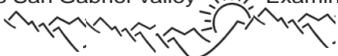
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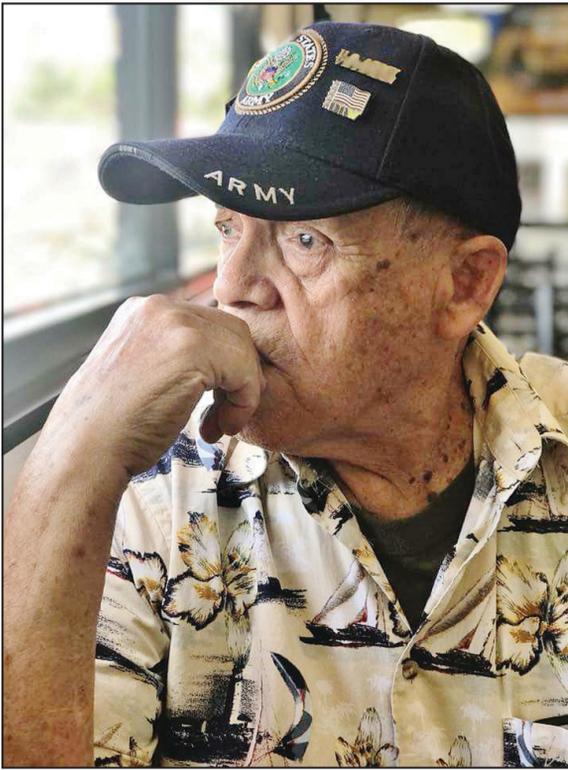
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Happy Birthday to a Special Combat Veteran



Tony Munoz celebrated his 88th Birthday on Sunday, March 25.

By George Ogden

West Covina - Combat Veteran Tony Munoz of La Puente, celebrated his 88th birthday Sunday, March 25 with family and friends. Family and friends came from all around for dinner and cake to celebrate this special day. He celebrated his 88th birthday and is still going strong.

Tony and his wife, Pat, are very involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in West Covina. Tony has had to deal with some health issues in the past but is doing very well.

His wife Pat underwent a hip replacement just recently and she is not ambulatory at this time and will be down for the next few weeks. Tony still comes to the VFW for the breakfasts and dinners and gets "to-go plates" for the both of

them so they can still support the VFW and still have dinner at home together.

Both Tony and Pat are "icons" at the VFW and around the area. They both worked for the Covina Police Department as citizens on patrol for many years.

A special Happy Birthday to a very special combat veteran.

"The Wall That Heals" Attracts Thousands

By Jayam Rutnam

SAN DIMAS - The "Wall That Heals", the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Replica, was driven through Glendora to the Lone Hill Middle School grounds on 700 S. Lone Hill Avenue, on March 22 where it was exhibited through March 25. Hosted by the San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance of Every Service Person), The Wall was visited by thousands of war veterans, some in uniform, some wearing their veteran's hats, visitors and relatives of those who died in the Viet Nam War. It was a somber scene, with families pencil tracing the names of their relatives, some praying, some just reminiscing of the war that took the lives of so many young Americans.

Among the people who visited the wall was the Henderson family, relatives of U. S. Army Sergeant Stanley Tillitson who died at the age of 23, in Viet Nam. Stanley's sister Linda explained how it was his third term of service in Viet Nam. Stanley volunteered his service. He was off duty, but working at a hospital, helping with army personnel who were addicted to drugs, when an enemy shell hit the hospital throwing Stanley back, breaking his neck instantly. She will never forget that dreaded day in April 1972, when two U.S.

Army Officers arrived at their home in Bell, California, to give their family the sad news.

There were various programs through the four days that the wall was in San Dimas. With a Candlelight Vigil on March 24, where U.S. Marine CWO Joseph Martinez spoke, to the Closing Ceremonies on March 25th. Gary Enderle President of San Dimas Community Foundation / H.E.R.O.E.S gave the welcome speech and Taps was

played by the All Forces Honor Guard from the Memorial Honor Detail of Riverside National Cemetery.

Do you remember who the U.S. President was, who ended the Viet Nam War? On Jan. 23, 1973, It was President Richard Nixon who announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War. In a televised speech, Nixon said the accord would "end the war and bring peace with honor."

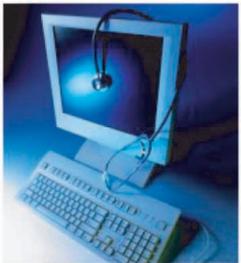


U. S. Army Sergeant Stanley Tillitson



Sergeant Tillitson's sister Linda Henderson, Tyler Paul grand niece, niece Lisa Paul, Tiffany Price, Michael Henderson grand nephew and U. S. Marine CWO Joseph Ramirez, stand by the "Wall".

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