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WVUSD Salutes 2018 Teachers of the Year

WALNUT —Walnut Valley Unified School District paid tribute and thanked an extraordinary group of educators during the 21st annual Salute to Teachers on Wednesday.

The 15 Teachers of the Year for 2017-2018 specialize in different subjects and grade levels, but share a passion for ensuring the best education for their students.

Over 300 educators, families, friends, and local officials gathered for the celebration of excellence held at the Walnut High School Performing Arts Center on October 17.

Congratulations to the following Teachers of the Year: Matthew Morrison – Castle Rock Elementary, Laura Ise – Chaparral Middle School, Carole Mead – C.J. Morris Elementary, Lisa Holton – Collegewood Elementary, Julie Jeon – Evergreen Elementary, Johnny Hwang – Diamond Bar High, Meredith Cahalan-Casillas – Maple Hill Elementary, Criss Sykes – Quail Summit Elementary, Grace Lemos – Ron Hockwalt Academics, Kathryn Fujihara – South Pointe Middle School, Vicky Silcock – Suzanne Middle School, Brenda Moscoso – Vejar Elementary, Linda Kim – Walnut Elementary, Nicholas Madrid – Walnut High School,



Honoring Our Best! Walnut Valley USD honors the 2017-18 Teachers of the Year during the 21st annual Salute to Teachers. Shown with Board Members Board Members Larry Redinger, Cindy Ruiz, Layla Abou-Taleb, Dr. Tony Torng, Helen Hall, and Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor.

and Amy Leinen – Westhoff Elementary.

The recognition ceremony included personalized tributes, awards, and student entertainment by the Walnut High School Chamber Singers.

Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor commended the outstanding group of educators for the work they do to support students. "I can't think of a more special group of people to recognize than teachers!" he said. "And today, we

get to recognize these 15 amazing individuals who serve our kids every single day," said the schools chief who also thanked the more than 600 teachers in the District.

At the culmination of the program, Superintendent Dr. Taylor announced third grade teacher Criss Sykes as the 2018 District Teacher of the Year. Sykes also has the prestigious distinction of being named a Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year. She has taught in Walnut Valley for the past 16 years and is in her fifth year at Quail Summit. The District's top teacher believes

that relationship is fundamental to academic success and must be cultivated in every classroom.

At 8:20, as students see their teacher coming, Taliah, Salote, or Alexander will lead: "Give me an M-R-S! Give me an S-Y-K-E-S! What's that spell? Ms. Sykes!"

"To have an entire class greet me every morning with a cheer that they initiated months ago, brings more joy to my soul than I could ever explain. This tells me that they know we are a family. We are Team 13 and we are powered by relationship," Sykes said.

As students cross the class-

room threshold, the teacher greets them by name, a comment or question, and always with a smile. "Making a connection is crucial to establishing a relationship. When you cultivate relationship and connectedness in your classroom, children and teachers thrive and grow. My cheer is for Team 13, and for every other educator who loves, pushes, and encourages students!" she added.

During her speech, Sykes paid tribute to each of the other 14 Teachers of the Year describing them as "innovative, kind and caring, creative, tech-savvy, motivated, and life-long learners." "We have incredible teachers at every grade level in Walnut Valley," she continued. "I feel so lucky to be in a room surrounded by all the talent beside me and in front of me!"

Each Teacher of the Year received a golden apple bell award courtesy of the Walnut Valley Educational Foundation.

Honorees received rolling carts filled with gifts, school supplies, and certificates of achievement.

A special thanks to the following Salute to Teachers sponsors: Massage Envy, Benihana Restaurant, Schools First Federal Credit Union, Chaffey Federal Credit Union, Illuminate Education, LifeTouch Photography, Chick-fil-A, Julie's Café, Rubio's, Nature's Juice, and Jimmy Johns.

Welcome And Celebration Dinner To Celebrate Sister City Moka, Japan



Mayor of Glendora Mendell Thompson and Heads of the Japanese Delegation spoke at the function. Founder of the program Gordon Norman and his wife Dianne in the background.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The Japanese delegation from Nakamura Junior High in the City of Moka, Japan were hosted to a welcome and celebration dinner at the Luca Bella Restaurant in the Glendora Village.

It is the 30th Anniversary of the Glendora and Moka sister city program which was founded by Gordon Norman of Glendora.

Along with 21 students from Nakamura Junior High, the Principal and other members of the delegation are visiting Glendora. They will also be enjoying Glendora's hospitality and also visit some of the major landmarks of Los Angeles.

The event started off with a bagpipe and drum welcome, with members of the Glendora High School's Spartan Band who stood on the side of the road at the Glendora Village outside

the restaurant. The four-some played an encore at the request of Mayor Mendell Thompson.

Others in attendance at the

dinner were, Dr. Robert Voors, Superintendent of the Glendora School District, Glendora Mayor Mendell Thompson and wife Reanna, Council Members Michael Allawos and wife Cynthia, Judy Nelson and husband Byron, and Council Members, Gary Boyer and Karen Davis. Former Mayor of Glendora Bob Kuhn and wife Judy. School Board Member Cory Ellenson. Miyoko and Jim Nakano, Brock Jacobson.

Members of the Board of Education. There were many other dignitaries who were also present.

During the dinner, gifts were exchanged between the delegates from Moka, Japan and the City of Glendora.

We at the San Gabriel Valley Examiner, welcome the students, principal, teachers and other delegates of Nakamura Junior High to the fair city of Glendora!

Infected Asian Citrus Psyllid Discovered In Duarte

DUARTE - A tiny insect no bigger than a grain of rice called the Asian citrus psyllid; carrier of the Huanglongbing or HLB disease has been detected in the City of Duarte. While not harmful to humans, the disease kills citrus trees and has no cure. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is currently going door to door in the community to inspect citrus trees for the disease. Residents will be able to recognize the members of the

Department in several distinct ways; the official California Department of Food and Agriculture patch, tan shirts and CDFA badges.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture tracks the presence of the pest and disease, and establishes quarantines to help protect California citrus trees. The insect feeds on citrus leaves and stems. Without proper inspection and treatment, the disease may go unnoticed on your

Fundraiser for Sheriff Jim McDonnell



Some of those in attendance at the fundraiser for Sheriff Jim McDonnell are former Glendora Mayor Bob Kuhn and his wife Judy Kuhn, Angele Price, Loreto Maldonado, Seth Hoodye, Jerry Bruton, Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Sandra Blaydow, Margaux Veira, Susan Rosenthal, Dr. Tom Rosenthal, Shirley Farris, Claude Farris, Daryl Osby.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - A fundraiser was held on October 27th at the beautiful North Glendora home of Sandra Blaydow, for the re-election of Sheriff Jim McDonnell as Los Angeles

County Sheriff.

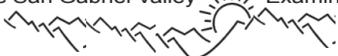
Among those present at the event were Glendora Council Member Karen Davis, Valerie Escalante, former Glendora Mayor Bob Kuhn and his wife Judy, Rick and Margaux Viera and Sally Hoover.

Sheriff, Jim McDonnell, is running for re-election as Los Angeles County Sheriff. He began his law enforcement career in 1981 with the LAPD where he served for 29 years. He then went on to be the Chief of the Long Beach Police Department for the next five years. In 2014, Jim was elected LA County Sheriff with the goal of making the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department the premier law enforcement agency in the nation.

Over the last four years, under Jim, there has been a reduction in serious use of force inside jails and correctional fa-

cilities. Sheriff McDonnell supported the creation of the first Civilian Oversight Board to build greater accountability within our communities and created the Human Trafficking Bureau to address the victimization of young women, girls, and boys. His other main efforts include homeless outreach and enhancing Counter-Terrorism capabilities. Sheriff McDonnell also worked with the Board of Supervisors on a plan to replace the Men's Central Jail with an updated facility that will allow for better handling of those in custody with mental health and substance abuse challenges.

Jim has received numerous endorsements from Congress members, County Supervisors, Mayors, Councilmembers, and many other leaders within our community.



Canyon City Foundation Proudly Announces \$160,000 Awards For 2018



Miki Carpenter, Director of Recreation and Family Services, City of Azusa, expresses appreciation to the Canyon City Foundation for funding for a new city initiative.

AZUSA - The Canyon City Foundation has announced grant awards for 2018, which will benefit various organizations that serve the Azusa community and its residents.

"We are pleased that the Canyon City Foundation's 13th year of investing in the residents of Azusa is our brightest year yet," said Board President Miles Rosedale. "The award to the City of Azusa is the largest award granted by the Canyon City Foundation to date. We are also proud to partner with other service organizations in the community to provide programming and infrastructure support," he said.

The Canyon City Foundation grants will allow the City of Azusa (www.azusa.org) to focus on an innovative new program, "The Greater Good," as well as to continue its effective work in English as a Second Language, Citizenship and Neighborhood Connections. The City of Azusa will announce a systems overview of The Greater Good project shortly.

The YWCA and Neighborhood Homework House are two other recipients of Canyon City Foundation grants this year. The YWCA (www.ywcala.org/santa-anita), a past award recipi-

ent, will use this year's grant to expand their programming for youth in civic engagement and to provide students with leadership development and career exploration opportunities.

Neighborhood Homework House, (www.onhh.org), also a past Canyon City Foundation recipient, is completing its 21st year serving Azusa. They will use grant funding to continue building on their success and to strengthen their infrastructure to sustain the organization.

"This is indeed an exciting year for the Canyon City Foundation," Rosedale said. "We look forward to even greater momentum and within the City of Azusa in the coming year."

The organizations were awarded their grants on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Azusa City Council Meeting. For more information, visit canyoncityfoundation.org

New Planning Commissioner



AZUSA - Azusa City Clerk, Jeffrey Lawrence Cornejo, Jr. administered the oath of office to new incoming Planning Commissioner, Elizabeth Ramirez at the City of Azusa Planning Commission meeting on October 24, 2018.

Citrus College Honored Again for Providing Students with Transfer Pathways



A Citrus College delegation attended the second annual Champions of Higher Education celebration in 2017. Pictured (L-R): Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of academic affairs; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, member of the board of trustees; Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president; and Dr. Martha A. McDonald, vice president of student services. (Photo courtesy Citrus College.)

GLENDORA - For the third consecutive year, Citrus College has been honored by the Campaign for College Opportunity as a state leader in producing transfer degrees.

A California-based nonprofit research and advocacy organization, the Campaign for College Opportunity has recognized 12 California community colleges and four California State University (CSU) campuses for their efforts to implement the state's associate degree for transfer (ADT) pathway. Citrus College will be named a "Champion of Higher Education" during a celebration in December.

"Citrus College is a leading example of strong implementation of the associate degree for transfer pathway for students and a model for other colleges in California to emulate," the organization's president Michelle Siqueiros wrote in a congratulatory letter to Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "We are proud to recognize your campus and thank you for improving the transfer pathway for

students."

Citrus College awarded 1,027 ADTs during the 2017-2018 academic year, an increase of 224 students over the previous year. The college currently ranks seventh among California's 114 community colleges for producing ADTs, but second in the state for the number of ADTs conferred relative to the size of its student body. In fact, the college is one of only two California community colleges that awarded five or more transfer degrees for every 100 students.

"When the adoption of historic transfer reform legislation created the transfer degree option in 2012, Citrus College invested a significant amount of time and effort into providing students with this new opportunity. Since that time, we have awarded more than 5,500 transfer degrees to Citrus College students," said Superintendent/President Perri. "Being recognized as one of the state's top producers of transfer degrees for the third year in a row is a great honor that reflects our institutional commitment to student success and college

completion."

A collaborative effort of the California Community Colleges and CSU systems, ADTs provide community college students with guaranteed admission to a CSU and priority admission to a CSU campus. Citrus College currently offers 19 ADTs in programs ranging from administration of justice and art history to studio arts and theater arts.

Transfer degrees were first awarded at Citrus College during the 2011-2012 academic year, with 39 students choosing this academic path. Over the ensuing six years, this number has increased by more than 2,500 percent.

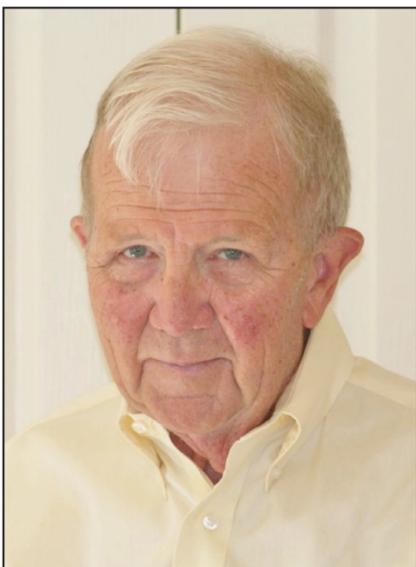
"Preparing students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities is a priority for Citrus College," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "The college community is proud of the progress it has made in implementing associate degrees for transfer. Once again being named a Champion of Higher Education by the Campaign for College Opportunity is a gratifying acknowledgment of our hard work."

Dr. Edward L. Davis Joins Woodglen Medical Group

GLENDORA - Edward L. Davis, M.D. Board Certified Urologist, specializes in female urology, has joined Drs. N. Bouz, and N. Kassar of Woodglen OB/GYN Medical Group, Glendora.

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LASD Human Trafficking Bureau - Massage Parlor Arrest

SAN GABRIEL - In July of 2018, Detectives from the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Taskforce began an investigation into allegations that two San Gabriel Valley massage businesses and a single residence, were operating as illicit prostitution brothels. Employees at the locations were reportedly trafficked and forced into commercial sex work by the female owner of the businesses. During the investigation, Detectives revealed evidence that financial crimes including money laundering may also be taking place.

On October 23, 2018, search warrants were served at the involved locations and evidence consistent with commercial sex work was found at each location. Mei Xing FA/57 (AKA "Anna") a resident of San Gabriel, was arrested as she left one of the locations. She was booked at East Los Angeles Station for Human Trafficking charges.

Several women, discovered at the locations were interviewed as potential trafficking victims and

referred to Victim Service Providers for additional services.

Mei Xing was released on \$100,000 bail and is scheduled to be arraigned on November 16, 2018, at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

These incidents occurred at: 300 Block Newby Avenue, San Gabriel (Residence)

9600 Block Garvey Avenue, South El Monte (Royal Massage / Garvey Therapy)

2800 Block Peck Road, El Monte (Rose Spa / Beauty Laser Massage)

Anyone who may have been victimized within this organization or with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Nick Stewart at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Human Trafficking Bureau at (323) 526-5156 or the Coalition to Abolish Slavery

and Trafficking hotline at 888-539-2373.

If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

The operation included task force partners from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.), the District Attorney's Office (LADA), the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Los Angeles Unified School Police (LAUSD), State Parole, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) the Los Angeles County Probation Department, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), and the Department of Children and Family Services.

State of the City to be held November 7

SAN GABRIEL- Join San Gabriel Mayor John Harrington in an interactive multimedia presentation to discuss San Gabriel's biggest accomplishments and developments over the past year. This year's event will take place on November 7 at the Mission Playhouse beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If you'd like to attend, please

RSVP by November 1 to Nancy Ramos at nramos@SGCH.org or by phone at 626.308.2803. Seating is limited. Any person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to attend the State of the City should contact Nancy Ramos at least 48 hours before the event.

Commemorating Community Excellence At Baldwin Park's Annual Anniversary Parade

BALDWIN PARK - Residents, business owners and community members are invited to line Baldwin Park Boulevard for the City's 62nd Anniversary Parade. The "Celebrate Baldwin Park Parade" kicks off Saturday, November 3, at 9:45 a.m. and includes a weekend carnival, November 1-4 at Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Boulevard. This year's event is themed "Commemorating Community Excellence." City officials plan to showcase Baldwin Park's excellence through its community groups, local businesses and residents, and a presentation of the first ever Key of the City.

"The Anniversary Parade will highlight the City's efforts to celebrate the spirit of excellence that is part of our community," said Mayor Manuel Lozano. "It's an opportunity for our city to come together and experience what makes Baldwin Park a wonderful place to live and do business."

At the conclusion of the parade (12:45 p.m.), festivities will include the presentation of the Key to the City, which will be awarded to In-N-Out, the iconic burger chain founded here in the City of Baldwin Park back in 1948 by Harry and Esther Snyder. In addition, the City will present the company with a proclamation in honor of their 70th Anniversary. "We hope everyone comes out to celebrate this momentous occasion in our City's history as we recognize the extraordinary contributions In-N-Out has made to the City of Baldwin Park and the Southland, and we commemorate community excellence," Mayor Manuel Lo-

zano said.

The parade route will be along Baldwin Park Boulevard between Olive Street and Ramona Boulevard and conclude at Morgan Park's Cesar Chavez Amphitheater with the special awards ceremony. Organizers are calling on residents and community members to line up along the parade route to cheer on their favorite school/community group, float or band in the parade.

"The parade allows residents to continue the longtime tradition of cheering on parade participants," noted City Manager Shannon Yauchzee. "For some, this celebration is a family event where multiple generations are able to come together year after year and be part of the Anniversary Parade."

The Anniversary Parade's grand marshal will be Alysha Del Valle, traffic anchor and reporter for NBC4 Southern California's morning newscast, "Today in LA." A native Southern Californian, Del Valle is one of the region's most recognized newscasters. Del Valle is also well-known for giving back to the community. Her work spans across beach clean-ups, book fairs, feeding the hungry, as well as associations to assist at-risk youth. She is on the board of the USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative, the Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA, and is active among several Latino nonprofit groups. She has been recognized by the City of Los Angeles for her community work and received the Impact Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism by the National Hispanic Media Coalition.

An estimated 80 entries - including marching bands, school and community groups, businesses from Baldwin Park as well as community participants throughout Los Angeles County - will make up the Anniversary Parade. This year's host band, Baldwin Park High School, will proudly represent the Baldwin Park Unified School District. Also on tap for the event is the participation of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's 275-member band from the City of Eastvale, making it the largest band on the parade route. "The dynamics of the parade are always very celebratory with a weekend that lights up the city in cheer and comradery, being in unison with fellow residents and communities throughout the region," Lozano said.

The Anniversary Parade will be complemented with a carnival that begins Thursday, November 1, and concludes Sunday, November 4. The carnival will feature various carnival-style rides, games and food booths for the entire family. Carnival hours are from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the carnival is free, although ticket costs for rides and vendors vary. There will also be a carnival opening night special of only \$1 per ride, available and valid only on Thursday from 5pm-10pm. Additional discounts for the carnival include the unlimited ride wristband for only \$15 with coupon on Saturday or Sunday only from noon-6pm.

For more information, call (626) 813-5245 or visit www.baldwinpark.com



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Glendora Police Department Receives Grant For Special Traffic Enforcement And Crash Prevention

GLENDORA - Glendora Police Department has been awarded a \$90,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long enforcement and public awareness. Glendora Police Department will use the funding to educate the public on safe roadway habits and deter people from violating traffic laws as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe.

"We extend our gratitude to the Office of Traffic and Safety for their continued support of our effort in providing public awareness in preventing traffic related injuries and deaths," said Glendora

Police Chief Lisa G. Rosales.

The grant from the OTS will fund various education and enforcement activities for the 2019 federal fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019):

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- Motorcycle safety and distracted driving enforcement
- Warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders
- Specialized DUI and drugged driving training to identify and apprehend suspected impaired drivers.

Along with the alarming rise in pedestrian deaths, use of distracting technologies and drug-impaired driving, this grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these dangerous and illegal behaviors.

"Almost all crashes are preventable," OTS director Rhonda Craft said. "Education and enforcement go hand in hand helping change behaviors that cause devastating crashes."

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

Mt. SAC Planetarium Celebrates 50 Years

WALNUT - The Mt. San Antonio College Randall Planetarium will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an Anniversary Weekend featuring a presentation by astronaut Dr. Kathryn Thornton, free planetarium shows, and much more on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, at the college planetarium, building 26C.

Thornton, who was selected by NASA to become an astronaut in 1985, will speak on the past 50 years of space exploration on Friday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m., in the college's Design Technology Auditorium, building 13, room 1700. Thornton has logged over 975 hours in space and is a veteran of four space missions onboard the Space Shuttles Discovery, Endeavour, and Columbia. She also has more than 21 hours of extravehicular activity and, for a time, held the record as the woman with the most spacewalks. She was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2010.

The 50th Anniversary Weekend continues on Saturday, Nov. 10, with free planetarium shows, solar telescope viewing, rocket launching, and free prize drawings from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Mt. SAC Planetarium opened as a science/teaching facility in fall 1967 and began presenting free public programming in 1968. Later in October 2003, author Ray Bradbury and Star Trek actor George Takei helped kickoff a fund-raising campaign to renovate the planetarium. Then in June 2009, the planetarium reopened after a five-year renovation project and was renamed the Jim and Eleanor Randall Planetarium. The newly renovated facility reopened with a \$480,000 state-of-the-art



Zeiss Skymaster ZKP 4 projector and a multimedia Digistar 3 sky projection system that replaced the former antiquated projector from the 1960s.

The facility is used by students and the community. Since its opening, hundreds of thousands of people have benefited from the planetarium through classes, community shows, and school programs. Today, the multi-media planetarium shows use a variety of state-of-the-art special effects, projectors, lasers, and multi-channel surround sound. Seated under the planetarium's 35-foot dome, viewers see stars as they might away from city lights and pollution.

For more information about the planetarium's 50th anniversary, call (909) 274-5795.

This Broken State Needs New Blood

We are one week out from the election as Republicans try to hold control of the House and Senate and Californians try to grab a hold of their state government. Biggest concern is what we've become and where we will continue to go if California establishment-Democrats continue to hold control of their agenda and favorite projects. I am always horrified at the amount of money wielded from what seems to be a close cluster of those trying to control, rather than serve for the betterment of the people. I'm ready for new people and ready to give them a chance to fix this broken state.

This broken state because the main job of our Attorney General Xavier Becerra has become suing President Trump and the federal government and, in fact, in a year and a half, 38 times. He always makes the newspaper on the lawsuits and how California has been violated, most always by President Trump, but what is always missing is how much it has cost us and continues to cost us for him to file another lawsuit. Last one I saw was for violating federal and state environmental laws on building the wall at the Mexican border. Becerra lost that one.

Crime is up 16% and most of it has to be the bad leadership attempts to meet Supreme Court demands to house criminals in prison at design capacity. Gov. Brown met that demand by reducing felonies to misdemeanors, providing early release from state prisons and making local jails responsible for the housing of these criminals. Brown and the Democrat establishment, including Gavin Newsom who supported Prop 47 and 57, have made L.A. County jail the largest mental health facility in the state. How much of those early releases are we seeing on our streets as the homeless population?

Recently, Dr. Michael Golding, psychiatrist for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, has come forward with a report documenting how the state is providing for the psychiatric care of its patients. One of the discussion items is whether to release the report for public review with redacted names. It sounds like the court will allow the release of that report.

Our education system is floundering and most schools have bonded up to their eyeballs trying to hold old schools physically together, meet up-to-date



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

technology needs and still acquire willing and able teachers. I grew up in school learning education was the state's responsibility, and if that is the case, why is California getting such bad reviews across the board? Gavin Newsom says every child is entitled to a good education but never tells me how he is going to structure /restructure to provide a good education for all and pay for it. John Cox wants to pay teachers like rock stars and I don't disagree—they more than deserve it. But this current administration has left us a retirement system that is not fully funded and I haven't seen any plan to change that estimated three quarters funded system to a fully-funded system.

At issue with every school around me is declining enrollment. Whether it is because of the increased cost of living and housing market, the impact of recovering from the recession, or perhaps those leaving the state, we are not seeing our schools being populated at the 2010 or prior years' levels. Our schools in the East San Gabriel Valley have had bonds voted in for school maintenance and improvements. More than one site has in the past sold off property and another is in the process of examining a sell-off. Then what do we do?

The average single family home with a backyard for the kids in California sells for about \$600,000. All in all, how many of those young people just starting out, some with college debt to pay off, can afford a \$600,000 home. Some of the high density, high-rises, no green backyard, with a car parked in a parking structure, in my neighborhood can run \$450,000. The average cost of a starter home is costing young couples one third of their income and then add in college bills, increase gas and car tax, increases in cost of food,

additional property tax if the county Clean Safe Water Tax passes ... and what's left?

Safe, Clean Water Program is a property tax. More precise cost estimates on your property can be found online at: <http://egisgex.isd.lacounty.gov/bos/m/?viewer=SafeCleanWaterLA>

When Gavin Newsom talks housing he is talking high density next to the rail lines called Transit Oriented Development. The idea is you get up, shower, dress, eat breakfast and hop on the train to get to work. You are out of your car, off the roads and relieve congestion. Newsom also says it is locals' responsibility - cities and counties - to build housing per the housing element of their general plans. Wait! He forgot to say "their housing elements" must comply with state assigned numbers. The state decides how many houses we will need in California and then designates the number each jurisdiction is responsible to get built. Newsom said he would support the state coming in and taking over the job of building houses. Sounds like he's ready for a takeover of the zoning ordinance, which is the main authority of local government.

Any small business person will tell you the amount of paper and the new requirements appearing every year make it more difficult to maintain and grow that business. I wonder if we are now looking at the demise of the mom and pop shops in California. Mom and Pops, the small business people, are the mainstay of our Main Street in each community. They are the employers of our youth in high school and college who need the experience and money. They are the supporters of our volunteer groups at the libraries, hospitals, and sports leagues. What a hole in our sense of community if they disappear.

There has been a lot of damage done to this state that use to be the 5th largest economy in the world now rated 7th. Homeless numbers are large enough to be their own city. We have an over-budget \$45 billion bullet train with no private investors headed to \$118 billion to complete. We have billions in water bonded indebtedness, inadequate infrastructure and no water as promised. We need some new blood running this State of California come November 6th. Regardless of party registration, take a chance on the new guys led by John Cox.

The Baby's Body, The Mother's Choice

Imagine if you could, an unborn child in the womb who has awareness of what is going on outside of the womb and has thoughts. Now consider a website I saw one time that had a photograph of two women in some staged, and not exactly authentic, display of emotional bliss, with the tag line "Abortion on our own terms" and "my feminism understands women need abortions."

Imagine our fictional child saying something like this:

"Yes, that's right. My biological father is a dirtbag, so feel free to kill me. It was your mistake, but it is my problem. And I don't get any say in this. I have lots of talents, if only I could get a chance to show you. But my talents come with no voice, because I have no voice. So go right ahead. Do whatever works for you. Someday you may actual go to heaven if it all works out. And I will be there waiting for you. Waiting with several million of my closest angel friends. Friends who could have been the next President, pop singer, athlete, or the doctor who might cure cancer. Accomplishments you will never know about. Have a nice life, though, it will be without me. If anyone happens to ask, I am collateral damage for



Charles Lopresto

your so-called 'women's health.' And somebody gets a Lamborghini."

During the discussions regarding the massive illegal immigration issues that have been taking place, proponents of open borders, are confronted with the question, "Who is going to take care of all those aliens?" In defense they say in reply, "Who is going to take care of all those babies who were spared from abortion, especially the ones given birth by drug addicted mothers?"

Wouldn't that be somewhat a case of apples and oranges? Immigrants, much like convicts that Leftists also want to save from capital punishment, have minds of their own and choices to make. Babies don't. And the same Leftists that support regulations on just about everything, make it difficult for peo-

ple to adopt. And those that want to adopt are out there. Well connected people like Madonna can adopt any number of African babies and it is heralded. Regular couples can't, because that would be cultural misappropriation. The people who want to determine the life or death of a child also want to determine the life or death of an adoption process. None of it seems fair.

I wrote some comments much like these on social media and a friend of mine, I knew from High School, surprisingly wrote something back to me. He said: "I was born in 1950 to a single mom who lost her job because she gave birth to me. If abortions had been as easy to obtain then as they are now, I might not be here today." This friend of mine eventually went to the Naval Academy, had a career in the Marines and later started a security company in Washington D.C. He has a fine family and a good life. My life is better because of friends like him.

Vegetarians always like to say we shouldn't eat a creature that has a face. Maybe pro-abortion people should also consider not killing creatures that have a face, and quit trying to justify their death.

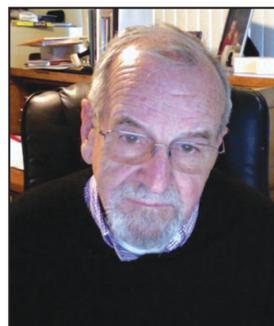
Who Are America's Friends?

America has flourished partly on the basis of our identification and partnership with nations whose values are similar to ours. A commonality of social norms shapes the foundation of this partnership.

The youngest school child and the most recent immigrant can probably list these values, and so can you. Shut your eyes and name the first five that come bubbling up. Here are mine, and it is similar to the list most Americans might produce: freedom, liberty, equality, human rights and democracy. When we have been confronted by nations that did not share these values and threatened to engulf the world in a catastrophic war, we joined hands with those whose interests paralleled ours. I speak here of World War II, where England would be at the top of a list of partner nations that would also include those in her commonwealth.

At the conclusion of that conflict something unusual happened. Having demonstrated the overarching worth of the values for which we fought, we unleashed both the wisdom and the good will flowing from democratic governments. We rebuilt the very nations that had been our enemies! Now Germany is Europe's lynchpin, and Japan is Asia's exemplary model of the democratic values we have cherished from the beginning of our national history.

More recently we have gone halfway around the world to support the people of Korea who were threatened by an incipient dictatorship backed by the despotic revolutionary Chinese regime just across the Yalu River.



Charles H. Bayer

It took us far too long to recognize the legitimate claims of millions of our Latin American neighbors imposed on them by fascist dictators. While many were replaced in democratic elections, we continued to support others tyrants by training them in ways to legitimize oppressive tactics through the infamous Fort Benning "School of the Americas."

Try as we might, we have spent the last decade and a half in a futile effort to make possible democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq. Even more recently we assisted in supporting the hunger for democracy in a series of North African nations caught up in the Arab Spring. Down came despotic regimes and their tyrants, and governments of the people emerged in their places.

Following the consistency of our commitment to democratic ideals, we now live in a world where governments of by and for the people are widely popular. While we still have maintained our traditional friends in Europe and North America, around the globe freedom is increasingly possible. It is not that our values

have been imposed, but we have offered freedom to populations long hungry for it.

In view of this amazing history, currently America's shame rests on the election of a president with a very different agenda. Turning his back on the nations that have shared our values, his admiration has turned to regimes and their leaders who hold the very opposite. I speak of Putin of Russia, Kim Jong-un of North Korea, and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia.

Trump has made no secret of his admiration for strong men including the very sort of tyrants we have opposed. What is more, he hungers to be one. If following the path these tyrants have produced is what he means by making America great again, the democratic dream is headed for disaster, and what we have traditionally honored has been summarily jettisoned. What is as frightening is the unwavering support of Trump by millions of Americans who will follow him no matter what he does or says.

So dangerously absurd is Trump's notion of greatness, that when the President praises his own his record at the General Assembly of the United Nations, they laugh at him. And blinded by his arrogance, he thinks they are laughing with him. How sad for America, for our core beliefs and our love of democracy. There is an ugly stain now being painted on America. The whole democratic world knows it. Only Trump and his "lock her up" contingent do not.

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Come On People, Show Some Class

Maybe I'm from an old school or something, but I can't understand why people show up to a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, or show up to get an award or to attend a special classy event and they show up looking crummy.

Recently, I was asked to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony. One of the principles of the ribbon cutting was dressed in jeans with holes in them. She looked really bad, it was sad.

I was there to take pictures and maybe do a story. I made a comment about her torn pants and I was told that was the style today. REALLY!!!

Well, being from an "old school" I felt it was disrespectful for the event. I took some pictures, but I already knew that I wasn't going to use any of them. Basically, this girl killed the story. I didn't want to do the story without a picture, but I wasn't going to do it with a picture that would get into the paper and embarrass the other people with her looking that sloppy.

I see this more and more and I



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

feel it is disrespectful.

I remember many years ago a young man was going to get a Congressional Award from a Congresswoman for some beautiful artwork that he did. This guy showed up with his family and everyone in his family looked great. Mom, dad, sister and little brother were dressed sharp. This guy that was going to receive the Congressional Recognition looked like hell. It must have been embarrassing for his family as well as the Congresswoman and her staff. He was in a T-Shirt with printing on it that was a little over the top. His pants were worn out jeans.

I couldn't believe this and

"TIME JOCKEY" - El Aliso

By Joe Castillo

Sacred Site... Near Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles is the sacred and historical site of "El Aliso". Originally, the site was marked by a sacred ancient Sycamore tree, which was the center of one of the largest Kizh Gabrieleño villages formally known as Yaanga. The origins of the Pueblo de Los Angeles, later incorporated as the City of Los Angeles, started in the vicinity of this site. This symbolic tree was great significance to the Kizh Gabrieleño people. It marked the site of spiritual worship and serves as a sacred memorial honoring the final resting place of their ancestors. The ancient Sycamore was a place of tribal gathering and prayer for the Kizh Gabrieleño. Local leaders traveled from their villages across Southern California to gather under the shade of the trees' canopy and to pay re-

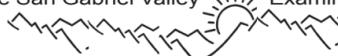
spect to their ancestors of the past. The Sycamore was known by Indian tribes from as far away as Yuma, Arizona with tribal leaders traveling to pay their respects to those who were interned here awaiting the afterlife and to live in harmony with Mother Earth.

Today, the Kizh Gabrieleño people still reside in the City of Los Angeles and throughout their ancestral homelands in Southern California. The City of Los Angeles is planning to dedicate the site with a cultural and historical plaque to commemorate and honor one of the most sacred sites of the indigenous people who inhabited all of Southern California since 12,000 BC....

Flag of Our Country... The United States of America flag was believed to be designed by Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Betsy Ross, a seamstress from Philadelphia. The first flag

was made in 1776 and has been updated each time a new state was inaugurated. Thirteen red and white stripes stood for the original 13 colonies, and the field of blue contained 13 stars in a circle to indicate each colony was equal to each other. Today, there are 50 stars to represent the 50 states of the union but the colors of the flags are also symbolic of the character of the people of this country. Red stands for bravery, white stands for liberty and blue stands for justice. The story of the flag is not who made it and when but in what it symbolizes to all American people....

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Overcoming Interest Rate Challenges

The market has determined, and FOMC participants seem to agree, that decisions for the last two 2018 FOMC meetings this year have been finalized. There will be no rate hike on November 8, but there will be one on December 19, the fourth this year. Next year is another story, however. As the fed funds rate is nearing the range participants may consider neutral, debate and even dissent are likely to return to the process.

A discussion of possibly tightening into restrictive territory (in the September minutes) sent a shiver through the bond market recently. However, all year the Feds forecast showed the median fed funds rate rising to 3.5% before settling back to 3% in the longer run. So, strictly speaking, this was not new information. But it's one thing to see something in the forecast and quite another to read a discussion (about going up as high as 3.5%) in the minutes.

The Fed's decision will be complicated because there is no way to know when policy becomes neutral; and by extension, no way to know when it is modestly restrictive (except by raising rates and watching how the economy reacts). As a result, it is even more important to maintain a gradual pace from here forward. After all, policy "works" with a lag, and participants need time to scrutinize data between rate decisions. Hopefully this is exactly what the FOMC plans, with a new decision-making strategy Chairman Powell calls a "risk-management approach."

In 2018 FOMC rate decisions were easy. Participants agreed the fed funds rate should rise toward a neutral level, and all 2018 voters agreed neutral was up. Next year will not be so simple. One Fed voter, James Bullard, has already drawn a line in the sand by arguing the neutral fed funds rate is less than 2%. A number of participants favoring slightly restrictive (higher rates) policy further complicates matters.

The best hope to cut through this uncertainty is to listen to FOMC participants - they are communicating more than ever - and to think about rates in terms of Powell's risk-management ap-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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proach. With four governors on the FOMC - and more coming if the Senate can get its act together - Powell controls the Committee as long as the governors are somewhat unified and they stick with the Chairman (as seems likely given how closely most have adhered to Powell's views in recent remarks).

Some Regional Fed Presidents remain outspoken about the course of interest rates, with the hawks apparently outnumbering the more outspoken doves. Dallas Fed President Robert Kaplan, who favors three more key interest rate increases, said last week that he is hopeful that the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will not invert the yield curve, since inversions are a "generally reliable forward indicator" of a recession. He elaborated by saying that "if you get in a situation where a financial intermediary cannot borrow short and lend long and make a spread because of inversion, it's logical to me that it's going to put strains on credit creation." Translated from Fedspeak, that would significantly cut off access to credit.

The FOMC apparently will stick to a quarterly tightening schedule, with each quarter's rate decision dependent on economic conditions. If the economy continues to grow at a rapid pace, and productivity does not accelerate to fill the gap between job growth and economic growth, then inflation will accelerate and/or the Fed will keep hiking. If growth cools and inflation moderates, the Fed should hopefully pause.

The markets will adopt the Fed's near-term rate forecast as its own until there is evidence suggesting the Fed is on the

wrong course. If, for example, growth slows and inflation abates as many expect, the market will start pricing in fewer rate increases. Traders on Wall Street are already skeptical about increases beyond 3%.

President Trump has become increasingly concerned about rising interest rates, especially since inflation has not accelerated. Last Wednesday, when walking off of Air Force One, President Trump said that the Fed "has gone crazy" by continuing to raise key interest rates. Clearly, the President wants to see a higher stock market heading into the mid-term elections, so the Fed has become the President's official whipping post for the stock market correction and higher Treasury yields. It will be interesting to see how this battle between the White House and the Fed comes out, but I suspect that Fed Chairman Jerome Powell will soon provide some reassuring comments to calm down both the President and the financial markets.

In the meantime, the markets will move more on earnings than politics, and the market will be in the heart of earnings season on Tuesday, November 6. In the first and second quarters of 2018, S&P 500 operating earnings were up 25.9% and 25.3%, respectively. Profit margins were at a new record high 12.3% in Q2.

Analysts are expecting another excellent quarter - not quite 25%, but third-quarter year-over-year profit growth should be 21% to 24%. For all of 2018, profit growth is expected to be +23%. That won't continue in 2019 as stocks will continue to be pressured by concerns about tighter monetary policy, the impact of tariffs, and expected mixed earnings reports from companies for the third quarter (and probably beyond that). Even if 2019 profit growth falls close to 10%, stocks should still have room to grow.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

Will there be an increase in Social Security benefits in 2019?

According to blog.ssa.gov, there is an expected 2.8-percent increase. You can check on your own information at mySocialSecurity by setting up a password protected account.

My checking, savings, CDs, an IRA, and an annuity at my bank are FDIC insured, right?

No. Too often folks trust their bank, and banker - period. Your money could be safe, but you cannot be sure without fully understanding where your money is truly invested, the strength of those sub-companies, and whether or not your money is protected - either due to FDIC insurance or other guarantees. If your checking account, savings account, and CDs are within the established limits, they are FDIC insured. Chances are high that your IRA and annuity are not FDIC insured. Often obscure, a standard bank disclaimer statement typically reads: Investment products offered through ABC Bank Investment Services, annuities offered through ABC Bank and its subsidiaries, and insurance products offered through ABC Bank Insurance Services are not FDIC insured, are not bank guaranteed, may lose value, are not deposits, are not insured by any federal government agency, are not a condition to any banking service or activity. Your IRA is usually invested in the stock market, which means it could lose value. Regarding your annuity, I would advise you to find out what insurance company it's with, and do some due-diligence on that company's strength. While you're at it, review your beneficiaries.



Julia Yoder

And, remember, if you have a safety deposit box, the contents are neither FDIC insured, nor bank insured, and can be difficult for heirs to access.

I'm a Realtor. How do I start a retirement plan?

You probably have a couple of options, but it depends on what is most suitable for you with your individual circumstances and qualifications. There are retirement plans that understand the fact that independent contractors have variable income. These plans allow intermittent investing and/or payments. If you also need life insurance, there are policies which have living (while you are alive) benefits which can be used for any reason, including retirement income.

What do you suggest as the most practical and cost-effective way for us to financially divide up our family-run business?

You might want to talk to a qualified legal or tax advisor about a Family Limited Partnership. This is an agreement between family members who are actively involved in a trade or business. The family's objectives could be set up in the partnership to divide rights to income, appre-

ciation, and control. You could set up transferring the limited partnership interests in increments over time, resulting in a gradual, systematic transfer of ownership. These transfers to your children can be excluded from your estate, resulting in estate tax savings later. Using the method of incrementally transferring interests in your family business could be set up to take maximum advantage of 2018 \$15,000 annual gift tax exclusion. I highly recommend that you also look into cross-insuring (via life insurance policies) each family member.

Our 529 plan has lost a lot of money. What do we do now?

Minimize further losses by moving that money to a more conservative allocation or a different investment product altogether.

How much does the average household spend on food?

A detailed chart available online at cnp.usda.gov. It is broken down to weekly or monthly for different plans from Thrifty to Liberal for individuals and a family of 2 or family of 4.

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Parts of West Covina's Del Norte Park Had to be Destroyed Due to Transients and Homeless Encampments

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - How sad is this? The transients and the homeless caused the demolition of certain areas at the Little League field at Del Norte Park in West Covina. It is truly a shame.

The transients and homeless take over the park at night and use a wall to hide themselves while they moved in at the facility. These people became a nuisance in the neighborhood with crime and their filthy habits. These people are breaking into homes and cars and stealing whatever they can. Going into back yards and ripping people off of whatever was available. Recyclables, lawn equipment, bikes, kid's toys or whatever is not anchored down is stolen.

This can become dangerous for residents if they go out and confront these people. They are usually armed with something like a knife, screwdriver and whatever else they may



Destruction of certain areas at Del Norte Park took place because of the transients and homeless that took over parts of the park.

have with them. Residents can be badly injured if they try to stop these people if they themselves are not armed for their own protection.

Complaints to the city and police about these people urinating at will as well as defecating where ever it was convenient. Their waste matter was contaminating and smelling up the area and endangered the health of the kids and others who visit the park.

The city felt it had no choice but to destroy those areas that contribute to the ability of the transients to take over certain areas of the park.

The cost to the city to destroy these parts and take it away from the people was not revealed at this time.

People have said that the city should do more to help these people. Sadly, some of these Social Services and clinics are enablers for these people to exist like this. In many cases, these facilities become a magnet in the community and encourage these undesirables to come to the community where they end up creating problems.

The police have made it clear that the people should call them if they see an issue and let them deal with it.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Let's Talk Lights

The daylight hours are getting shorter now and we depend on our lights more and more. I have noticed people driving around with one headlight out or a brake light and one can only assume a turn signal (though some people just don't bother to use them for some strange reason!). It is a good idea to test your lights! You can have someone assist you, ask us to check, or check them out yourself by pulling up to a building and shining your lights, or even do it in your garage. Seeing well while driving is very important, and it is also important that others see you!

If your headlights seem yellowed, we can fix that! Just contact us and we'll tell you how we do this (no, it isn't magic!).

When Your Lights Go Dim Your vehicle's alternator keeps the battery charged. The alternator replaced the generator of the past. If your car fails to start as quickly as it used to (hard or slow cranking) or your lights seem dimmer it could be a sign that your alternator needs to be replaced. If you are used to dashboard lights telling you of a problem and you didn't see the "alt,"

"bat," or "gen" light come on to alert you, keep in mind that the alternator is responsible for those dashboard lights! If it isn't working then the lights will not illuminate.

Today's vehicles have more and more equipment that is powered by our alternators. We have stereo systems with multiple speakers, televisions and DVD players, fancy headlights and navigation systems, rear wipers and heat and air conditioning systems. We take for granted that all this works, but sometimes an alternator simply gets overworked and needs to be replaced. If you have a poor battery it also puts extra stress on the alternator and can even cause it to overheat because it will try to keep the voltage up.

When an alternator fails it usually does so in stages so pay attention when things start functioning abnormally. The signs are often subtle such as dimmer lights. You may be using all the bells and whistles at once such as the television, wipers, air conditioning and the navigation system and they seem sluggish. When you stop using one or more

of the functions the remaining ones work better. The dashboard lights may start flickering.

When you take your vehicle to your car care provider they will:

- Perform a "load test" to check the voltage readings (measure the voltage at the alternator connector and the battery)
- Check the belts to determine if they are old and cracked or slipping
- Listen as an experienced mechanic can tell from a clanging or rattling noise that something is not as it should be

Alternators work long and hard for us but occasionally even the best can fail. The battery will still run many miles on reserve power so this usually saves you from being towed in. As always, if things aren't working as well as they normally do it is best to have it checked out before it becomes a serious problem.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

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

Kids Practice

Reading--with a Dog!

If you're in kindergarten through 5th grade, come practice reading aloud to a specially trained therapy dog who loves to hear a good story. The cute pup will be at the Library on Saturday, **November 3** and **December 1**, at 11:00 a.m. This program is made possible by the generous time and effort of the Pasadena Humane Society.

For more information, please call 626.821.5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

You Can Do It—

Write Your Novel in November!

Are you a writer, aspiring writer, or someone who loves a challenge? Experience the NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) challenge to write a novel in just one month. Arcadia Public Library is hosting three open writing sessions on Saturdays, **November 3**, **10**, and **17**, from 2 to 5 p.m. You can meet with other writers and a special NaNoWriMo coach who will help you get started, track your progress and encourage your efforts. No registration required. Curious? Check out the official website: <https://nanowrimo.org/>

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Annual Craft Boutique

GLENDORA - Glendora's Annual Craft Boutique promises a multitude of handmade items, delicious food, and great entertainment!

Over 40 craft vendors will be on hand at the Annual Craft Boutique in Glendora. Everyone is invited to visit the La Fetra Center, 333 E Foothill Blvd, on Saturday, **November 3** to browse through a variety of handmade and artisan products. This is a great opportunity to shop for Christmas decorations and gifts, pottery, jewelry, purses, outdoor display items, and lawn ornaments. All items are reasonably

Scrapbooking Studio

The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage invites you to our Scrapbooking Studio! Bring your scrapbook and personal photographs, and the Museum will provide various scrapbooking materials. This is a great opportunity to learn new techniques, try out different products, get creative with friends from your community, and preserve your memories! The next studio will be held Friday, **November 2** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Gilb Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. For more information, please call 626.574.5440.

After School Film Fun

Arcadia Public Library hosts a monthly movie program for middle-school students. All middle schoolers are invited to attend a showing of a new fun movie on Friday, **November 2** and Friday, **December 7**, at 3:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Public Library. Meet up with friends, and enjoy a great, new movie and tasty snacks. For more information, please call 626.821.5566 or visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., 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.

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priced. Don't miss out on the chance to pick up holiday gifts for children, family members and friends.

In addition to the many hand-crafted items available, patrons will enjoy delicious treats, Tacos Caramba, local bands and artist performances such as Jack McCoy.

Vendor slots are still available. Visit the city's website at www.cityofglendora.org/craft-boutique to download an application. For more information call 626-914-8235 or visit the La Fetra Center at 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora

Wednesday, **November 7th** at 8:00 am and return arrival on Friday, November 9th 6:00 pm. \$95 per person for double occupancy room. \$130 per person for single occupancy room. For more information, 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. 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

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

Sixth Annual Unity March

On Saturday, **November 3rd** 8:30 am - 12:00 pm beginning at City Hall and ending at the Duarte Teen Center. All members of the public are invited to join this annual rally and march to promote peace, tolerance, unity and understanding. There will be entertainment, food vendors and the first 150 participants will receive a free t-shirt. Presented by the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department.

City Of Hope Walk For Hope -

The Public Safety Office would like to remind everyone that the City of Hope Walk For Hope is Sunday, **November 4** (daylight savings time ends), at 9 am. Duarte Road from Cinco Robles Drive to Highland Ave. will be closed from 2 am until 2 pm to accommodate the event. Additionally, Highland Avenue from Duarte Road to Central Avenue, Evergreen Street from Highland Avenue to Duncannon Avenue, Duncannon Avenue from Evergreen Street to Central Avenue, Central Avenue from Duncannon Avenue to Highland Avenue, and Evergreen Street from Flower Street and Business Center Drive east of Highland, will all be closed from 6 am to approximately noon.

Duarte Museum Needs Docents

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 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

A Salute To Veterans Luncheon

Join us for a special luncheon with entertainment to honor our Veterans on Thursday, **November 8**, 10:30am - 12:30pm. Veterans entrance is free for this event. Tickets are \$6 per person. Purchase tickets online at www.cityofglendora.org/register or in person at the La Fetra Center.

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 seeking out instructors to teach the

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

LA VERNE

Abracadabra Magic

Senior Dinner Dance

Join us at the La Verne Community Center for an "Abracadabra Magic" Themed evening featuring a live ballroom band, dinner, dancing, wine and so much more on Sunday, **November 4** from 5 to 8pm! Tickets are just \$10! To choose your own assigned table, please register at the Community Services Office, 3660 "D" Street, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For "best seat available", online registration is offered. Seating is limited, so do not delay! Come in and purchase your ticket today! La Verne Community Center is at 3680 D Street, La Verne.

8th Annual NHRA Fanfest

The Fanfest serves as a kickoff to the National Hot Rod Associations' Auto Club World Finals races held from November 8-11 at Auto Club Speedway at the Fairplex. The Fanfest, on Thursday, **November 8**, from 5:00 - 8:00pm, mostly held at Lordsburg Taphouse and Grill, in Old Town La Verne, at D Street and Bonita Avenue, features a a Funny Car and Top Fuel Dragster. There will be appearances, prizes, and autograph signing by NHRA drivers. For more information about the event please call City Hall at (909) 596-8706.

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.

SAN DIMAS

Veteran's Day Event at Freedom Park

San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) will be holding their Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 12 at 4 pm. The event will be held at Freedom Park.

This year special recognition will be given for all San Dimas Korean War Veterans. The ceremony will include the unveiling of San Dimas Veteran names that have been added to the veteran's wall this year. The event is open to the public. Seating is limited so you might want to bring your own chair.

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

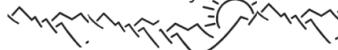
The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- 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.



Halloween Me: Stopping at L'etoile Chocolatier

By Jenny Park

GLENDORA - How does a French chocolatier find her way to a small town like Glendora? By her sixth sense—chocolate sense. After going to the dentist Dr. Anna Lee suggested to me, "Don't be so afraid of going to the dentist!" I had to test out my new crown.

I drove by L'etoile Chocolatier on my way to buy some boxes. Fortunately and unfortunately for me, I decided to stop to meet a chocolatier.

Business was as usual. They had a few orders for weddings, birthdays, and baby-showers. I waited until Ms. Jessy Denno Jabbour got off the phone. As a reporter, I had to ID myself. I admitted my credit card was low, she said: "Go ahead and try a few and let me know which ones you like." I knew immediately: "Go for the nuttiest ones." I selected my favorites.

Even though Jessy didn't have any chocolates with vodka inside (too expensive) her mother did mention her pralines and cream ones, with crushed hazelnut, and beckoned me to come inside.

Inside, there were more accents than a French schoolteacher's living room. Or it was a wedding planner's haven, or a nightmare?



Jessy pauses to explain the various ingredients in her chocolates: love, butter, cacao, cream, sugar, pistachios, almonds, hazelnuts, and biscuits.

Indeed, Jessy confided to me her worst competition: Costco.

"I had 300 orders for a dozen chocolate strawberries during Valentine's Day, and now last year I got 60. That's not even a 50% loss. It's more than half. People like going to Costco, because they could

pick it up easily on their way out, but they don't even think about small business-owners like us."

I felt bad. Now I didn't even have money to pay her anything, let alone reliable molars. I had just gone to Anna Lee's Office and I honestly wasn't sure if my teeth were still okay. Jessy, weighed the chocolates

and placed all seven treasures into a goodie bag. Then I decided to wait until I met my friends Jared Gaxiola and Ramon. I would give him the chocolates so he could give them to his friend the pianist.

Before I went on a tangent, I knew I had to tell her about my aversion to places like Costco. I am Costcophobic and afraid there is a better deal elsewhere.

She and her family rarely do get orders on Halloween as they were very happy to see me. I recommend the following: the pink-wrapped biscuit covered dark-chocolate, the green-pistachio, the orange-apricot, the silver and gold foiled ones, and the white covered-fudge with an almond in the middle.

If you have a hankering for solid Belgian chocolate, please visit L'etoile (Star) Chocolatiers (Chocolate-makers) right on Glenwood and Route 66 (Alosta Ave) adjacent to O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

A few guidelines before buying:

- 1) Go for the nuttiest ones.
- 2) Leave a card behind if you have a business.
- 3) Don't judge a chocolate by its cover (although use your best judgment and bite at your own risk).
- 4) Do share with a friend and try not to eat the whole bag.

Store hours are Monday to Saturday, 11am to 7pm. For more information, please contact Ms. Jessy Denno Jabbour at 531 S. Glenwood Ave. Glendora at (626)335-9871 or Ms. Jenny Park at (626)771-6115.

Painting Cars for the "Night of Destruction"



ke Avrick with "race car driver" Hannah Thomas and her Mom Paula Brown, with Hanna's Hot Pink car.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - Mike Avrick, owner of Super Plus Auto in Glendora, is always thinking of ways to give back to the community, whether it is through philanthropy or in kind. In this instance Mike gathered some young children, who have had behavioral problems and mixed them with some neighborhood kids who would serve as an example, to hand paint automobiles that would be driven in the "Night of Destruction" at the Irwindale Speedway in Irwindale, Ca.

In front of Super Plus Auto, with a backdrop of one of Jan's Towing's beautiful tow trucks, drop cloths were placed around the two cars to be painted. Rollers and brushes were readily available to be used by the children and adults alike. One of the cars was to be driven in a couple of days, by 17 year old Hannah Thomas, of Calvary Baptist School in La Verne.

Hannah does not even have her driver's license as yet. She was seen enthusiastically and meticulously painting the car in "Hot Pink." This car would be destroyed on the tarmac of the Irwindale Speedway, two days later!

There was another car that was being painted yellow, which was named "mellow yellow." This car was to be driven by Mike.

According to Mike Avrick, the cars are fitted with safety tubing and 4 point shoulder straps, for the protection of the drivers.

Among the others helping to paint the cars were Elisa Rosales and Natawnee Gallegos who are friends of Hanna Thomas.

The "Night of Destruction" at the Irwindale Speedway is sponsored by Jan Qualkenbush of Jan's Towing and Mike Avrick of Super Plus Auto.

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Special Visit to David Shoemaker



West Covina Mayor Lloyd Johnson (photo on right) with VFW Commander George Ogden visit with Marine combat veteran David Shoemaker.

by Staff Writer

WEST COVINA - David Shoemaker, 68, a combat veteran who served in Vietnam as a Marine is in the hospital waiting for a lung transplant. After being in the hospital over 30 days with his condition not improving, he was getting down.

A friend who lives out of state, Thomas Hunter, who went to high school with David, noted that his moral was really low. He decided to reach out to his lifelong buddy. He called the Veterans of Foreign Wars in West Covina (VFW) and talked with Commander George Ogden. He explained the situation and was hoping that maybe some visitors would boost his moral while

waiting for a lung transplant.

Commander Ogden, who also writes for this newspaper, said he would like to go visit him and also stated that he would try to bring a friend who also served in the Marines as well.

The visit was set up and Ogden and his Marine friend went to the Kindred Hospital in West Covina to visit David. The special visitor with Ogden was none-other than Purple Heart recipient and Marine, Lloyd Johnson, the Mayor of West Covina. Mayor Johnson was quick to jump on this opportunity to visit the Covina resident.

The visit was posted on Facebook and got a lot of re-

sponses. In fact, West Covina Police Officer and Police Chaplain, Scott Fahey took note. He also paid a visit to the Marine to pray with him since he can't go to church in his present condition. They had a great visit as well.

Mayor Lloyd Johnson stated, "No Marine is forgotten or left behind no matter what condition they are in."

Commander Ogden stated that he felt that he got more out of this visit then the patient himself, who by-the-way, recognized both of these guys. "We have a new friend and this was very rewarding all the way around," stated Ogden. More visits are planned.

Metro Board Unanimously Approves Motion To Fund Soundwalls

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors on Thursday unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and co-authored by Director Ara Najarian, to allocate \$3.29 million to provide a segment of soundwalls in La Cañada Flintridge.

In May, the California Transportation Commission award-

ed La Cañada Flintridge \$5 million for construction of the soundwalls, which was matched by a local commitment from the city. The action by the Metro board will help to fully fund the project for both pre-construction and construction activities.

"These soundwalls have long been a priority for the city and its residents, and I want to thank our partners on the La Cañada Flintridge City Council,

and also recognize Senator Anthony Portantino for his leadership on this issue in Sacramento," said Barger. "The city made a substantial commitment to this project, investing \$3.71 million of its subregional share to ensure the project gets constructed."

A report back on a plan to address the backlog of soundwall projects countywide was also included in the motion.



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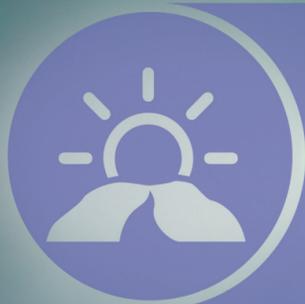
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