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# **INSIDE**Glendora Trailblazer and Citrus Alumna Joyce Dill Dies at 86

By James Duffy, Citrus College Clarion with additional information by the Citrus College Foundation

GLENDORA - Citrus Union High School and Citrus College graduate Joyce Dill died on February 20, 2019.

She was 86 years old. Dill came to Citrus Union High School in 1946. She graduated from Citrus Junior College in 1952. Her friends and colleagues said she never left the Citrus community.

Members of the Citrus College Foundation said Dill was among the most involved alumna of either institution. Née Joyce McClendon, Dill attended Glendora Woodrow Wilson Elementary School with classmates who became her lifelong friends.

Sharon Lewis, a fellow graduate of Citrus Union High School class of 1950, said Dill was a natural born leader. Lewis and Dill both cheered for Citrus Union High School for four years. "She never stopped cheering for Citrus or helping somebody at Citrus get ahead to get their education," Lewis said.

Dill was the editor of the Citrus Union High School's newspaper, the Citrus Cougar Growls. She was a student government representative and participated in several sports.

Dill attended Citrus College after she went to Citrus Union High School. After graduating from Citrus College she began working at the bookstore as a clerk.

One day after middle school, Dill led four girls several miles on a trek up Michigan Avenue, now Glendora Avenue, to climb the mountains above Glendora. She made her own path up the mountain. "Joyce said to me about two months ago, 'you know what Sharon, we were crazy," Lewis said in laughter. "There are rattlesnakes up there.""

On another occasion in elementary school, Dill, along with classmate Jeannie Shores, led her friends in wearing Navy caps and marching down Michigan Avenue in a show of support for American soldiers fighting in World War II.

"She was a very strong person with great leadership abilities," Lewis said. "She could get a group to do about anything. We all just followed like little sheep."

Dill used her leadership abilities to gather money for chari-



Glendora Trailblazer and Citrus Alumna Joyce Dill

ties, organize Citrus alumni events and help students at Citrus College. "She was a powerhouse for students and faculty," said Dale Salwak, an English professor who was friends with Dill for decades. "...She was utterly devoted to the campus."

Throughout her life, Dill founded several charitable organizations operating around the Glendora and Citrus College communities.

She worked for two years with Lewis to raise \$100,000 from

said Dill would always follow up with the young person after their first meeting. "(Dill) really cared passionately about the students and their success," Salwak said. "I would get called several times a year asking for help with something. And if I didn't respond immediately, I got a call the next day making sure I did get to her."

Salwak said after Dill found out he had a new book coming out, she organized a book signing and put up posters and flyers around campus and the bookcross word" with Joyce in 76 years of friendship. Lewis spoke with Dill frequently in the month before her death. "I'd call her, 'how you doing today?" Lewis said before paraphrasing Dill. "T'm still here,' she'd say, 'but I'm not good. I'm still here."

"The impressive legacy of care and devotion exhibited by Joyce Dill will long be remembered at Citrus College," stated Citrus College Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, and went on to add, "her lifelong dedication to our college and community has been deeply impressed upon our hearts and minds." Dill was very proud that she worked for five of the college's seven presidents. She was selected as the Alumni Achievement Award recipient in 1992. In 2010, she was the recipient of the very first Citrus College Shining Star Award for Vision. She was also honored with the Shining Star for Collaboration in 2014. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano honored Dill as an "Unsung Heroine" Woman of the Year in 2016. In December 2018, Citrus College and the Citrus College Foundation honored Dill at its Annual Winter Reception held on campus. Dill was surrounded by family and friends, college trustees, foundation board members, and many college and high school alumni. The college celebrated her dedication to students, especially "the individual student" she always seemed to find who needed a friend, some encouragement, and a nudge of life-changing support, always in the direction of pursuing educational and career goals at Citrus College. Encouraging students to attend "her" college and mentoring their progress was her passion. Dill is survived by her husband William Dill, two sons, two granddaughters and two greatgrandsons. A public memorial service for Dill will be held at 2 p.m. March 21 at Glenkirk Church in Glendora. In celebration of her life and legacy, her friends, family and colleagues established the Joyce McClendon Dill Memorial Scholarship for Citrus College students. Donations can be made online at https:// 14682.thankyou4caring.org/ donatenow or by contacting the Citrus College Foundation at foundation@citruscollege.edu or (626) 914-8825.



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# "Sweet Rose" Named 2018 Glendora Citizen of the Year

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Glendora resident Rose Wentz, also known as "Sweet Rose", has been selected as the 2018 Glendora Citizen of the Year. Rose will be honored at the 71st Annual Glendora Citizen of the Year Banquet on Thursday, April 18th, 2019 at the Glendora Country Club. In 1989 Rose joined the Glendora Kiwaniannes which was the start of her participation and giving back to the Glendora community. She has subsequently joined the Azusa/Glendora Soroptimist, Eye-Das, Glendora Coordinating Council and many others where she has served many positions of leadership in each of them and is currently serving a two-year term as President of the Glendora Coordinating Council. Rose is a true Glendoran through and through and cares for the community and all the great causes Glendorans hold dear. Reservations for the Citizen of the Year Banquet are \$70 per person and are required. For



Rose Wentz - Glendora Citizen of the Yearmore information, or to make aGlendorareservation, visit the GlendoraQuestionChamber of Commerce at 224ChamberN. Glendora Ave., or go toVertice

Glendora-Chamber.org/coty. Questions please contact the Chamber at 626-963-4128.

### Four People Injured In Two Car Collision

#### **By Glenn Purbaugh**

COVINA - Four people were transported to Hospital Trauma Centers after a two vehicle collision Wednesday morning, March 6 approximately 10:50 AM. The collision in the rain soaked intersection of East Badillo St. and North Reeder Ave. in Covina occurred when a Chevrolet Suburban and Lincoln Navigator collided. Preliminary investigation by the Covina Police determined an unsafe left turn was the cause of the accident. Three occupants of the Suburban were taken to County USC hospital and the sole occupant and driver of the Navigator was transported to Pomona Valley Hospital Trauma Center.



Four people injured in 2 car collision in rain soaked intersection.

alumni for Citrus' 100th anniversary. Dill started the "Taste of Autumn," dinner fundraiser for the college. She helped organize the Veterans Success Center harmonica fundraiser. Lewis said after Dill met a friend who was suffering from glaucoma, she helped found a Glendora mutual aid society, Eye Diseases Are Serious. The group started with social events and evolved into helping members get transportation to appointments as they aged and their eye diseases advanced.

Dill frequently tried to get young people to attend Citrus College. Lewis said Dill would ask people she met at restaurants and shops around town what their goals were and if they had considered attending Citrus. Lewis store. "That's the kind of thing she'd do without being asked," Salwak said. "She had a servant's heart.

Lewis said Dill was in and out of hospitals in the past year before being diagnosed with neuropathy. Despite her pain, Dill frequently returned to Citrus to attend alumni events and help the Citrus Foundation. "She got to where she didn't want to come because she was embarrassed, she didn't want anyone to see her in a wheelchair," Lewis said. Even in the hospital, Dill tried to get a young man she met to attend Citrus. "Before she got home she told me, you know, 'I talked to a kid here and he wants to go to Citrus," Lewis said.

Lewis said she "never had a (6

# **Protecting Your Vision From Diabetes**

Diabetes kills more Americans each year than AIDS and breast cancer combined—and can cause serious problems throughout the body. According to the National Eye Institute, eye health, for example, can become critically compromised.

Around 30.3 million Americans, or 9.4 percent of the population, are living with diabetes, with about 1.5 million more being diagnosed every year. The longer someone has diabetes, the greater his or her chances are of developing diabetic retinopathy, or damage to the blood vessels in the retina. According to the National Eye Institute, between 40 and 45 percent of people diagnosed with diabetes have some degree of diabetic retinopathy.

While being overweight and leading a sedentary lifestyle are certainly linked to diabetes, social and environmental factors such as poverty, stress, and lack of safe housing and access to a healthy diet can also compromise your health and ultimately contribute to the development of type 2 diabetes. According to America's Health Insurance Plans, addressing these social determinants of health has become a top priority for Medicaid programs.

"We encourage our members with diabetes to have regular eye exams to rule out complications," said Dr. Andrea Gelzer, senior vice president of medical affairs at AmeriHealth Caritas, a national leader in Medicaid managed care and other health care solutions for those most in need. "We educate our members so they understand that living a healthy lifestyle, controlling their blood sugar and having regular eye exams can help save their vision."

Simple steps can help mitigate the effects of diabetes and may potentially delay complications from diabetic eye disease, including controlling your blood sugar and blood pressure, monitoring your cholesterol, seeing your doctor regularly, and having a dilated eye exam at least once per year—or more if recommended by your eye care professional.

AmeriHealth Caritas is part of the Independence Health Group in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and one of the nation's leaders in health care solutions for those most in need.

#### Learn More

For further information, visit www.amerihealthcaritas.com. (NAPSI)



# **Host Loses Rental Security Deposit Because of Guest Vandalism**

#### by Staff Writer

WEST COVINA - The VFW Post in West Covina had a Sweet 16 party rent their facility and all went well until some "lowlifes" decided to tag the men's bathroom, walls and windows. He (they) used a moniker that was reported. The host came in and wanted to pick up items left the night before after the rental. At that time, he was notified of the fact that he will lose all of his security deposit because of the damage.

VFW Commander Ogden made it clear that they will not get a refund and they will be billed for additional costs. The sizable deposit will be used to paint walls, replace stall panels and doors and clean up other graffiti the taggers are responsible for. The host invited this individual and that made the host responsible.

"The rental bathrooms were recently remodeled less than five months ago" stated Commander Ogden. "We have spent a lot of



A few of the areas where they trashed the VFW with the Graffiti. A sizable deposit was lost because of this and the host will be charged for all the repairs.

money into that remodel and we don't get crap like this here. People respect veterans, so I thought." Ogden went on to say that motorcycle clubs have events here and never had this kind of problem.

The host will be notified that they will no longer be able to rent the facility again. Also, the

VFW contacts other organizations in the area such as other VFWs, American Legions, Elk's Clubs of the issues with this client

"Overall, the people were great and it was a fantastic event, but if it brings in undesirables, then we don't need them here." stated Ogden.

# **Food Allergy Epidemic: An Escalating Problem**

Thirty-two million Americans are now living with food allergies, according to new data published by The Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open and Pediatrics. This equates to roughly one in 10 adults and one in 13 children (or about two in every classroom). What's more, over 50 percent of adults and 42 percent of children with food allergies have suffered a severe food allergy reaction such as potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis.

Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), the largest private funder of food allergy research in the world, recently commissioned a state-by-state report analyzing the rise in diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016. The results illustrate the gravity of this growing epidemic, with a 377 percent increase nationwide.

Advocates say that the increasing prevalence of food allergies demands action and escalates the need for new treatments and diagnostic tools that save lives and help alleviate the burden of this disease. To that end, FARE's "Contains: Courage" campaign is seeking to raise a historic amount of money for research and education efforts. To learn more, visit foodallergy.org.

Food allergies are at epidemic levels. However, new treatments and greater awareness promise to change the lives of millions of Americans. (StatePoint)

#### side men to gain and preserve liberty, from the American Revolution to today's Global War on Terror," says retired Army Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, president of the Women In Service For America Memorial Foundation. The Foundation aims to bridge the gap in the public's

The words "veteran,"

"hero" and "patriot" usually

evoke images of men. Many

people are not aware that some

3 million women are currently

serving or have served in the

U.S. Armed Forces beginning

with the American Revolution.

Their stories are largely un-

"Women have served along-

known

understanding of women's military service and encourages everyone to help in the following ways:

Learn Their History

Women's History Month, celebrated in March, is a great time to learn about trailblazing military women. Here are five you should know about:



#### • In 1782, Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man to become the first woman known to enlist as a soldier in the Continental Army. The only woman to earn a full military pension for service during the American Revolution, she served as an infantryman and was wounded in action.

**Honoring the Achievements** 

of Women in the Military

• Minnie Spotted-Wolf enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943, making her the first known Native American woman to do so. Skilled at breaking horses, she described Marine boot camp as "hard but not too hard."

• Capt. Sunita Williams, an astronaut who served 322 days as commander of the International Space Station, at one point held the record for the most cumulative hours of spacewalking. During her early Navy career, she flew helicopters in Operation Desert Shield.

• Overcoming childhood adversity, in 2010 Lt. La'Shanda Holmes became the first African-American female helicopter pilot in the history of the Coast Guard. She played a vital role in the Global War on Terror.

• During her three deploy-

Photo Source: Courtesy of Donna Par Women In Military Service For America Memorial (Women's Memorial) is the only memorial dedicated to honoring the 3 million women who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Preserving the details of their achievements, from clerk typist to fighter pilot, the Memorial aims to integrate military women into the public's image of courage. When visiting the nation's capital, consider adding this educational and inspiring institution to your itinerary. Share Your Story

Military women, past and present, can register their service with the Women's Memorial and become part of the world's largest register of U.S. servicewomen and women veterans, which now totals nearly 267,000 members. By sharing your story future generations will come to know the valuable contributions of America's military women. To register and learn more, visit womensmemorial.org/registernow.

At a time when the Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that women veterans are the fastest-growing veteran population, recognizing the colments to Afghanistan, Air lective service of women is



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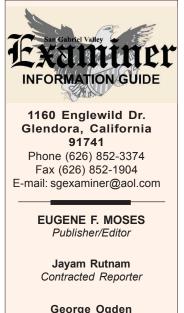
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# **Arcadia City Council Acts To Place** Local Funding Measure On The Ballot

City Council unanimously placed the Arcadia Public Safety, City Services and Accountability Measure on the June 2019 ballot to maintain public safety and other local services.

"City staff and the Citizen's Financial Advisory Committee have indicated we have a multimillion dollar structural deficit," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "As police and fire are 60% of the City's General Fund budget, we have acted to give Arcadia voters the option of generating more locally-controlled tax revenue to maintain public safety and other City services at current levels."

"With changes in state law allowing for the early release of prisoners and shortening sentences, Arcadia residents have expressed the importance of maintaining police protection and the number of Arcadia officers at current levels." said Arcadia Police Chief Robert Guthrie. "The City currently has five fewer police officers



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**ARCADIA** - The Arcadia than it did in 2008. Unless more revenue is generated, as many as 13 police officer positions could be cut, affecting police patrols and response times."

"Cleaning and maintaining City neighborhoods, streets, parks, and other public facilities is important to the community," said Public Works Services Director Tom Tait. "Maintaining the City's infrastructure is part of what makes the quality of life in Arcadia better than surrounding communities." Additionally, the City had previously indicated that without additional local funding, as many as ten firefighter/ paramedic positions and fire coverage in North Arcadia could be affected.

For more information about the Arcadia Public Safety, City Services and Accountability Measure, please contact the City Manager's Office at 574-5401.

# **New Born Found Dead Inside Trash Bin**

#### By George Ogden

AZUSA - On Thursday, March 7 around 3:45 p.m., the police were called to the 600 block of East 5th Street in Azusa where they found the baby in a trash bin.

Firefighters responded to the call of a "baby born, not breathing and in cardiac arrest." When they arrived, they found the baby and there was nothing they could do.

An autopsy is planned to see what the exact cause of death was.

The police officers found out who the mother was and she was transported to the hospital as well.

Other family members of the woman taken to the hospital are cooperating with the police and the investigation. The investigators are trying to piece together what events had taken place and why the baby ended up in the trash.

At the moment, no arrests have been made. The investigation continues.

#### **A**3 S.G.V. EXAMINER **County Supervisors Approve The Amended Policies And Grants** Administration Manual Of Measure A

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -The Los Angeles County Supervisors adopts the amended policies and Grants Administration Manual for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) administration of the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016 (Measure A).

The Board of Supervisors amendments, 1) identified the County Department of Parks and Recreation as the lead agency in the oversight, management, and updates of the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (PNA) with the support and cooperation of RPOSD; 2) following the Regional Recreation, Beaches, Rural Areas and Open Space Assessment targeted for completion in Fiscal Year 2020/2021, a unified, combined study will include both the PNA and Regional Assessments during Fiscal Year 2025 and thereafter; 3) ensured that the 30 percent Targeted Funds are designated for High and/or Very High Need

Study Areas projects and are County Parks and Recreation strictly located in such communities as specified and does not decrease from the 30 percent.

In the Board adoption of the 2016 PNA, Los Angeles County comprehensively quantified the need for parks and recreation resources in cities and unincorporated areas throughout the Los Angeles County. The PNA is an important foundational document that directly informed the development and approval of Measure A Expenditure Plan. In 2016, voters passed Measure A by 74.9%, to continue support and protect our local parks, beaches, open space, and natural local water resources in the County of Los Angeles. Measure A is an annual parcel tax, which taxes property within the County at a rate of 1.5 cents/square of development. Measure A generated approximately \$91.8 million of revenue in the first year.

"Today the Board of Supervisors protected the investment of our park-poor communities," said John Wicker, Los Angeles

Director. "I am proud of the work we have done collectively; it will contribute towards the future of our parks, beaches, open space, and natural water resources."

Since the approval of Measure A, the Board directed RPOSD to establish a steering committee to develop requirements and guidelines ensuring community outreach and engagement for every project. Each Board Office appointed 5 members from their Districts. The Steering Committee consists of approximately 46 members with expertise in parks, recreation, and open space; in addition, representatives from the Departments of Business and Consumer Affairs, Beaches and Harbors, CEO, Military and Veterans, Parks and Recreation, and Public Health are part of the group. The proceedings of the Steering Committee were sent to the Board in summer of 2018 and are root for the recommendations presented today, in the Board Letter, and Grants Administration Manual.

# **Holden's Dual Enrollment Legislation Passes Assembly Higher Education Committee**

SACRAMENTO - Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation, Assembly Bill 30, that ensures dual enrollment opportunities remain available to students, passed unanimously in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education today.

"With the rising cost of higher education that widens the achievement gap, we need to find more ways to make college more affordable and accessible," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Dual enrollment is a proven strategy that creates pathways to college and gives opportunities to students who might never have thought it would be possible to go to college."

Assembly Bill 30 would extend the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP), first established by Assemblymember Holden's legislation in 2015, past its current expiration at the end of 2021, and ensures dual enrollment opportunities remain available to students who are not already college bound or are underrepresented in higher education. The new legislation will also streamline the process for developing CCAP agreements between community college and K-

12 districts.

Dual and concurrent enrollment provides high school students access to college-level coursework. In some cases, students earn both high school and college credit for the same course depending on approval from local school and community college governing boards.

"Dual enrollment will increase the number of college graduates, reduce time and money spent for college, and help close the achievement gap," said Holden. "This bill is a win for students and their families."



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# **Community Safety**

AZUSA - Azusa Cares Seminars provide the community of Azusa with free high quality and culturally sensitive seminars on timely topic in an environment of care and mutual respect. Azusa Cares will highlight a community safety seminar on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 534 Alameda Avenue in Azusa.

The Community Safety seminar will feature Lieutenant Robert Landeros, Azusa Police Department; Eric Vasquez, Department of Mental Health; and a

spokesperson from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Victims of Crime

**Azusa Cares Seminar On** 

The Community Safety seminar will also feature a resource fair with representatives from . 1st District Los Angeles County Supervisor, Hilda Solis's office; Department of Mental Health; Department of Public Social Services; Workforce Development, Aging and Community Seniors and the Department of Health.

These seminars will educate and empower community members to form partnerships to identify and solve community issues before they become problematic.

This Community Safety Seminar is sponsored by 1st District Supervisor, Hilda Solis; Azusa Pacific University's Neighborhood Wellness Center; Community Counseling Center and Azusa Mayor. Joseph R. Rocha.

For more information, please contact Azusa Mayor, Joseph R. Rocha at 626-523-2506 or at jrocha@azusaca.gov

### **2018 Tax Forms at the Glendora Library**

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

The Library will receive IRS 1040 forms and a limited number of instruction booklets. Forms and instructions will be available in the Library's lobby as soon as they become available (usually late January or early February). Please contact the Li-

brary at (626) 852-4891 for tax forms can be printed at the availability prior to making a special trip to the Library. These and other IRS forms are available online at www.irs.gov.

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

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

The Library also has tax preparation computer software (TurboTax) for checkout. Please call the Library to check availability or to reserve your copy.

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

# **Talk About the Homeless Issue**

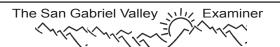
GLENDORA - Homelessness has become the biggest health and economic issue facing California and the East San Gabriel Valley. 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Homeless Policy Deputy, Dana Vanderford, will be joining the 48th Assembly District Republicans at the Peppertree Restaurant, 10:00

a.m., Saturday, March 16th to talk homeless issue. How much monabout this issue.

Did you know ... 2010 to 2017, the number of homeless people in L.A. County jumped from 38,700 to 55,000, an increase of 42%. Who are the homeless and why? In March 2017, a quarter cent sales tax increase passed to address the

ey are we talking about and how does this solve the problem?

Join us to ask questions about the problem and find out what's being done to solve the problem. Buffet breakfast, all you can eat is \$12. Reservations required and emailed to lmshade1043@gmail.com.



### IMENTA

### **Election Integrity Project Makes Its Case**

The Election Integrity Project California (EIPCa) is a tax exempt, non-profit, non-partisan group of concerned citizens and they have been documenting problems in this state's election system for years with the intent of achieving the restoration of a fair, honest election process.

EIPCa has concerns with the current system and some proposed additions to the elections code in California and now a move to take this system and make it a federal mandate for all state elections.

Known as "Top-two" in 2010 and titled Prop 14 was approved by the voters. This proposition provided all candidates are listed on the primary ballot and the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, are placed on the general election ballot. We've had a series of same party candidates listed in many of the campaigns with those opposed to this process charging the electorate is being deprived of choice and this has impacted voter turn-out. Attitude becomes why go vote - if the same party is on the ballot, we will get the same platform, same direction matter which one of the top two wins.

EIPCa has problems with automatic voter registration created by new Sacramento laws allowing all those who show up to Department of Motor Vehicles for a new driver's license or renewal are automatically registered to vote, even non-citizens. Known as Motor-Voter law, L.A. Times reported more than 23,000 Californians were registered incorrectly. Numbers bounced around for a while with 1,600 estimated not eligible to vote. Another 589 people, filed before the deadline, but the forms were never transmitted.

September 28, 2016, San Francisco CBS reported Assemblywoman Shirley Weber (D-San Diego) had her bill, AB 2466, signed by former Gov. Jerry Brown that restored the rights of criminals who were /are not currently in state or federal prison, or on parole, the ability to vote. The concern: In 2011 when prison over-crowding shifted many of the state's felons to county-



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

run jails, and additional laws passed turned felonies into misdemeanors, there were estimates of 50,000 new voters, and some from jail cells. California's constitution denies the right to vote to anyone in prison or on parole.

Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) in a statement, told San Francisco CBS "...she fears it will impact the integrity of elections. Close elections, especially at the local level, could now turn on a handful of ballots cast by people in jail,"

Ballot Harvesting: Anew political term for a practice in which a political party, with organized volunteers, collects absentee ballots from voters and drops them off at polling places or registrar's sites. In Orange County, it was reported Democrat volunteers were dropping off 100 to 200 ballots at a time with approximately 250,000 estimated total ballots.

Former Gov. Brown signed AB 1921 in September 2016 that changed the requirement of a family member to return absentee ballots to the polls or registrar's office and allowed anyone to pick up an absentee ballot from anyone and turn the ballot in. It amazes many that election integrity has been swapped out for a game of who can collect the most ballots at any given election. I am still having a hard time believing that anyone would turn over a ballot to someone they didn't know and trust them to turn that ballot in.

A long standing issue in California with many and the Election Integrity Project is voter I.D. As states enforced or were scheduling enforcement of voter identification requirements. Of the thirty-five states, seventeen require photo identification. California still will not pass that piece of legislation. When I go to the polls, I am asked to show my mailed out voter pamphlet. It is the best effort to get a form of verification, I've been around my area a while so invariably I see someone I know who knows me. The best way to deal with ensuring honest fair elections is I.D. with a picture.

More election revisions on the horizon. Assemblyman Evan Low (D-San Jose) wants to change the voting age from eighteen to seventeen years old. His reason: Twenty-three states now allow seventeen year-olds to vote in primary elections if they will be eighteen on the day of the general election. ACA 8 will need a two-thirds vote in the Assembly and Senate and be approved by a vote of the people. When Low put forward this bill last year, it failed by eight votes.

The good news: Judicial Watch has sued and reached agreement with the State of California and County of Los Angeles requiring the process of removing as many as 1.5 million inactive registered names, some of which may be invalid, The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires removal of names after two federal elections in which they have not voted. Usually, those inactive voters have passed away or moved away

Speaker Nancy Pelosi has introduced HR 1called ... "anticorruption and pro-democracy reform bill" to overhaul and update voting rights, campaign finance and ethics laws touted in some news articles as the gateway to Democrat's "For the People" Agenda. Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell commented, ""What it really seems to be is a package of urgent measures to rewrite the rules of American politics for the exclusive benefit of the Democratic Party." And others have said it is a remodel the election process Democrats created in California.

**From Memory To Imagination** I retired at 65 following a nineteen-year pastorate at a marvelous Missouri church. Following a semester as a guest lecturer at a Kentucky seminary, my wife and I went to Australia where I taught for five years at a unit of the Melbourne College of Divinity. I retired again in 2001, and have been living in a California retirement community with three hundred other persons whose lives have been committed to

peace and justice. Once a month

the dozen or so residents of our

apartment building gather to bring

each other up to speed on recent

personal happenings. Being of

similar advanced years, one of

the common conditions has to do

One of our number has begun

to take careful notes, and when

asked why, said that she seems to

be approaching the age when

memory might give way to

imagination. We all understood

her point. A common experience

in a fading memory is the loss of

an ability to recall names. So you

might hear a conversation that

her-name's broken arm?"

"No, who is that?"

but she has white hair.

you know where she lives?'

"Did you hear about what's-

"I don't remember her name,

"But we all have white hair! Do

"I think It's on whats-it's-

name street which is just a block

with our memories.

goes like this:

Charles H. Bayer

The conversation goes on like that until somebody interrupts it by coming up with the forgotten name that we then all then remember-for a while.

Politicians and preachers are among those who tend to let memory fade and be replaced by imagination. So the President can let the facts concerning the actual size of his inauguration crowd give way to his imagination, despite what the official photographs say. My guess is if I ever had an inauguration I would too.

But then never rely on a preacher to estimate the size of the Sunday crowd.

(Imagination) "I think it was about four hundred."

(Fact) The actual count was ninety-seven.

I wonder if Billy whats-hisname ever let his imagination overcome the facts when estimating the number of converts in his crusades?

So perhaps our neighbor who decided to write everything down before facts dissolved and imagination took over, was on to something.

While gradual memory loss in not a humorous phenomenon, in my late 80s it is slowly becoming both frustrating and inconvenient. However, once memory begins to fade, the chances are that it will get progressively weaker. The other day I was visiting a clergy colleague with whom I have worked for sixty years. He is now blind, could not recognize my voice and could not remember who I was until I began to describe some of the things we had done together. At that point we were able to have a rich conversation, mainly about the good old days.

Memory loss is not a fault, and any attempt to make someone feel guilty because he/she cannot recall a name, borders on cruelty. As in the case of so many issues we the elderly face, patience and kindness-not guilt inducing ridicule defines the only acceptable path. For now I may be short of being able to recall names, and like many of us we may be on the irreversible path from fact to imagination. But given the state of today's world, imagination may be a sweeter option.

Thanks goes to Louilyn for coming up with the phrase.

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# **"TIME JOCKEY" – Short Roses**

#### By Joe Castillo

north of here."

Wrigley .... In 1914, the chewing gum magnate and multimillionaire, William Wrigley Jr. purchased a mansion on Orange Grove Boulevard in Pasadena. Wrigley was 54 years old at the time and was seeking to address his health concerns by relocating to warmer climate along the West Coast away from the cold winters of Chicago. Wrigley and his wife Ada, along with their two children Phillip Knight Wrigley and Dorothy Wrigley, would enjoy their winter in their new comfortable home. Today, the Wrigley home, is the present offices of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, home of the

designer Isabela Coleman. The three-foot high, exquisitely crafted silver trophy went missing in 1926 while on display at an exhibit. For the next 62 years, no one knew its whereabouts but in 1996, it was located at an auction near San Francisco. The trophy was purchased and was returned to the Tournament of Roses house where it permanently remains on display....

Game Winner.... The winner of the Rose Bowl game also receives a trophy from the Tournament of Roses organization. After the first game trophy reached its recognition capacity, a second trophy was designed. Pasadena Arts School was commissioned to create and design a new trophy and returned with an entry which included a gold football mounted on a marble base with two silver goal posts framing the football. The trophy was used from 1989 to 2004 until a new trophy was designed. The old trophy now resides in the Tourna-

ment of Roses house, along with other Rose Bowl memorabilia....

*Now in Use*.... Currently, the winner of Rose Bowl game receives the Leishman Trophy, named after William L. Leishman and his son Lathrop K. Leishman, William was the 1920 President of the Tournament of Roses and was the person most responsible for the construction of the Rose Bowl stadium. Lathrop was the 1939 President of the TOR, who was responsible for turning the Rose Bowl game into the "The Granddaddy of them all". The designer of the current trophy is Tiffany and Co., which includes a 21-inch full sterling silver football requiring 3 months to complete by the New Years' Day game... Joe Castillo is a freelance historical writer who has been covering Southern California history for 10 years and has written 4 books on the topic. He reached can be at joeacastillo@aol.com.

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Facebook event for exciting up-

dates and to easily invite your

friends and family to join in on

the fun. You won't want to miss

the genuine local experience that

this festival has to offer.

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# **Club to Keep Colors**

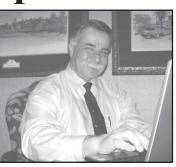
The Mongols motorcycle club has had some serious issues over the years. Over the last couple of decades, they came from bad to worse. Although there is an effort to clean-up their act, it seems that some members may be over zealous with some of their questionable activities.

They are considered an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. This draws various law enforcement agencies to them as if they were a magnet for cops. Law enforcement from the local level to the Feds consider the members bad news and for the most part, nothing more than criminals. Granted, there are a number of members that get involved in unlawful activities, it isn't true about all members.

The main goal for all bikers whether or not you ride with a club or with friends is to just get in the wind and ride and then party. One rule is, don't mess with the citizens because it will draw the "man" (cops).

The Hells Angels and the Mongols certainly don't get along with each other. This came to light in Laughlin at Harrah's casino during the annual River Run motorcycle event back in April of 2002 when the two clubs got into a major brawl with stabbings and shootings that left members from both club's dead and injured. There were a number of arrests on both sides.

**Upcoming Event?** Let us know at SGExaminer@aol.com



#### George Ogden That's just the way it is!

After that, the River Run became compromised and it tapered off dramatically. All the other clubs and bikers also were affected as well and the future of the event was never going to be the same. It got ruined for everyone.

The Mongols then proceeded to try and increase their numbers by allowing street gang members to join. This didn't go well for them either as these gang members were committing crimes while wearing the logos of the Mongols. More negative press for the club. Then came the major federal bust with a number of arrests and the confiscation of member's motorcycles ... even if those members were not arrested. It took years for the members to get their bikes back.

There have been random shootings over the years involving Mongols. A recent one on the I-10 Freeway when a citizen on a bike who was riding together with a friend on another bike was shot in Baldwin Park by, what they said, one of a number of Mongols who surrounded them. This is another setback for them.

Federal prosecutors two months ago persuaded a Santa Ana jury to find the Southern

California-based club guilty of racketeering. The jurors agreed as well that the government should seize the Mongols' patches and trademarks. The Mongols appealed this decision. A federal judge has rejected the U.S. government's unprecedented effort to gain control of the Mongols name and trademark that are the vests worn by the notorious motorcycle club, ruling that seizing the outlaw organization's trademarks would be unconstitutional. Judge Carter upheld the racketeering conviction and tentatively agreed that the government can keep seized guns and ammunition from the Mongols. But he ruled that efforts to take control of the Mongols' insignia and patches violates the First Amendment's freedom of speech and association protections and the Eighth Amendment's protection against excessive fines. He kept in place the racketeering conviction(s).

However, although the Mongols can keep their colors, the Feds are planning to appeal the Carter decision. This doesn't clear the Mongols from flying their colors in "no fly zones" some cities have. Flying their colors would most likely be probable cause for the police to pull over the bikers because the "club" is guilty of racketeering. The feds will continue to move on the RICO laws.

In my opinion, they should keep their colors. This way if they do something good, we know who they are. If they do something bad, we know who they are.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Rose Parade and Rose Bowl operations and management....

*Sweepstakes* ... Every parade presents a series of awards to its participants. The Rose Parade is no exception with the Sweepstakes Trophy presented to the best entry in the parade. From 1914-1916, the Sweepstakes Trophy was presented to float

### The knot too shabby BAZAAR: A Vintage, **Repurposed, Handmade Festival**

GLENDORA - The knot too shabby BAZAAR is a spring festival held on April 6 on the corner lot of Glendora Ave. and Bennett Ave. in the quaint Glendora Village. In addition to free admission, furniture painting workshops, a furniture makeover competition, and giveaways, the celebration boasts dozens of high quality artisans from all over Southern California.

The event invites a variety of vendors from local communities who create beautiful handmade goods from home décor to fashion accessories. "We celebrate the originality and uniqueness of what the local handmade community has to offer," owner Michele Rivard remarks. "In an economy where vintage design and 'found' objects have become mass-produced by our favorite big box stores and celebrity designers, supporting those who still value the authenticity of true antiques and handmade items is even more important to us." The highlights include a vast array of refinished furniture from traditional whites to bold colors. Rustic art created from salvaged materials, retroinspired jewelry, and antique

housewares are just a few of the unique items.

A limited number of vintage & furniture vendor spaces are available for the spring marketplace. Please visit the knot too shabby website to apply.

Admission is free, but shop-

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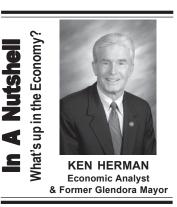
# Is the Market "Overbought"?

I hate to be a "party pooper", but I believe the stock market most likely is becoming "overbought". According to Bespoke Investment Group (one of the firms I follow), 70.8% of the stocks in the S&P 500 are now "overbought", which is the highest level since March of 2016. A 70% "overbought" threshold has only happened eight times in the past decade (according to Bespoke). However, the S&P 500 has historically kept rising by an average of 5.6% for the three months after becoming "overbought". So, the good news is that, based on historical parallels, the S&P 500 may continue to move higher for a while longer, but probably at a slower pace.

Essentially the stock market may be entering a "funnel," which I expect to become progressively narrower, with fewer stocks showing leadership. First-quarter 2019 S&P 500 earnings increases are expected to "hit a wall" due to more difficult yearover-year comparisons. Furthermore, due to a strong U.S. dollar, multinational stocks (that account for about 50% of the S&P 500's sales) are fighting a strong currency headwind.

As a result, companies that do post strong sales and earnings momentum (in a slower earnings growth environment) can be expected to continue to exhibit relative strength and emerge (or remain) as market leaders.

The Dow Jones Industrials finally surpassed 26,000 again, but has since corrected after rising for nine straight weeks - the longest weekly winning streak since 1995. On an intra-day basis, that venerable index is still up a tantalizing 17.2% - from 21,712.53 December 26 to 25,450.24 on Friday, March 8. Along the way, we enjoyed the best January in 32 years, and February has defied its historic tendency of being a "letdown" month by rising 4.13% through March 1st. NASDAO is up 21.6% since Christmas, and the small-cap Russell 2000 was up a phenomenal 25.5%. But you wouldn't know any of this by



watching the nightly "main street media" news programs.

MRC Business searched Nexis for all ABC, CBS, and NBC transcripts mentioning stocks, stock market, or the Dow between December 1, 2018 and February 15, 2019. They monitored broadcasts of ABC World News Tonight with David Muir, CBS Evening News, and NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt to determine the nature of all their stock coverage. Each news report was categorized as positive if it was about a rising market or negative if it was about the market falling. Result? Negative coverage on those main street media channels won by a ratio of 4-to-1.

For example: On December 4, the market decline was highlighted by these negative Nightly News and Evening News broadcasts. One of the on-screen headlines screamed: BREAKING NEWS: MARKET PLUNGE, with a prominent photo of President Trump next to a declining stock chart. Three days later, on Friday, December 7, all three networks broadly covered another decline, which CBS called the "worst start to December since 2008."

Good news didn't merit hardly any coverage by these networks. After the Dow enjoyed its best January since 1987, there was not any main street network coverage of that positive accomplishment. Two weeks later, on February 15, when the Dow rallied over 400 points and completed eight straight rising weeks, not one of the "main street media" evening news shows mentioned either fact. Fortunately, many viewers had learned the hard way to watch Fox Business or Fox News for more truthful updates.

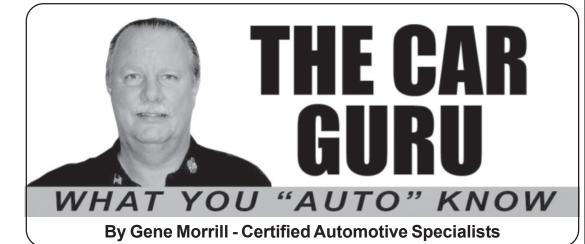
What excuse can "main street networks" have for these omissions? Maybe good news is boring and bad news is energizing? Fear apparently generates an adrenalin rush that keeps eyeballs glued to the TV. MRC noted that negative headlines about a "nosedive," "meltdown," or "worst Christmas Eve ever" dominated the December shows, while January's rapid recovery was almost totally ignored (except by the Fox cable networks). There was no great interest in "spectacular rebounds," as dramatic as those words may seem (at least not on CBS, ABC and NBC).

There is also the obvious political angle. Presidents get undue credit or blame for the stock market under their watch. A strong market in President Trump's first year surprised and upset some "so called journalists" who consciously or unconsciously wanted to undermine his presidency. When the market finally declined in late 2018, they reported the "cataclysm" with great zeal and energy. However, January's return to the market's long-term upward bias (under Trump) found the three main TV networks suddenly mute on the markets.

Thanks to President Trump (and his tax cuts and policy moves) this bull market should soon represent the longest economic expansion in American history. The previous record of 10 years (1991-2001) could be eclipsed, assuming we're still growing in July 2019. Most indicators point to positive growth through 2019. This accomplishment should call for a celebration! However, do not expect to hear about this great news if you only listen to the fake news networks or the kleptocrats!

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Your Money - Ask Julia

By our calculations, we're not going to have enough money in our retirement savings for us to have the lifestyle we were dreaming about. What do we do now?

Make a new plan. This will take looking at what you've still got, looking at what options you have available, making a plan, and putting that plan into action. You've taken a big step in just realizing that you've got to make the best of what you have, that bad things don't last forever, and that you need to make adjustments. Many financial professionals do not charge for their consultation. A good one will ask a lot of questions in gathering the detailed facts about your current savings, as well as about what you want your money to do for you. He/ she will let you know if you are already doing a good job of retirement planning on your own, explain your options, and tell you, openly and bluntly, what changes (some might be uncomfortable) that you need to strongly consider.

The taxes I have to pay on the interest earned on my CDs nearly wipes out those earnings! When would I have to pay taxes if I put my money into an annuity?

Money in an annuity grows tax-deferred. You don't have to pay taxes on the growth until you start taking distributions or withdraw funds. This is important. While your money is sitting in an annuity, the amount you put in,



#### Julia Yoder

plus the interest it is earning, is compound growing rather than being spent to pay taxes.

How can I withdraw money from my Roth IRA?

Qualified distributions, after the initial 5-year waiting period, include: after the taxpayer reaches age 59 ½, or in the event of a taxpayer's death, or because the taxpayer becomes disabled, or to pay for 'qualified first-time home-buyer expenses (limited to \$10,000 for purchasing, building, or rebuilding a 'first' home of the taxpayer, spouse, or any descendent or ancestor of the taxpayer or spouse.)

Are FHA low-downpayment mortgage loans risky?

FHA has set minimum guidelines that all lenders must obey. These guidelines have been established to help insure that there is not another 'crash' blamed on 'bad loans.' Often, independent mortgage brokers, partnered with several wholesale lenders, can offer many more choices of mortgage loans while staying with

the government guidelines. Banks and Credit Unions are retail lenders with very limited choices.

With interest rates still low, would this be a good time to take some of the equity from our home and invest in some rental properties?

Although not all-inclusive, here are some things to think about before making this decision. Cost: mortgages, taxes, insurance, upkeep, repairs, vacancies. Do you plan to be the landlords, or hire a property manager? Emergencies: liquid (easily accessible) funds, life insurance to cover expenses and/or pay off debts with the loss of income of one of you due to illness or death. Exit plan: How many years do you plan to hold these properties? Will you hold these properties in the name of a trust? Will you be utilizing 'exchanges'? Learn about your options: What other places could you invest to potentially reach your financial goals?

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# Looking For Debt-Free College? No Need To Wait For A National Election.

Millennials currently hold more than a trillion dollars in student debt. It's hardly surprising that "tuition-free," "debt-free" and "free college for all" are just a few of the college affordability plans being touted by presidential hopefuls in the 2020 election.

With national student loan debt at roughly \$1.5 trillion, it is not surprising that students and their families are desperate for college funding solutions that will not mean borrowing tens of thousands of dollars risking loan



By Dr. Edward C. Ortell Citrus College Governing Board Member

executive director of Student Debt Crisis, an advocacy organization, "free college" will help curb future college costs and future student debt, but it will do nothing to help the 45 million people who are dealing with debt now.

But why head down the precarious path of student loans if it isn't absolutely necessary? Cost reduction strategies offered by community colleges, including Dual Enrollment and College Promise Programs can save students and taxpayers thousands of

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# I Want To Be Green!

Even if you don't own the newest car on the block it can be greener! With a little tender loving care, it can give you a lot more miles and it will make it environmentally friendly...and save you money. Improving the environment and your bank account at the same time is a winwin situation!

At Certified Auto Specialists, we know exactly what is needed. Our techs check out your car's battery, charging and starting systems; engine mechanical; powertrain control, onboard diagnostic check; fuel; ignition; and emissions systems. This alone can improve gas mileage by four percent! The oxygen sensor can be checked too, just to be safe. That

can improve gas mileage up to 40%!

Our technicians also look at your vehicle's filters as a clogged filter can bring down fuel efficiency by as much as 10%...that's 15 cents a gallon! Spark plugs need checking too so they are firing properly. Misfiring wastes fuel!

The cooling system can also cause a car to boil over if it isn't in top form. This can leave you sitting on the side of the road with steam coming out from under the hood. This is bad at any time, but worse during peak driving hours when you can be the cause of a traffic jam! And you know what else...you guessed

it...it wastes fuel and raises emissions.

Last but not least, our techs look at the tires. If they are overinflated it makes your vehicle less fuel efficient...if they are under-inflated...same scenario. Tires need to be just right!

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default and potentially limiting their ability to purchase a home or qualify for certain jobs in the future.

Student loans are one of the only debts that cannot be discharged in bankruptcy.

California's community colleges offer students an excellent alternative to borrowing to pay for their college education. California residents attending a community college currently pay about \$1,300 in fees annually-a fraction of the cost of UC and CSU. Financial aid can cut costs even further, and students can also save by living at home and accessing public transportation.

After successfully completing the first two years of a community college, students can apply to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree. Studies have shown that transfer students obtain GPAs equal to or better than

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students entering state universities as freshmen. dollars while reducing the need for loans that often take decades

In addition to offering high quality education, California community colleges educate 80 percent of the state's law enforcement, professionals, firefighters and EMTs and 70 percent of its nurses. In addition, studies show that students who earn a degree or certificate from a California community college nearly double their earnings within three years.

According to Natalia Abrams,

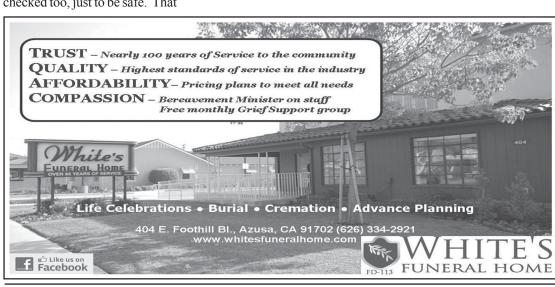
# Library Hosts Talk On Anita Baldwin — Unconventional Woman

to repay.

ARCADIA – The Arcadia <sup>4</sup> Public Library and the Arcadia Historical Society present a special program on Anita Baldwin, the only daughter of

"Lucky Baldwin" and his third wife, Jane Virginia Dexter. Anita Baldwin was a composer, philanthropist, patriot, horsewoman, mother, seamstress, poet, author, and animal advocate—she was truly a Renaissance woman. Learn about her fascinating history, talents and contributions to society at the Arcadia Public Library, Saturday, **March 16**, from 2 to 3:30 pm. There will be light refreshments and a musical interlude.

For more information, please call 626.821.5569, 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.



# ALLEY/SENIOR

# **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

Wanted: Men and Women who want to lose weight. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit group that encourages men and women to lose weighy. TOPS is a hands on, Pounds Off approach to weight loss. No Quick Fixes, just helpful information you need to reach your weight loss goal. We offer the latest nutrition, fitness and medical information. We also have information on on the latest Diabetes resoaurces. Motivational stories from successful TOPS members. Our meetings are every Thursday at 9:30am to 11:00am at Azusa Memorial Park at 320 N Orange. For more information please call 626-967-8829

#### ARCADIA **Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting**

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our March 21 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Tim Culbertson, his program Encylias of Mexico. Encylia orchids are often very fragrant with long lasting flowers. Refreshments. All are welcome!

#### **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.

#### Celebration

Start your "Luck of the Irish" on Thursday, March 14 starting at 9:00 am with a breakfast of green Irish pancakes & Irish coffee for \$2. Bring your St. Patrick's Day decorations to compete in the table decoration contest. And don't forget to dress for St. Patrick's Day, the best dressed wins a prize. Come and enjoy an Irish Dance. Visit the website at www.baldwinpark.com or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323 **Pharmacy Technician** Course

The Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education (BPACE) offers a course in Pharmacy Technician. Both morning and evening courses are offered. The next quarter begins on March 18, 2019.

For more information regarding this course or other Career Technical Education courses at BPACE, call (626) 939-4456. **Birthday Celebration** 

Join the Julia McNeill Senior Center monthly Birthday Celebration on the third Wednesday of the month (March 20) from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm. Dance to the music of DJ Sonic Boom as active adults celebrate their birthday. Have some cake and lots of music, as well as door prizes for your celebration! \$1 door admission. For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

#### Tanaka Farms **Strawberry Tour**

Join us on Thursday, March **21**, from 8:30 am -3:30 pm as we take a one hour long wagon ride around the Tanaka Farms. Learn about the farming methods and history of our farm from your friendly tour guide. You will see how fruits and vegetables grow! Throughout the tour, you will sample several seasonal fruits and vegetables. The last stop on this tour is in the strawberry patch where you can pick and eat strawberries! Everyone will take home a one pound basket of strawberries! We will also be stopping by the Irvine Spectrum Center, an outdoor shopping center with over 130 stores and 35 restaurants for shopping and dining. Meals not included. Limited Tickets! Tickets are \$20 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. For more information, please visit the Julia Mc-Neill Senior Center or call (626)

Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

#### **Indoor Chair Beach** Volleyball

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

#### DUARTE **Duarte Museum Needs Docents**

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 inches 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.

you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513

contact Abby Nuyda at

909.621.9900, Extension 228.

**Pressure Screenings** 

The Department of Commu-

nity Services invites active adults

and seniors, 50 years and older,

to attend a monthly blood pres-

sure screening. The free program

is hosted by Methodist Hospital.

The program is designed to de-

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Tuesday of the month from 9:15

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If you have an interest in knit-

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Crafters is a social group that

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designed to foster friendships and

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The group always welcomes new

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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 Com-

Stretching is essential for our

bodies. The Department of Com-

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to join our weekly senior

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Senior Stretch &

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#### **GLENDORA Benefit For The Glendora Museum**

GLENDORA - Come together and celebrate Glendora's rich history! Join us for an evening of history, music, cocktails, and dinner. Help to preserve the collections of our region. Your support will aid the Society to continue its stewardship of our history. The museum is one of the city's landmark structures and provides a valuable community and educational resource. A Night At The Museum will be on Saturday, **April 13**, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Glendora City Museum, 314 N Glendora Ave, Glendora. Tickets are available at wwwaNightaTheMusaumGHSeventbritecom **Glendora** After **Stroke Center** 

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers relearning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

#### **Cars 4 the Community**

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds. This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

#### **Instructors Needed At** The La Fetra Center

and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the The City of Glendora's La Fe-Department of Community SerToastmasters 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 fixedroute 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 Holidays.

#### 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.

#### 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**

#### 813-5245, Ext. 323 **McNeill Fitness** Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/ walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am - 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia Mc-Neill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

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St. Patrick's Day

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#### **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

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

#### <u>LA VERNE</u> Get About Transportation

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

To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information,

# **Looking For Volunteer Opportunities**?

GLENDORA - Students! Do you need volunteer hours, but aren't sure where to look? Do you want to give back to the community, but don't know what organization you might want to volunteer with?

If so, the Glendora Public Library is the place to be on Saturday, March 16th, from 10 AM - 12 PM! Be sure to drop in to the Library's Friends Room during this time to meet

with groups and organizations that have volunteer openings for students your age. No registration is necessary.

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

vices at (626) 256-8246.

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

#### SAN DIMAS San Dimas

**Toastmasters** Club

The San Dimas chapter of

# **Glendora Genealogy Group Meeting**

dora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, March 26 at La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Pat Chavarria leads a refresher class on genealogy at 6:00 pm. The business meeting is at 7:00 pm, followed by Gena Philibert-Ortega speaking on "Love,

GLENDORA - The Glen- Marriage, Mistresses and Divorce: Researching Relationships". Ms. Ortega is an author, researcher and instructor on genealogy and social and women's history. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

# **Game of Thrones Trivia** Night

GLENDORA - Are you excited about the last season of Game of Thrones? Have you been waiting to break out your Jon Snow costume? Do you know NOTH-ING? Well, then join us at the Glendora Public Library with the Geeks Who Drink Trivia Company for a special Game of Thrones trivia night!

Please join us on Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM for a night of Game of Thrones trivia, a costume contest, GoT inspired snacks and more! This event is free, but reservations are required! Please call (626) 852-4891 to secure your spot! Please note that this event is for those 18 and over and alcohol will not be served.

The Glendora Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Ave. For more information on this and other library programs, please call (626) 852-4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org

The San Gabriel Valley

# **A Celebration of Life**

Joyce Marilyn Dill, age 86, passed away at her home in San Dimas, surrounded by her family on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. She was born on May 8, 1932 in Custer, Oklahoma to Albert and Clara McClendon. Joyce attended Wilson Grammar School and Citrus Union High School. After graduation, she continued her education at Citrus Junior College. On March 2, 1953, she married Bill Leon Dill. Together, they had two sons. Joyce and Bill enjoyed going to Laughlin, San Manuel, Newport Beach, Carlsbad, and spending time with family and friends. Joyce worked at Citrus College for over 40 years. Her dedication and passion to the school was evident in her continued involvement at Citrus. Joyce considered Citrus College her home away from home. Some of her favorite times out and about were with all her family and friends. Her devotion to others is obvious in the many lives she has touched. She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Bill; sons Doug and Darren; brothers Max and the late Marvin; and extended loving family with many grandchildren and the "famous" Davis twins. The celebration of life event will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 2:00 at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palo Pinto Ave. Glendora, 91740. In lieu of flowers please support to The Joyce McClendon Dill Memorial Scholarship at Citrus College- https:// 14682.thankyou4caring.org/donatenow

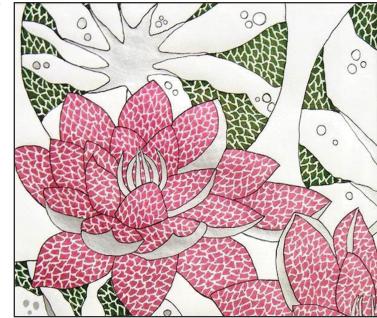


Joyce Marilyn Dill May 8, 1932 - February 20, 2019

# "Colors of India" Artwork at Arcadia Gilb Museum

ARCADIA - The artwork of Kruti Shah is the featured exhibit at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. Offering "A Glimpse into the Colors of India," Shah's paintings feature traditional designs and beautiful, vivid colors. The exhibit will run until May 25.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the Gilb Museum's webpage https:// www.arcadiaca.gov/government/ city-departments/museum. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4 pm.







# **Duarte Woman's Club Announces Woman Of The Year At 70th Anniversary Dinner**

DUARTE - 70th Anniversary celebration, special guests, catered dinner, election of 2019-2020 officers and a rip roaring skit announcing this year's Duarte Woman of the Year - it was a special night for the Duarte Woman's Club on March 7 at the Duarte Community Center!

Special guests were Rita Aleman, SGV District President, and Anna Dinter, Area B Vice President. They congratulated the DWC for its many vears of service to Duarte and the San Gabriel Valley. Club projects include aiding the City in community events, supporting the Senior Center, awarding scholarships to local students, supporting the Friends of the Duarte Library, veterans, Foothill Unity, the Duarte Museum and the Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

The evening's highlight was a skit which featured a number of costumed "saints" marching in with hints about the recipient, all organized by St. Patrick (Karleen Daugherty). In the end the Woman of the Year (WOTY) was announced that the recipient of the Club's most coveted award is Pat Sleeter.

Pat moved to Duarte in 1961 where she raised her family. She joined DWC in 2011 and has been an active member every year since then. She worked as a registered nurse at both Santa Teresita Hospital and the City of Hope, sometimes both hospitals at the same time. Surprised by the honor, she was even more shocked when her extended family came into the room to congratulate her. They described her as a woman



Pat Sleeter, DWC Woman of the Year, 2019-2020.

who spent her life caring for Shiroma, Financial Secretary others.

Daugherty, the past WOTY, presented her with flowers and the traditional WOTY silver bracelet.

The celebration honored past officers and past WOTYs and the new slate of officers was announced: Carolina Flores-Helizon, President; Kathy Delker, First Vice President; Mairead Greenwell, Second Vice President; Ann Valleroy, Third Vice President; Karleen Daugherty, Recording Secretary; Marion Stone, Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Toon, Treasurer; Ruby

Treasurer; Jean Glass, Membership Director; and Elizabeth Bitow, Parliamentarian.

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The anniversary dinner was catered by Janet's Mediterranean

The Club was organized on March 25, 1949, federated with State (CFWC) in 1956 and incorporated in 1966. It is open to women over the age of 18. Anyone interested in learning more about the club is invited to a Tea which will be held on March 24 at the Duarte Historical Museum. For details call Jean Glass at (626) 358-3718.

### **APU Theater Department** closes the season with Andrew Lippa's musical The Addams Family

AZUSA - Azusa Pacific Krinke, Professor Emeritus from Fullerton College. With hundreds of musicals to his directing credits, Gary is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in 2002. The production is choreographed by Ray Limon whose professional credits include working with such stage legends as John Raitt, Carol Channing, Liza Minelli and Debbie Reynolds. He has directed and choreographed hundreds of musical productions throughout Southern California and is the recipient of numerous awards, including San Diego Critics Circle Awards and Bravo Awards. Music direction is by APU graduate Jennifer Wilcove. The production will be performed in the Warehouse Theater. The facility is located on the West Campus in the Mary Hill Center. Free parking is available in Lot F. Addams Family is recommended for ages 10 and up. The plays and musicals are produced through a program of rigorous training. The Department of Theater Arts prepares outstanding, innovative, and influential artists in an evergrowing and multi-faceted performing arts profession. APU's BFA in Acting for the Stage and Screen was named one of the top 25 schools in the nation for 2018-19 by OnStage Blog. THE ADDAMS FAMILY will be presented on the West Campus of Azusa Pacific University, April 4- 14 with performances on Thu, Fri and Sat at 7:30 PM plus matinees at 2PM on Sat and Sun on April 6, 13 & 14. Tickets are \$20 and \$17 for Seniors, APU Students and Alumni. To purchase tickets, visit apu.edu/theater or call 626/815-5494.

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### **An IRS Incentive To Save For Retirement**



The Saver's Credit—an overlooked tax credit made available by the IRS to eligible taxpayers—could make saving for retirement more affordable than many people realize.

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To be eligible, the maximum Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for single filers is \$31,500 in 2018 and \$32,000 in 2019. For the head of a household, the AGI maximum is \$47,250 in 2018 and \$48,000 in 2019. For those who are married and file a joint return, the AGI maximum is \$63,000 in 2018 and \$64,000 in 2019.

You must be 18 years or older by January 1 and cannot be a fulltime student or be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

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vear 2018. 3. File Your Tax Return and Claim the Credit

contribution to an IRA for tax

When you prepare your federal tax returns, you can claim your Saver's Credit by subtracting this tax credit from your federal income taxes owed.

Workers who are eligible to claim the Saver's Credit are also eligible to take advantage of the IRS Free File program for taxpayers with an AGI of \$66,000 or less. Twelve commercial software companies make their tax preparation software available through the Free File program at www.irs.gov/FreeFile.

• If you are using tax preparation software, use Form 1040 or Form 1040NR. If your software has an interview process, be sure to answer questions about the Saver's Credit, also referred to as the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit and/or Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions.

• If you are preparing your tax returns manually, complete Form 8880, the Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions, to determine your exact credit rate and amount. Then transfer the amount to Schedule 3 (Form 1040) or Form 1040NR.

• If you are using a professional tax preparer, be sure to ask about the Saver's Credit.

· Consider having any refund you receive directly deposited to an IRA to further boost your retirement savings.

The 19th Annual Transamerica Retirement Survey found that 62 percent of American workers are unaware that the Saver's Credit exists. Don't overlook this important tax credit; it may help you pay less in your current federal income taxes while saving for retirement. Spread the wordperhaps friends and family are eligible for this incentive but are unaware of it.

For more details and resources on the Saver's Credit in English and Spanish, visit Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies® at www.transamericacenter.org/ saverscredit.

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# West Covina City Manager **Chris Freeland Asked to Resign**

#### By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The City Manager for West Covina City Manager Chris Freeland resigned as of Tuesday, March 5th. He was not at that city council meeting, however during the closed session before the meeting, the council voted 4 to 1 with Mayor Lloyd Johnson not supporting the rest of the council to remove the City Manager.

City Attorney Scott Porter announced at the regular City Council meeting that fourcouncil members voted to remove Freeman. The effort was led by Mayor Pro Tem Tony Wu, and council members Letty Lopez, Dario Castellanos who both took office in November and Jessica Stewmaker who was appointed two meetings ago voted with Wu to remove Freeland with Mayor Lloyd Johnson opposed.

The City Attorney was directed to draft, negotiate and finalize a separation documentation. It is said that they will have to pay over \$300,000 to Freeland.

Freeland was City Manager for the last 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years with 18 years working for the city in almost every department. Many believe the Freeland has created the problems that the city is having with finances but he actually walked into that nightmare with limited funding coming in and high salaries across the board. The implementation of the 3 - 50 PERS plan created a major financial hardship for the city. Employees were retiring at 50 years old and collecting benefits. Freeland could not plug the hole



Chris Freeland West Covina's City Manager Resigns.

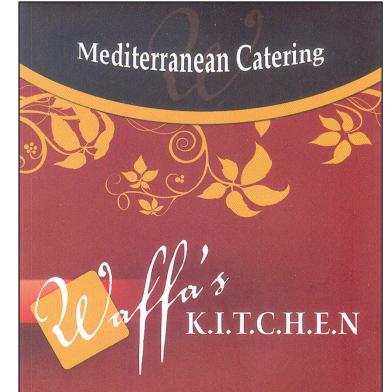
with the resources that he had. or Freeland leaving.

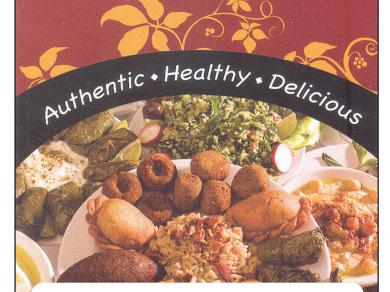
Human Resources and Risk Management Director Edward Macias and Finance Director Marcie Medina also tendered their resignations Tuesday and Wednesday as well. They haven't said if their leaving had anything to do with the council

Assistant City Manager and Public Services Director Nikole Bresciani will act as city manager until the council names an interim city manager. It has been understood that she does not want the City Manager's job.



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