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# Spencer Moya's Troop 491 Eagle Scout Service Project at the Historical Rubel Castle

**GLENDORA** - On April 12 and 13, 2019, Glendora's iconic Rubel Castle, a "working museum" of local history known for its eclectic architecture and colorful incarnation, was the site of an Eagle Scout Project from Glendora's Boy Scout Troop 491. Spencer Moya, age 15, lead twenty fellow Scouts and nine adults in the placement of a brick driveway extension on the Castle grounds. This service project was part of Spencer's requirement to earn the rank of Eagle Scout and the second Troop 491 project to take place at the Castle within the past six months.

The project began back with the previous Eagle Scout project at the Castle, during which, Hans Herman, of Glendora Historical Society, approached Spencer with the idea for extending the existing brick driveway. Like with the previous Eagle Scout project, Mr. Herman was also pleased to work with Troop 491 again, as two of his sons graduated as Eagle Scouts from the Troop some years before.

Once approved, Eagle Scout service projects require considerable planning on the Scout's part. Spencer wrote up a proposal for the project, measured and mapped the site, calculated materials and supplies needed, asked for donations, made a budget, purchased supplies, researched



Left to right, back row: Phillip Tran, Debra Moya, Donovan Adams, Greg Healy, Tyler Tran, Eagle Scout Project Leader Spencer Moya (with brick), Adam Erickson, Andres Vasquez, Andrew Healy, Scoutmaster Michael Moya, Kim Healy, Jose Vasquez, Glendora Historical Society President Jim Riley (by truck) Left to right, front row: Ryan Healy, Andy Tang.

how to place bricks on sand and concrete, called for volunteers, and scheduled the days of construction.

Finding the money to pay for the project was also part of Spencer's work towards Eagle Scout rank. Spencer held a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza in Glendora, created a GoFundMe page, and spoke to local businesses about donating materials. Donations included Elite Concrete and Restoration service

providing ready to mix concrete, Southeast Building Materials donating sand for the base, and Pizza Hut providing lunch for the workers.

On the Friday of the first workday, Spencer gathered Scouts and adults to explain the mission of the project, outline of work needed to be done, as well as rules to keep everyone safe. With shovels and picks, volunteers dug through the hard dirt to cut a trench for brick border and hand mixed loads of concrete. Once the trench was cut and the concrete poured, work stopped, as Spencer was unpleasantly surprised to learn that his project would need more concrete than he had brought. Upon the following morning, Spencer arrived with extra bags of concrete and the Scouts and Adults redoubled their efforts.

Much of the work required precise placement of brick on a bed of sand, something the young Scouts had never done before. Fortunately the owner of Elite Concrete and Restoration, Johnny Venegas, volunteered both days to patiently teach Scouts bricklaying techniques. "Elite Concrete and Restoration provided the excellent guidance assisting in the overseeing of the entire project so the brick laid driveway was properly done", said a relieved Spencer. After a full Saturday of mixing, pouring, shoveling and meticulous brick placement, Spencer's project was fully realized as a finished red brick driveway next to the

Castle's famous, red caboose.

After the building was done, Spencer reflected on the challenges and lessons learned of his project. "Always over estimate the amount of materials so the project does not get held up," he mused. "It's always better to have too much than not enough,"

A long time Scout, Spencer joined the Cub Scouts as a Webelo in fifth grade and moved

on to Boy Scouts in 2014, choosing Troop 491 of Glendora as his troop. Spencer moved up the ranks to Life Scout after years of outdoor adventures and learning Boy Scout skills with his friends, during which he held the positions of Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. Spencer is a sophomore at Rio Hondo Preparatory in Arcadia.

The Eagle Scout Service Project provides Boy Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills while performing a project for the benefit of his community. This is the culmination of the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part.

Rubel Castle was established by Michael Clarke Rubel and is currently owned and operated by the Glendora Historical Society. A local landmark, the Castle was constructed by Mr. Rubel over several decades on a citrus orchard and made partly out of concrete as well as scrap steel, rocks, farm equipment, bottles, and other re-purposed materials that he found. The grounds include a 74-foot clock tower and a 1940s era train caboose. Rubel Castle is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.



Eagle Scout Project Leader Spencer Moya.

# The Montebello Genocide Memorial is President Ronald Reagan's "Unrelentless Bell Tower"

By Rachel Melikian

**MONTEBELLO** - The Montebello Genocide Memorial's white concrete columns extend toward the sky, reaching 75 feet, representing an expression of honor, a historic friendship, and a permanent landmark to pay homage to the 1.5 million martyrs of the Armenian Genocide.

President Ronald Reagan made the initial dedication of the monument when he was Governor of California in 1968. Part of Reagan's legacy is the creation of the memorial. The memorial will keep alive the memory of the Armenian Genocide martyrs for generations to come.

In April 1969 Reagan demonstrated his reverence at this monument, where 10,000 Armenians gathered from all over the world. He courageously said, "Today, I humbly bow in memory of the Armenian martyrs, who died in the name of freedom at the hands of Turkish perpetrators of genocide." This was such a powerful statement because this was a time when talk of the Armenian Genocide had been silenced. There were fewer Armenians in the US, and no consulates or ambassadors - there was no one to speak for them. Reagan spoke truth and justice, alarming the world.

Since the monument was built it continues to attract prominent individuals to pay their respect. Every year on the anniversary of the genocide there is special commemoration at the Montebello Memorial. This year, the memorial was decorated with wreaths and high school students' art, including the depiction of *The April Martyrs' Sanctified Eyes*, and a replica of a bell tower, memorialized in the Baruyr Sevak's poem *The Unrelentless Bell Tower*. Made of collage, it represents the relentless ringing of eternity in this famous poem. Sevak's poem, dedicated to the Armenian Genocide, screams "Let me mourn the memorial."



Some of this year's guests included an Armenian General, Armenia's Consul General in Los Angeles, and Romania's Former Prime Minister. The presence of Ambassador Dr. Armen Baibourtian was significant because at the dedication of the Memorial in 1968 Armenia did not even have an ambassador; it was Dr. Baibourtian who founded the Armenian Consulate in the US 25 years ago. Prime Minister Varujan Vosganian attended as a representation of a direct survivor of the genocide.

One of the most moving parts of the ceremony was the processional march to the memorial. The Armenian Girl Scouts and

Boy Scouts formed an honor guard along the route. Dozens of clergies lead the public and everyone was invited to lay flowers, light candles, burn incense, pray and sing hymns for the 1.5 million victims.

The Montebello Genocide Memorial is not just a memorial, but is also a symbolic grave, a grave without bodies, for the 1.5 million people whose sacred bones are scattered all over historic Armenia to this day. In 2015, the victims were sanctified and are now considered Holy Saint Martyrs.

Just like Reagan envisioned, The Montebello Memorial is like the bell tower, constantly ringing as an invitation for all to come and pay their respects and commemorate the Armenian Genocide.

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - The long-awaited opening for Porto's has finally arrived. The Grand Opening and Ribbon Ceremony event was held on Tuesday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m. There were a number of dignitaries attending the opening event as well.

Porto's Bakery and Cafe has three new additions to its pastry menu, the new Mango Tres Leches, Chocolate Croissant Twist, and Fresh Blueberry Croissant especially for West Covina.

The family-owned Cuban bakery has four other locations in Southern California. They started out in 1960 and the other locations for the bakery has restaurants in Burbank, Glendale, Downey and Buena Park.

"The family business has been wanting to open a location in

# West Covina's Porto's Bakery Has a Great Opening



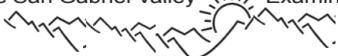
Porto's Bakery is open for business in West Covina.

West Covina for some time and is excited to get started here," stated Raul Porto, chief executive officer for Porto's.

"It is a huge success to have Porto's come to West Covina," stated Mayor Lloyd Johnson. "We believe that our partnership with them is a symbol of the City's continued commitment to

attract quality businesses. Since it was announced in 2016, we've been receiving an overwhelming amount of excitement. We know it's going to be very popular with our residents and we can't wait for Porto's to be successful in our City!"

Porto's is located at 528 S. Sunset Avenue, West Covina.



# West Covina's Public Safety Awards Ceremony



The West Covina Firefighters pose for a picture with one of the old fire engines that they brought to the event.

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - The Greater West Covina Business Association (GWC) presented the Public Safety Awards event for the City's First Responders on April 25th. What became awkward was the fact that the awards were to be given out by two keynote speakers, Police Chief Marc Taylor and Fire Chief Larry Whithorn who had

just been terminated by the new City Manager, David Carmany a few days before. However, the program moved on and it was a very nice event. It was held at the historical Hearst Ranch in West Covina. The Fire Department had 25 Firefighters recognized for their achievements over the past year. Firefighter of the Year went to Sean Wise, Fire Engi-

neer, who showed up wearing a Kilt as he was the "Bagpiper" for the event. For the Police Department, Officer Matt Bowman received Officer of the Year. Nine others with the police department received Life Saving Awards. GWC wanted to thank all the sponsors for the event and everyone who attended.

# Pho 1 - New Vietnamese Restaurant in Glendora



Pho 1 owner Tony Hong stands in front of his restaurant.

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - The "Home Taste Restaurant" is no more. They closed their doors to customers at the end of March 2019. According to owner Ha Hong, it was time for her to retire. She gave the restaurant to her brother

Tony who has made the restaurant into a typical Vietnamese establishment. Although, the ever popular buffet of "all you can eat," is no more, the new owner has an extensive menu with a variety of dishes. Of course, the ever popular PHO

(pronounced Fuh) is served in various styles. Although the menu shows the Vietnamese titles for the food, there is also a description in English of what the dishes actually are. They have a total of 85 items on their menu. The writer tried the Bo Luc Lac, which was diced sirloin steak served on a bed of lettuce with tomato rice. It was absolutely delicious and the diced steak melted in my mouth.

The next time I am will try the PHO soup. I am sure it will taste great! Suggest you try this restaurant which is located next to Dominos Pizza, across Glendora City Hall at 106 W. Foothill Boulevard, Glendora. Telephone 626-335-5611.

# West Covina To Host Public Safety Open House

**WEST COVINA** - The City of West Covina is hosting a community event for children and the young at heart. The Public Safety Open House is an interactive, hands-on event allowing kids to climb on, learn about, and discover their favorite big trucks and vehicles. The event will be held on Saturday, **May 11** from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the upper parking lot of Cortez Park and Fire Station No. 2 located at 2441 E. Cortez Street. Children and their families are invited to attend and experience first-hand how it feels to sit in the driver's seat and meet some of these vehicle operators and hometown heroes. Vehicles participating in the event include several West Covina Fire Department vehicles, West Covina Police Department vehicles, Public Works vehicles, a miniature Athens garbage truck (Mighty Mike), a large Foothill Transit bus and more. The event is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available at the event from the West Covina Fire Department Explorers.

House event is a collaborative celebration in the City of West Covina in honor of Fire Service Day, National Police Week, and National Public Works Week. For more information about Public Safety Open House call (626) 919-6966 or visit us on the web at [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org).



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# Education Forum Highlights Career Technical Education at Citrus College



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Citrus College hosted a K-14 Education Forum on April 12, which highlighted Dual Enrollment, career technical education and transfer degree opportunities. Honored guests included the Citrus College Board of Trustees, college administrators, K-12 partners and community leaders.

**GLENDORA** - Representatives from school districts throughout the region recently learned about Citrus College's many career technical education (CTE) options during the college's fifth annual K-14 Education Forum.

Board of education members, superintendents, principals and school administrators joined college leaders and governing board members for the informative event, which was held in the Citrus College Center for Innovation on April 12.

"The theme of this year's forum is very relevant. Responding to labor market demands has become a priority for California's community colleges, and Citrus College is committed to preparing students for the workforce," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "We want our partners in the K-12 system to be aware of the wide range of CTE programs Citrus College offers, and to know that the college's faculty and staff are committed to providing students with the education and skills to succeed in the workplace."

After a complimentary breakfast and welcome remarks from Dr. Perri, the morning's program continued with a brief CTE overview provided by Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Spor then introduced Dr. Eric Rabitoy, dean of natural, physical and health sciences, who shared information regarding Dual Enrollment.

"Through Dual Enrollment, also known as Early College or AB 288, Citrus College provides local students with the opportu-

nity to take college courses on their high school campuses," explained Dr. Rabitoy. "This spring, the college is offering 33 classes at eight area high schools. The courses offered focus on general education curriculum and allow students to begin earning units toward their college degree."

Dr. Rocky Cifone, dean of career, technical and continuing education, also spoke to the event's attendees. In addition to providing details about the variety and breadth of the CTE programs, awards and degrees at Citrus College, he introduced three of the college's outstanding alumni.

Ms. Priscilla Englert, a teacher at Bonita High School; Mr. Ryan Keenan, an associate architect at Walt Disney Imagineering and adjunct instructor at Citrus College; and Mr. Serge Mayer, a project engineer at Marshall Engineering Group; shared their experiences as CTE students. They also explained how their time at Citrus College prepared them to pursue their education further.

"Career education comes in many forms. The historical perspective of 'vocational education' is an anachronism, as is the stigma that CTE is not for the college-ready or transfer-bound student," Dr. Cifone said. "The CTE success stories shared during the forum emphasized the fact that career education is a lifelong pursuit that is not necessarily limited to training for entry-level jobs. Much like these successful graduates, many Citrus College CTE students pursue a transfer track leading to baccalaureate or other professional degrees."

The forum concluded with a presentation by Dr. Dana Hester, dean of social and behavioral sciences and online education. After sharing details about the college's many transfer degree opportunities, Dr. Hester introduced Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt.

"Administration of Justice is one of Citrus College's most popular CTE programs, and Chief Hunt has a unique perspective because he has been involved in the program in several different ways," Dr. Hester said. "Not only is he a former Citrus College student and current adjunct faculty member, he also leads the Azusa Police Department, which is an employer for the program. His inspiring story is an excellent example of what is possible with a CTE pathway."

According to Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, attendees left the event with an in-depth knowledge of the many CTE options available at Citrus College.

"The career technical education programs at Citrus College have been created to meet industry demands and support the regional economy. Our faculty and staff work closely with business and industry professionals to ensure that students receive the knowledge needed to secure and sustain employment," said Mrs. Keith. "As president of the governing board, I am happy that the college has had the opportunity to spread the word about these remarkable programs. I am certain that they will continue to be beneficial to the region and its students."

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## Office Of Inspector General Launches Investigation Into Threat Made Against The County Counsel

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - The Office of the Inspector General has launched an investigation into a threat made over the weekend to County Counsel Mary C. Wickham, Interim Inspector General Rodrigo A. Castro-Silva announced today. The investigation comes following a call to Wickham's personal cell phone on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The caller identified himself as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's sergeant and demanded that Wickham go to a sheriff's station immediately

and surrender for an alleged failure to appear in response to a 2006 Grand Jury summons. When she responded that there was no basis for this outrageous and unfounded demand, the caller threatened to come to her home to arrest her. The Office of the Inspector General is leading a full and comprehensive review to identify the perpetrator or perpetrators of this blatant attempt at intimidation. "These threats are a hostile act intended to intimidate a

public official doing her job on behalf of Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors and the residents we serve," Castro-Silva said. "I anticipate and expect the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's full and immediate cooperation in determining the individual or individuals behind this unwarranted attack on the County's top legal advisor." Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact (213) 974-6100.

## National Food Drive

On Saturday, May 11, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the United States Postal Service will kick-off the annual Stamp Out Hunger Drive in the Los Angeles Area. Donated food will be collected by Letter Carriers

throughout the nation that day. All food donated in Covina and Glendora will go to Shepherd's Pantry serving those in need living in the East San Gabriel Valley. When your Letter Carrier distributes the bags to households during the second

week in May, please give generously for those in need. Shepherd's Pantry provides food for over 150 individuals and families every week, totaling around 12,000 lbs of food per month. All non-perishable, unopened food is appreciated!

## Monterey Park Police Announce Arrests of Attempted Murder Suspects, Shooting at N. New Avenue

**MONTEREY PARK** - On April 15, 2019 at approximately 5:30 a.m., the Monterey Park Police Department received numerous 911 calls regarding shots being fired in the area of the 100 block of North New Ave. Upon arrival the officers discovered numerous shell casings, bullet holes in buildings and parked cars, but no injured parties. The investigation focused on a residence in the 100 block of North New Avenue, where numerous subjects were detained by officers. A search warrant was executed at the residence and a large quantity of gambling

equipment, narcotics and identity theft paraphernalia was seized. Three handguns were also seized from the location. Four were arrested and charged. Additionally, two stolen vehicles were found parked at the location. Video surveillance was reviewed and several suspects and vehicles were seen fleeing the location after the initial shooting call to 911. On April 17, 2019, one of the suspected vehicles used in the shooting was pursued by LAPD. The pursuit was turned over to CHP and eventually ended in the area of Hellman

Ave. and Atlantic Blvd. Containment was established for the suspects who had fled on foot in the area. Four subjects were arrested and two handguns believed used in the previous shooting were recovered. On April 18, 2019 at around 8:00 p.m., an additional suspect was arrested outside his residence in El Monte. An additional suspect vehicle, with bullet holes from the initial shooting was recovered from the residence. All of the suspects have affiliation with local street gangs in the San Gabriel Valley.

## Property Owners Defrauded Under the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Get Relief

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County protects homeowners defrauded under the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, enabling them to get relief from immediate property tax burdens, and supporting the prosecution of an allegedly predatory contractor. Under the direction of the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board), the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), Treasurer and Tax Collector and the Internal Services Department, have made significant strides in addressing allegations of fraud in regards to PACE programs that operate across the County.

On March 5, 2019, the Board unanimously approved a motion championed by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, which directed the County agencies to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing consumer complaints and enhancing protections for consumers under the various PACE programs operated across the County. This was prompted by the County receiving notice that numerous property owners across the County claimed to have been defrauded, some specifically through the Eco Solar Home Improvement Program, under scenarios where contractors misled their clients on the appropriate scope of eligible PACE-funded projects, delivered poor-quality projects, or were unclear with their clients about how the financing-related assessment would ultimately raise the property owner's secured property taxes.

PACE programs were established as a means for homeowners to finance energy efficiency, renewable energy and water-saving improvements to their properties, with homeowners repaying the financing through their secured property tax bills. Homeowners who are misled or defrauded by unscrupulous contractors face unexpectedly high property tax bills and are sometimes left with their homes damaged or in an uninhabitable condition. "Our residents work hard to pay their mortgages, and the PACE Program was intended to create added value by improving their home's energy efficiency and reducing their utility costs," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "When entities seek to manipulate this agenda, they can count on the County having zero tolerance for any predatory activity that puts property owners at risk."

On March 5, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas also hosted a community meeting for more than two-dozen individuals claiming they were defrauded by PACE contractors, including Eco Solar Home Improvement. Experts from the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and Internal Services Department subsequently initiated investigations on cases filed where fraud was suspected. DCBA's foreclosure prevention division immediately assembled a team of case workers to outreach to impacted property owners and investigate all complaints. DCBA's efforts also aided the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, whose efforts culminated today in the filing of a civil lawsuit against Jose Nelson Solis, who was doing business as Eco Solar Home Improvement, and allegedly defrauded homeowners of more than \$1.4 million in financing through Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs for home improvement projects he never completed, all while collecting proceeds. DCBA assisted the City Attorney's office and the California Contractors State License Board in the investigation. "Fighting fraud and protecting consumers in need is our department's core mission," said Joseph M. Nicchitta, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. "We are proud to have helped our partners at the City Attorney's office seek justice when fraudulent activities occur, but our efforts also extend to looking for meaningful remedies to help homeowners in need."

DCBA is also working with the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office and lending institutions to address PACE-related property tax liens if fraud is suspected. "We take cases of alleged fraud very seriously and will work with homeowners to address implications to their tax bills when they are a victim," said Treasurer and Tax Collector Joseph Kelly. This effort has thus far resulted in a reduction in property taxes in connection with the PACE Program for some of the properties where fraudulent activity was expected, creating an immediate financial relief for property owners. Efforts continue to bring resolution to outstanding cases, and other allegations of fraudulent activity will continue to be referred to the County's District Attorney and/or respective City Attorney for further legal action. For more information about real estate fraud, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222.

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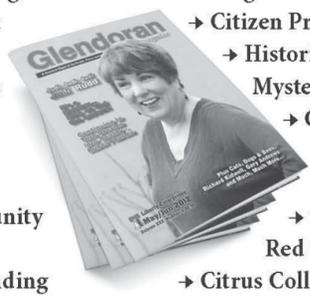
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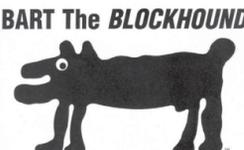
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## "TIME JOCKEY" - Weiner Burrito

**By Joe Castillo**  
*Al and Bea's...* There are many Mexican food places throughout the Southern California area, each with their own distinctive menus and flavor. Some are easier to find than others but sometimes looking for the most unique flavor or menu item is worth the search and effort. Al and Bea's Mexican Food Restaurant located at 2025 E. First Street in Los Angeles is one of those hidden gems. Established on November 15, 1966 by Albert and Beatrice Carreon, the restaurant has carried on for over 50 years serving the Boyle Heights community around them. Plus, it also helps that the restaurant is located next door to the Hollenbeck Police Station where a steady source of customers is ready to patronize the eatery. Specializing in burritos, Al and Bea's found a way to make the

simple and tasty burrito that seemed more enjoyable than a fuller item. Basic bean and cheese burritos were enhanced with green chili sauce, rice and cheese, or any combination to make it come alive. Shredded beef, chicken and chili rellenos were added to make the burrito stand out even more. But one of the more unique additives that Al & Bea included on their menu was to make a Weiner burrito with a grilled hot dog, beans, cheese and green chili rolled into a flour tortilla. The Weiner burrito is a throwback to an earlier era when meat was a pricier commodity which many immigrants could not afford and was substituted by a grilled hot dog. The burrito has become one of the most popular items on the Al & Bea restaurant menu and may be one of the few Mexican Food restaurants to include it on

its menu. Known primarily to the residents of Boyle Heights, Al & Bea's won Sunset Magazine's award for the best burrito in Los Angeles in 2010 and 2014. When the restaurant opened in 1966, it was an extension of Beatrice's kitchen and cooking literally as the restaurant was opened right in front of their home on First Street. Al and Bea have since passed away but their children and family still continue with the restaurant business, keeping their parents dream of 'just making good tasting food' alive and well in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles. *Joe Castillo is a freelance historical writer who has been covering Southern California history for 11 years and has written 5 books on the topic. He can be reached at joeacastillo@aol.com.*

# Promoting Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water

Going into the summer months we are now hearing about the urgency of a revised water policy in California with the fight between the Central Valley farmers and the environmentalists coming to a head and hopefully final and equitable resolution. Leading the charge on each side are two resolute leaders. President Trump is backing up the farming communities' need for more water so they can continue to be a large part of the state budget and the breadbasket of this country. Governor Gavin Newsom is speaking out for delta environmentalists and endangered salmon to provide them with more water.

As the dialogue increases, we hear some of the same old rhetoric but this time around it appears we may be in for real decisions with the lines drawn in finality over jurisdictional rights impacting water in this state for the long term. The final question may be who rules over California water - the state or the federal government.

As part of the dialogue recently, charges surfaced regarding Trump's request for federal biologists to speed up the environmental analysis of providing more water from the north to the farmers. KQED Science reports, by speeding up the review process by biologists, the public would not have time to comment, there would be less transparency and less outside scientific scrutiny.

But let's remember, back in October 2018, Trump issued an executive order charging Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Commerce to begin to streamline the water delivery process by working together on projects that are "burdened" by regulations that "obstruct, delay, curtail, impede, or otherwise impose significant costs on the permitting, utiliza-



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

tion, transmission, delivery, or supply of water resources and infrastructure." Two of the impediments are the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

From Trump's directive and negotiated agreement with the two agencies, Paul Souza, Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest Region of U.S. Fish & Wildlife was assigned Lead Director in charge of the Central Valley Projects to get relief to the farming communities in that region. October to April to review, analyze, receive input/comments from areas and those impacted by the President's directive, "Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West" doesn't sound like an overly too speedy process to me. If that is called "speedy" then we need remember the end result of the directive is "critical" to the farmers with a hot summer coming up quickly.

We hope the 5-year drought in California is over but the scars from less than good planning with adequate, well-maintained infrastructure and a comprehensive, equitable plan for the entire state addressing residual impacts from the drought and new climate

changes is still non-existent. In brief, the state water factions would rather go to war over water than create good policy. That's a lack of state leadership issue in my book.

The endangered Chinook salmon, we are told, were announced almost extinct last year at this time. As the environmental groups demanded more water to save the fish, the scientists were busy finding ways to analyze and solve the problem. Their determination: The warming climate has caused river water to become warm enough to bake the newly spawned salmon and eggs not yet hatched out. Their solution: Retrain the salmon to spawn in a cold-water creek.

John Rueth of the Livingston Stone Hatchery for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife at Shasta Dam, told the Sacramento Bee, salmon typically return to the place where they hatched out when they get ready to reproduce and lay their eggs. The fishery is now going to try to re-set the spawning habits by releasing young salmon in a new location, Battle Creek, a cold-water stream fed by cold-water sources. They won't know if this effort will be successful until 2020 when the young releases return, or not, to Battle Creek. UC Davies scientists are doing their part by growing bugs to provide food for the salmon as the fish travel along the rivers to and from the spawning areas and back to the ocean.

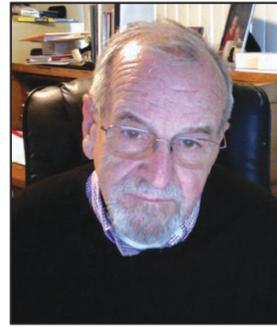
As U.S. Fish & Wildlife, embark on this 20-year, \$200 million strategy, we finally have Oroville Dam spillways reconstructed and operational. \$1.1 billion to replace failing infrastructure requested by residents long before the failure but not soon enough to avoid a potential of \$1 billion in lawsuits.

# Anti-Semitism ... And Israel

This column is the first part of a two part series concerning the accusation that any criticism of Israel and its policies is anti-Semitic. This pair of columns is offered in an effort to remind us of the perplexing history surrounding a seemingly intractable problem.

Part of the shame of the Christian era has been the periodic eruption of anti-Semitism. Throughout the past twenty centuries there has been the accusation that it was the Jews who condemned Jesus and were complicit in his death at the hands of Rome. The fourth gospel repeatedly appears to hold the Jews responsible. From time to time in the Christian world it has been the Jews who were accused of being sworn enemies of Christ and his church. While the popular opinion has viewed the Spanish Inquisition as a bloody campaign to punish Christian heretics, it developed as an effort to rid society of Jews, and continued outside Spain all the way to the Netherlands.

This seething distrust of Jews and their culture has been lodged just under the surface throughout Europe during long eras when Jews were prohibited from owning land, or entering the professions, and thus were forced to find a non-agrarian home in commerce, banking and related businesses. The volcanic anti-Semitic eruption in Germany beginning in the second decade of the 20th century was only the most dramatic in a series of episodes culminating in the "Shoah"—the Hebrew term for the English word "Holocaust." Anti-Semitism was not confined to Germany during that period as witnessed by the "The America



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First" movement supported by Charles Lindbergh and others.

Since the Second World War anti-Semitism has occasionally broken through the surface most recently in the chant of the Charlottesville nationalists, "Jews will not replace us," and in the murder by white nationalists of eleven Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue.

Long before the Shoah, there was a movement to establish a Jewish homeland. In 1917 Lord Balfour, representing the British government, published the following letter: *His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.* (bold type added)

Following Balfour's letter, the UN partitioned the Palestine land with 55% for Jews and 45% for Palestinians, but Palestinians who at that time owned 92% of the land rejected the partition.

The world-wide horror at the Shoah solidified this appeal and on May 15, 1948 the nation of Israel was established in Palestine, with the right to defend its borders. The guarantee was complicated by this new nation being set in the midst of the long-established Ottoman Empire. An Arab state in the adjacent area was to be part of the plan. A Jewish nation in the midst of the Arab and Moslem part of the world was a problem from the beginning. The difficulty was exacerbated as Israel became increasingly dominated by right wing political coalitions in which it occupied land beyond the original compact. These Jewish cities—originally called "settlements"—were established throughout Palestine, and the resident populations were held in virtual slavery under military occupation. The justification held that God had given the whole land of Palestine to the Hebrew tribes with absolute rights.

If a two-state solution was part of the long-range design, it was rejected by the declaration that God had long before ceded the whole territory to the people of his choice. Here was *apartheid* by virtue of a divine command, a term first suggested by Jimmy Carter and Rosemary Ruether.

Now comes the United States with its unalterable support of Israel backed by a powerful pro-Israeli lobby and a Christian evangelical constituency hoping to find a path leading to the last days and the second coming of Christ. Condemned was any criticism of Israel or its policies, calling these concerns anti-Semitic. But that is next week's story.

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## MY TURN: The Mystery that is Melania

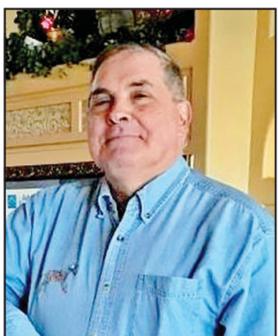
Melania Trump is a bit of an enigma. Probably the most glamorous First Lady we have ever had, at least since Jackie Kennedy. If anything, Jackie is the only significant competition for her in that discussion. She possesses numerous characteristics that the world of pop culture and sophisticated Leftists would rave about.

The Left, the Democrats and their adoring media dictate this stuff from the penthouses of the Upper West Side, the influential Beltway and the hills of Belair and Brentwood.

Melania is educated, speaking five languages and having studied architecture. She has great tastes in fashions that are revealed in Christmas White House decorations, the clothes she wears and the charm school posture and poise she exhibits. She is fashion magazine photogenic. One post often seen in the social media is a photograph of her close up, wearing a fur coat and fur hat, looking very much like Julie Christie in Dr. Zhivago.

Melania speaks with an accent reminiscent of the eastern European lands of her birth. The cultural elite have certainly loved accents in the past. Marlene Dietrich, Greta Garbo and Ingrid Bergman built successful, iconic and memorable film careers out of their accents. Accents take us all to exotic seductive locales with beautiful ladies of mystery. In a more practical sense, the same people who constantly refer to America as a nation of immigrants could look at Melania giving a speech and say to themselves, "there is a wonderful example of a strong accomplished woman representing that American melting pot, speaking in public venues with an accent. We have arrived."

But what is truly odd and enigmatic is the fact that all these things mentioned are of no concern when we are referring to



Charles Lopresto

Melania.

She is not regarded as intelligent, even while her background proves otherwise. Her accent is ridiculed. Her reserved demeanor is regarded as "stand offish" and to put it in schoolyard terms "stuck up." Even as visuals of her interacting with people prove otherwise. She is ignored for her speaking ability when she attends public events. Ignored except when detractors accuse her of plagiarism. Her jobs as a model seem to be emphasized by critics in order to overshadow her more intellectual endeavors. The magazine cover shots that would seem so obviously plentiful are not anywhere to be found. No guest appearances on popular shows. No recognition what's so ever. And yet other First Ladies still get the adoration with all these perks.

Let's be honest. If man from Mars dropped down today, he would probably get the impression that Michelle Obama was still the First Lady.

What seems to be at play is just Trump Derangement Syndrome once again raising its ugly head. Melania is the victim of it. Although I doubt that she considers herself a victim. She shouldn't. The Left has taken victimhood to an all-time high. Tucker Carlson said in one of his commentaries that people who are in power, consider themselves as people who are victims,

as they target others as the perpetrators of their own victimhood. It is an odd characteristic for the elite Leftists to be exhibiting. But yet, they do, continuing the constant battle over "privilege." Their privilege disguised as lacking privilege.

Oddly, the former First Ladies are silent about the treatment their "sister" is experiencing. What happened to the statement Madelyn Albright said? "There is a special place in Hell for women who don't support each other."

History will probably be the true measuring stick of how significant Melania was as a First Lady. Just as history will have to judge anyone from Richard Nixon to Donald Trump, the specter of current day's bias and prejudices will have to fade away before we really know. And with it, hopefully Trump Derangement Syndrome will fade as well.

So for the time being, enjoy the elegance of Melania while we still have her. That is, if you are willing to look with your own eyes and listen with your own ears, like anything in life, rather than allowing the media to tell you what to notice.

## The Bill of Rights

By D.B. Shimel

(Part 2 of 3) In a previous article I discussed the first two amendments of the Bill of Rights. In this writing we will discuss the next four Amendments as they provide additional protections from an intrusive government.

Amendment III (3)

Simply put this article states that only in times of war can troops be housed in people's homes without the home owner's permission. Why this protection? Before the Revolutionary war, when the British still ruled the colonies the British sent tax collectors and troops to the colonies. To house these people the British took people's homes and property including food and other necessities. The writers of the Bill of Rights wanted to prevent the United States government from repeating this travesty of justice.

Amendment IV (4) Reads:

"The right of the people to secure their persons, houses, papers and effects from unreasonable search and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath of affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or thing to be seized".

This Amendment basically

says that you have the right to privacy in your own home in your personal life. Too search you or your property or your person, be it the local, state or federal government, this agency must go before a judge and secure a warrant stating what, who and why the person is to be searched and also what they expect to find.

Today this extremely important safeguard of privacy is being somewhat disregarded by the United States' government. A recent documentary presented on One America News Network discussed in detail how the U. S. Government is abusing this Constitutional right.

Amendment V (5) says:

"No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on the presentment, or indictment of a Grand Jury ...", nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy for life or limb, nor shall he be compelled in any case be a witness against himself, or be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, or shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Sorting out all the protections provided in this run-on paragraph is not difficult. In essence what it says is: For major crimes you can only be charged through a Grand Jury proceeding; You may not be tried twice for the same crime; You may not be forced to

testify against yourself; You may not be deprived of "life, liberty or property" without due process; Finally, your property cannot be taken by the government without "just" compensation.

As can be seen there are several stipulations in this amendment that protect you from the government. Commonly, when people say they are taking "the fifth" they are saying that they will not testify to avoid the possibility of giving self-incriminating testimony.

Amendment VI (6) says:

"In criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed ..." Also included in this Amendment is the right of the defendant to be informed of the crime to which they are accused of having committed, face witnesses against them, and present witnesses and testimony on their behalf and be represented by legal counsel.

In summary, we have thus far reviewed six of the ten Amendments of the Bill of Rights. The other four and other important Amendments will be the subject of a future writing.

For more information on this topic call the Republican Center located in Covina at (626) 331-0738. The Center is located at 200 East Roeland St. Hours of operation are 11 Am until 2 Pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

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## Baldwin Park Unified Students to Compete at State History Day

**BALDWIN PARK** - Seven students from Baldwin Park Unified's Central Elementary School will advance to the History Day California competition, Friday, May 10 to Sunday, May 12, after they earned top scores at History Day L.A. Sebastian Camacho earned a finalist ribbon for his individual poster on "Discovering

King Tut's Tomb." Two teams won in the group poster category: Jazleen Guasgua and Amy Hernandez for "Little Rock Nine" and Bryceden Liu, Ellie Perez Monge and Michelle Mora for a project on NASA. Allan Galaviz secured a spot for a D-Day website.

# Corporate Stock Buy-Backs Rise 59% in First Quarter

Even though the S&P 500 is off to its strongest start in almost a decade, Lipper reported that stock mutual funds had outflows (redemptions) of \$39.1 billion in the first quarter. Some of this could have been attributable to ETFs capturing more market share. However, another major reason for the market's strength (and mutual fund share purchases) seem to be the fact that companies in the S&P 500 repurchased \$227 billion of their own outstanding shares during the first quarter. So, stock buy-backs soared 59% last quarter due in part to extremely low interest rates.

In this low interest rate environment, the S&P 500's dividend yield of approximately 1.85% remains attractive. The S&P 500 is up strongly this year despite lower earnings projections. Stock analyst Ed Yardeni pointed out last week that many institutional investors may be looking beyond the first quarter's lackluster earnings forecasts, since first-quarter sales growth is expected to be strong and earnings growth for the second-half of this year and into next year is anticipated to be relatively healthy.

Frankly, the analyst community has been so aggressive in cutting their first-quarter earnings estimates that we could be on the verge of another round of positive operating earnings surprises in the coming weeks.

Financial headlines continue to show a steady stream of stories about other major economies struggling (generating negative data) despite our market's anticipation of a second-half 2019 pickup. Interest rates have been grinding lower in Europe and Japan while holding steady in China and the U.S.

There is no shortage of mixed

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signals amid the flood of data points, commodity price swings, and first-quarter earnings that will cross the tape as this article is being written. Investors have to contend with weakening macro data being offset by the highest prices for WTI crude oil (over \$66) in four months.

On the other hand, the yield on the German 10-year bond has fallen to 0.05% and the Japanese 10-year bond yields a negative -0.06%. Meanwhile, the U.S. 10-year Treasury is trading at a comparatively luscious 2.57% yield - and drawing foreign capital from around the world as the USA is the go-to haven for yield.

Add to this "split personality" of the global bond markets the domestic record dividend increases, stock buy-backs, mergers and acquisition, a strong dollar, low inflation, and a dovish Fed - and the path of least resistance for U.S. stocks points higher. The U.S. (which accounts for 25% of total global GDP) is looking like it will lead the world economy out of its soft patch (even as President Trump levels the playing field with China).

There were virtually no surprises from the European Central Bank (ECB) meeting and the release of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) minutes recently. Both the ECB and the FOMC have reaffirmed that they will hold interest rates steady in

2019 and both acknowledged that growth has slowed. Interestingly, the ECB refuses to admit that negative GDP growth may be forthcoming, despite the fact that Italy has already slipped into a recession and mighty Germany is teetering on the brink of a probably less severe downturn.

Thanks to the ongoing Brexit chaos, which is now delayed until October 31st, interest rates continue to fall around the world and the prevailing negative interest rates in Europe continue to spread.

When key interest rates approach 0% or become negative, like they are in the Eurozone and Japan, then quantitative easing is a sign of desperation by a central bank seeking to stimulate economic growth. The fact that the European Central Bank (ECB) is gearing up for more quantitative easing is very ominous. There is no doubt that the negative interest rates in Europe are causing international capital flight.

President Trump's recent call for the Fed to re-commence quantitative easing also seems like a futile move, especially since the Fed is doing somewhat of the opposite by continuing to reduce its balance sheet. There is no doubt that President Trump has been setting up the Fed and especially Chairman Jerome Powell to be a scapegoat for any current economic slowdown. In the meantime, all the quantitative easing in Europe and Japan just fuels more stock buy-backs, since interest rates remain so low around the globe.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*The price of houses in my area has been going up over the last couple of years. I got my mortgage loan about eight years ago. Since prices are up, it makes sense that my house is worth more now, right? Is now a good time to refinance? My 30-year loan is down to 22 years. Can I get a new, 22-year loan?*

Now is a good time to refinance. And, yes, some lenders offer a loan to match your current number of years left on the loan you are refinancing.

*I'm a retired teacher, collecting my pension. My husband is also retired, collecting Social Security. If he dies, I will not get any of his Social Security. This will greatly impact the budget. Can you help me plan ahead for this possibility?*

It might come as a surprise to readers of this column to find out that teachers, and others with a 403-b retirement savings plan, are not entitled to their spouse's Social Security benefits, but it's true. It will take some saving and safe investing now to plan ahead for the possibility of a drop in household income. There will be other options to consider, too, like downsizing your housing, or getting a reverse mortgage when the time comes.

*In the simplest way, please explain how inflation can hurt the value of the dollar?*

Using the formula for what is called the Rule of 72: 72 divided by \_\_\_ (percentage rate) equals the number of years it takes to double the price of goods, or the amount in a savings account. For example, at 8-percent rate of in-



**Julia Yoder**

flation, a loaf of bread would double in price every 9 years. (72 divided by 8). Now let's say that inflation hits double-digits like it did in the 1970's. At 18-percent, a loaf of bread would double in price every 4 years. For investments, you can use this to calculate how long, at a specific interest rate, it'll take to double your money. For example, a savings account paying 2-percent would take 36 years to double. (72 divided by 2).

*My husband puts the maximum amount allowed into a qualified plan with pre-tax dollars so that it grows tax-deferred. I'm thinking that we'd get a better tax advantage in the long run by paying the taxes now and being able to take our investment money in retirement with minimal taxes. Who's right?*

If the money he's putting into a qualified plan is being matched by his employer at a high percentage, it's probably a good idea to put as much there as allowable. The stock market is currently volatile, behaving like a roller-coaster, but when you view a 1-year or 5-year chart, you can see

that, overall, the market has gained. Some employee retirement plans allow you to take some money out, once a year, and transfer it to an IRA. At-work retirement accounts may have a lower fee and different selection of funds than an IRA. Another option would be to put some post-tax money into an insurance product that grows a cash value, has funds that are accessible while the insured is alive, and which is tax-advantaged for you and your beneficiaries.

*In the past, you've talked about investments with a bonus. Are those still available?*

Yes. Of course, a high priority is determining which safe investment, with or without a bonus, is suitable for you. As always, these investment products include guarantees against the loss of principal and credited interest, and the reassurance of a death benefit for beneficiaries. Some carry the benefit of guaranteed lifetime income, sometimes with built-in increases. These guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.

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# 10 Tips for Teaching Your Children About Saving

Kids often view money as having one function only: to buy stuff, right now. Give a young child \$5 and he'll likely spend it all, often looking for things that cost \$5.

Parents play critical roles in teaching children financial fundamentals, including the importance of saving. Here are 10 ways to teach children to make smart money choices:

1. Bring out the piggy banks. Have children divide their money into three banks or jars for spending, saving and giving. This helps them understand spending is not the only use for money. To make the rewards of saving more concrete, consider matching some of their saved funds.

2. Give your child opportunities to earn. Consider paying your child an age-appropriate allowance. You may decide to tie it to chores, or simply provide a small stipend without conditions.

3. Open a savings account. Many banks and credit unions offer savings accounts for kids, with low-balance minimums and maintenance fees, goal-setting tools, and even rewards for reaching goals. The benefit of saving regularly will become

apparent as your child watches the account balance grow.

4. Help them identify personal saving goals. Are they eyeing a new toy or video game? Hoping to see a movie or ball game? Help children determine how much their "want" costs and make a plan for saving up.

5. Make family events money management exercises. Planning a vacation? Give middle- or high-schoolers responsibility for planning and saving for one aspect of the vacation, such as a family meal or an evening's entertainment.

6. Introduce investing. For older children, explain that money they save can be used to "own a piece" of a good business, either by buying the company's stock or by finding a mutual fund that holds this kind of stock. Talk about businesses your child knows, such as Disney, Apple or Starbucks.

7. Model daily spending and saving decisions. By discussing money-making decisions with your child as you shop, cook and pay bills, you provide concrete examples to model. When deciding whether to prepare dinner at home or go out, talk about the savings created by staying home and how those

savings could be used.

8. Use your grocery store as a classroom. Show your child how to comparison shop, checking unit prices of similar items and deciding which is better. Consider sharing a portion of the "savings" with them, to dedicate to something of their choice.

9. Involve children in household money management. Enlist their help in opening bills, identifying what they're for, and circling amounts payable and due dates. This gives them an appreciation of routine living expenses and the need to save to pay for services like electricity and water.

10. Engage your CFP professional. Ask your Certified Financial Planner professional to speak to your child about smart money choices. This can be particularly valuable for kids leaving for college.

For more tips, visit [letsmakeaplan.org](http://letsmakeaplan.org).

Give young children first-hand money management experience. Doing so will make it more likely that they develop the framework necessary to manage personal finances as adults. (StatePoint)



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## Mechanical Failures That Cause Accidents

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**Tires** - Bald tires can cause a car to "slip and slide" even on dry pavement. If there isn't enough tread to hug the road you can be in serious trouble. Tire blowouts can also cause accidents.

**Wipers** - If you can't see, you can't drive! It is that simple!

**Lights** - More accidents happen at night and if your headlights, taillights, or brake lights,

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## Is an Electric Car Right for You?

As the popularity and availability of electric vehicles (EV) continues to grow in the U.S., a new survey suggests that many consumers still have a lot to learn about the technology.

For example, when asked to choose an acceptable amount of time it should take to charge an EV, the most common answer (28 percent) was "I don't know" followed by "30 minutes" (25 percent). The survey was commissioned by MINI USA from market research and business intelligence firm Engine International, Inc. in advance of the early 2020 U.S. launch of the MINI Cooper SE electric vehicle.

"What we learned from the survey is that the typical consumer might not be aware of the many benefits of electric mobility," says Andrew Cutler, head of corporate communications, MINI USA. "Helping consumers get a better understanding of EV can help them make smarter, more informed decisions around their next vehicle purchase."

For example, 74 percent of



consumers surveyed didn't know where their nearest EV charging station was located, but charging your EV is easier and more accessible than you might think. A whopping 80 percent of EV owners charge their vehicle right at home. Plus, public charging stations are easy to find online through companies like ChargePoint and EVgo, and most available charging stations are visible in the navigation system of the car.

On the other end of the spectrum, 63 percent of those surveyed said they plan to use their EV as a commuting or city car, which is good news for motorists, as experts point out that EVs,

which are both fuel efficient and fun to drive, are ideal for everyday commuting and urban driving. Because batteries provide a low center of gravity, electric motors provide fast, powerful acceleration.

Thanks to Federal Tax Credits lowering the upfront cost of qualified EVs, going electric is not just stylish and good for the planet, it may make financial sense, too.

"A majority of consumers we surveyed believe that EVs are for early adopters, but, given the many benefits of the technology, it could make a good choice for just about any household today," says Cutler. (StatePoint)

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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

Wanted: Men and Women who want to lose weight. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit group that encourages men and women to lose weight. 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 the latest Diabetes resources. 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

### Cinco de Mayo Fun

Enjoy an afternoon of music, crafts, and more at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage on Saturday, **May 4**, from 12 noon to 3 pm. There will be activities for the entire family at this free event, which will be held in the Museum Education Center.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at [www.ArcadiaCa.gov/museum](http://www.ArcadiaCa.gov/museum). The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum Education Center is located at 382 W. Huntington Drive. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1). Admission is always free.

### Mother's and Father's Day Art Market

Arcadia Public Library is hosting a Mother's and Father's Day Art Market on Saturday, **May 11**, from 2:30 to 4 pm. These popular family programs let children of all ages get—for free—special APL dollars to buy a variety of supplies to make special gifts for mom and dad just in time for Mother's and Father's Day. All materials will be provided and available while supplies last. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult to help with the crafts. Visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library) for more information or call the Jerry Broadwell Children's Room at 626.821.5566. The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

### Fun Crafts for Teens

Teens are invited to stop by Arcadia Public Library for monthly drop-in craft programs. On Tuesday, **May 14**, from 3 to 5:30 pm, DIY Ribbon Leis—with lots of ribbon available in many colors—are the featured craft: braid one in your school colors! The program will take place in the Cay Mortenson Auditorium and is free (while supplies last). Teens from grades 9 through 12 are welcome! For more information, please call 626.821.5569 or visit the website at [www.ArcadiaCa.gov/Library](http://www.ArcadiaCa.gov/Library). The Library is located at 20 West Duarte Road, Arcadia.

### Photography Contest and Exhibit

The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage announces its 11th Annual Juried Photography Contest

and Exhibition. This year's theme is "Social Issues: Through Your Eyes." The museum will accept entries from Tuesday, **May 14**, to Saturday, May 18. The photographs will be judged by a panel of local artists and educators, and will be exhibited at the Museum from June 8 through August 10. For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at [www.ArcadiaCa.gov/museum](http://www.ArcadiaCa.gov/museum). The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum Education Center is located at 382 W. Huntington Drive. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1). Admission is always free.

## BALDWIN PARK

### 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

### Mother's Day Lunch

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department - Senior Services Division is holding Mother's Day Lunch at the Covina Senior Center (Temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Friday, **May 10**, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Let's celebrate these fabulous ladies! Join us the "motherlode" of all events! These ladies are dressed up and ready to party. Nominal suggested \$3 donation for lunch through Nutrition Program. For more information or to register, call (626) 384-5380.

### BUNCO!

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

### Indoor Chair Beach Volleyball

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

## DUARTE

### Duarte Museum Needs Docents

## Duarte Seeks Volunteer to Fill District #7 City Council Vacancy

**DUARTE** - The City of Duarte is accepting applications to fill the balance of the term for a City Council vacancy in District #7. Only Duarte citizens residing within District #7 are eligible to apply and will have until 6 p.m. on May 20 to submit an application. The successful applicant appointed will serve the balance of the term for the seat that was originally elected in November 2018, with the term ending December 8, 2020.

City Council District #7 vacancy applications must be submitted to the City Manager's Of-

ice at Duarte City Hall (1600 Huntington Dr.) by 6 p.m. on May 20. Physical applications will be available at City Hall, Public Safety, and the Duarte Teen and Senior Centers; and an easy to use fillable version is available on the City's website. Interested candidates will also need to submit a current résumé and a 200-word or less statement describing their background, qualifications, and objectives for serving on the Council.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## GLENDORA

### Genealogy Group

The Glendora Genealogy Group meets Tuesday, **May 28** 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 the program: "Foreign Language Records" by Linda Serna. For questions about our group or this meeting, please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

### 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. For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

### 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](mailto:jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us).

### 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.

## LA VERNE

### "A Sip Of La Verne" Wine Walk

"A Sip of La Verne," Old Town La Verne's 7th Annual Wine Walk is on Saturday, **May 4**, from 5:00pm - 8:30pm. Merchants throughout Old Town offer wine tastings and local restaurant food offerings in beautiful Old Town La Verne, at Bonita Avenue and D Street. Live music throughout is part of the festivities. This event sells out every year, so get your tickets early. For information please contact City of La Verne at (909) 596-8706.

Adults over 21 years of age only. Tickets are \$55 on day of event, but only if tickets remain available. \$20 for designated drivers (food only).

### Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free. To Register: (909) 621-9900. To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964. For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

## MONROVIA

### Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program

is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

### Caring Crafters

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

### Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

## SAN DIMAS

### San Dimas

### Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Chal-

## Summer Leadership Academy

**GLENDORA** - It's time to apply for the Summer Leadership Academy! For the eighth year, the Glendora Kiwanianes will sponsor a one-week Leadership Academy for local children entering grades 6 - 8 next fall. The Academy will be held from June 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon and children will

learn and practice a number of leadership skills. Cost to attend the Academy is \$25 and applications are on line at [Glendorakiwanianes.org](http://Glendorakiwanianes.org) and are due this month. Children from the 2017 Academy said they enjoyed the week and learned how to become future leaders.

## WEST COVINA

### 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 Holidays.

### 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](mailto:ehernandez57@aol.com)

### 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.



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## Veteran Raising Awareness about Unexpected Parkinson's Symptoms



Dan McFarland is raising awareness about Parkinson's non-movement symptoms.

Dan McFarland's family was concerned when he started taking pictures of clouds and posting them on social media with urgent messages about how they were symbols about the need to repent and get ready for the end of the world. His frequent bouts of paranoia and experience with surprising visions seemed out of character, especially since McFarland was a successful businessman, running one of the largest retirement communities in Oregon, and a retired U.S. Air Force senior master sergeant.

It turned out that these delusions and hallucinations were non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease, which McFarland had been diagnosed with years before. For McFarland, these symptoms were harder to manage than the motor symptoms typically associated with Parkinson's disease, such as tremors, rigidity or slowness of movement.

"My neurologist was able to recognize my non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's. Some of my hallucinations and delusions were

frightening to me and upsetting to my loved ones, and adjusting my treatment helped lessen this burden," he says. "To help others recognize these symptoms, I've gotten involved in my local Parkinson's support group, and am sharing my story.

Although there is no clear understanding of the exact cause of hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson's, around half of all people with Parkinson's may experience these symptoms over the course of their disease.

For McFarland, when he first began to experience hallucinations and delusions, he recognized that what he was seeing and believing wasn't quite real. But it was confusing to him and as his condition progressed, he began to lose insight. For example, his belief that the end of the world was coming was triggered by a brief news story about a sink hole in South America. He also began to distrust family and friends. After his wife left a camping trip early, he became suspicious that she might be trying to connect

with an old boyfriend. In reality, she had simply needed a much-deserved break from work and caregiving responsibilities.

Left unaddressed, these non-movement symptoms can impact people with Parkinson's and their care partners' ability to make plans with family and friends and even sleep, according to a recent survey conducted by the Parkinson's Movement Disorder Alliance. Experts say that if you believe you or a loved one is experiencing hallucinations or delusions as a result of Parkinson's disease, the first step is talking to a movement disorder specialist. You can also go to [MoretoParkinsons.com](http://MoretoParkinsons.com) to learn more.

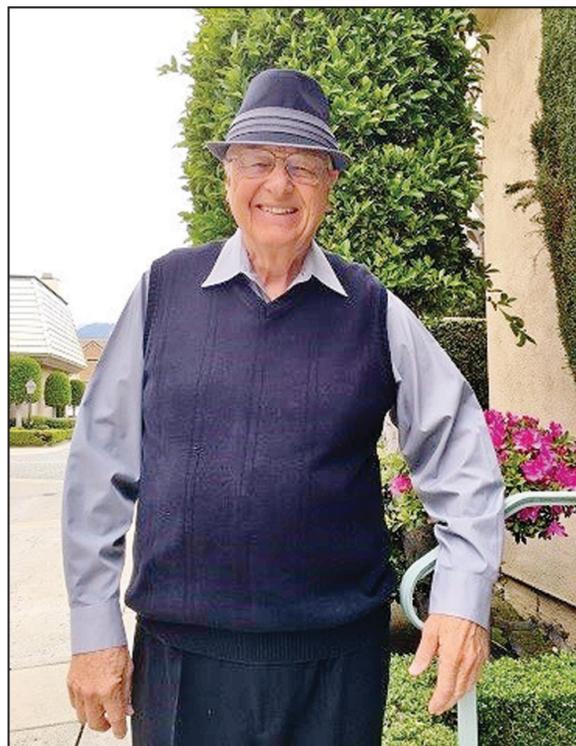
While doctors may be able to address non-motor symptoms like hallucinations and delusions, it's important to keep in mind that everyone is different and for some, other non-motor symptoms may still persist. McFarland continues to struggle with depression and anxiety, which are other common non-movement symptoms of Parkinson's disease. McFarland sees a therapist to help manage those symptoms. Having a greater understanding of the disease and its possible symptoms has helped the McFarlands deal with them as they arise.

"Opening up about my fears and beliefs led to an improvement in my treatment plan and I'm experiencing fewer non-movement symptoms," says McFarland. "I hope that my story will encourage others to recognize these symptoms in themselves and others, because there are options to help." (StatePoint)

## Arcadia Rotary Club's Salute to Seniors Luncheon

ARCADIA - The annual Salute to Seniors Luncheon sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. At this special event, the Arcadia Rotary Club along with the City Council, Senior Commissioners, and other guests will honor Lee Shimmin, the City of Arcadia 2019 Senior of the Year!

About The Honoree - Congratulations to the 2019 Senior of The Year, Lee Shimmin. Over the past 39 years Lee has volunteered in many capacities ranging from board member to President for many Arcadia organizations. Lee has not only volunteered countless hours to the Arcadia Community, but has also made generous contributions by speaking at various civic groups on the history of Arcadia. The City would like to congratulate Lee for his service, dedication, and contribution to the community.



Lee Shimmin, the City of Arcadia 2019 Senior of the Year!

## Jazz Under the Stars



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GLENDORA - Please join us for a fun and relaxing evening, Friday, **May 3rd** at "Jazz Under the Stars", from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Glenkirk Church in Glendora. Come and enjoy live jazz music played under the stars by the award winning Glendora High School Jazz Band, while enjoying

some delicious desserts, participating in our Opportunity Drawing and bidding on some fabulous items at our silent auction. You will find items such as, dinner gift cards, wine, tickets to performances and much much more.

This event is one of our biggest fundraisers and helps us

to maintain a quality and successful music program. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased in advance, or at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Stacy Toms at (702) 234-7893 or email her at [stomsrca@yahoo.com](mailto:stomsrca@yahoo.com).

## Kiwanis Community Service Awardee



Kandy Nunn (right) presents a Kiwanis International Community Service Award to Connie Andrews, co-owner of Andrews Inc. of Glendora for her many contributions to the community including her yearly participation in the Kiwanianne's annual Community Tea which raises funds for \$750 grants to local teachers to bring the arts into the classroom. "Connie has been a generous community businesswoman helping many organizations including the Kiwanianne's and we were proud to recognize her with this award at this year's Tea," said Nunn. Over 135 people attended the event held April 27. Proceeds from the Community Tea will fund additional grants for teachers this year.

## City of West Covina Appoints Mike Hambel Acting Fire Chief

WEST COVINA - Interim City Manager David Carmany announced Tuesday that Mike Hambel has been named Acting Fire Chief. Chief Hambel will begin in his new role immediately.

Mr. Hambel has more than

19 years of experience working in the fire service. He began his career in 2002 with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and was hired by the City of West Covina in 2006 as a Firefighter Paramedic. He was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain in 2016.

In his new role as Chief of an excellent Department, Mr. Hambel will handle the daily management of Fire Department operations and provide oversight, while working closely with the City administration.

"I am so thankful to the City for the trust they have placed in me," said Chief Hambel. "I

am proud to be a part of this community and look forward to supporting our talented Firefighters as we provide the highest quality of customer service." Said Chief Hambel: "My first internal priority will be to develop trust through open communication. I'll find strengths, provide inclusion, and build on those strengths to help make a great Department even better".

For questions or to learn more about West Covina contact David Carmany or Nikole Bresciani in the City Manager's Office (626) 939-8401.

## Certificate of Appreciation



Sunday, March 17, 2019 Grace of Calvary Lutheran Church honored Charles & Carol Varnes for their years of service with a Certificate of Appreciation. The original date was scheduled for November 18, 2018, but unfortunately Carol fell ill and passed away before they could be honored. Pictured are Church Council President Jeff Cameron and Charles Varnes.

### Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to [SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com). We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg. Articles should be in good taste.

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# New West Covina City Manager Fires Both Police and Fire Chiefs



Police Chief Marc Taylor



Fire Chief Larry Whithorn



New Police Chief Richard Bell

**By George Ogden**  
**WEST COVINA** - After 3 weeks as West Covina's "New" City Manager, David Carmany, has fired both the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. David Carmany took Chris Freeland's place when he was fired by the majority vote of the city council. The firings were done 90 days after the election which is the time period the council is required to wait before they can take action for a termination. Although, it was stated by the city that Chris Freeland resigned, it was interesting that he was not allowed to pick up his personal items and they were packed up for him.

Within a short period of time they came up with a number of city manager candidates and David Carmany became a favorite and he was hired. Mayor Lloyd Johnson and Councilwoman Jessica Shoemaker did not favor this action and voted no.

Police Chief Marc Taylor had 33-years with the West Covina Police Department. Fire Chief Larry Whithorn, who took over as chief in 2015, served 29 years in the West Covina Fire Department. Both men were directed by the City Council to cut back on costs and were given directives that they had to follow. The

file and rank for both departments were hit financially as the city is strapped for funds and is cutting back in all departments. Both chiefs were told exactly what to do and they followed those orders that were given to them. This may have caused bad feelings by the police officers and firemen towards their chiefs. There was a no-confidence vote by the Fire Association back in September of 2017 because of cutbacks and retaliation complaints. Sadly, Whithorn became extremely ill and was off for several months.

Taylor was taken aback by the method of his termination by the City Manager. It appears that the City Manager was able to figure out that both of these men needed to be terminated in just three weeks. Both men were loved by the majority of community and are shocked at the disgraceful way they were let go. Mayor Lloyd Johnson was asked by this paper for a comment and in a rather loud voice said, "I HAVE NO COMMENT!!!" and at that point he terminated the conversation. What was also very sad, both Mayor Johnson and Chief Taylor were at the city hall at the same time. The chief was being terminated and the mayor was at-

tending to other business. They both left the building at the same time and the Mayor, being left in the dark, didn't know about the termination of the chief and while in the elevator, told him to have a great day. When he found out that Taylor had just been terminated later in the day, he recalled that he told the chief, "to have a great day." He contacted the now former chief about his comment and explained he didn't have a clue as to what had transpired.

Captain Richard Bell has been elevated to Chief temporarily which could be a permanent position for him.

Many feel that West Covina is on a "self-destruct" path and this will most likely cost the city more money that they don't have. Many are angered at the way these men were terminated. Basically saying, "No class as these men deserved better than this."

It is unknown what the payouts will be for both chiefs, however there is nothing there to say that they may look to seek a further settlement against the city.

The costs for replacing all three, both chiefs and the city manager will put a dent into the city's bank accounts and without a doubt, you will see a new sales tax for the City of West Covina.

# George Silva Of SCE Federal Credit Union To Be Honored At Dodger Stadium

Silva will receive the prestigious Kare Community Award

**ARCADIA** - The Kare Youth League Board of Directors has just announced their choice for the recipient of the 2019 Kare Community Award. George Silva of SCE Federal Credit Union will be honored at the organization's annual Invitational Brunch which will be held in the Lexus Dugout Club at Dodger Stadium on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

The Kare Community Award recognizes one individual each year who has given an extraordinary level of support to the Kare program and other worthy causes throughout the San Gabriel Valley. George Silva and SCE Federal Credit Union have supported Kare Youth League on projects large and small including their most recent and largest capital project, Kare Park in Irwindale. He has also volunteered his time supporting Kare's members by umpiring youth baseball games.

"Mr. Silva and SCE Federal Credit Union's faithful support of our boys and girls' program has been an inspiration to us all," stated Kare Youth League Development Director Dave Carson. "George is a great guy and we are so honored to present George Silva with the Kare Community Award."

George Silva, born and raised in Boyle Heights, was locally educated at Roosevelt High School and East L.A. Community College. George's career in banking brought him to SCE Federal Credit Union, where he is currently in his fourteenth year as manager of their Irwindale branch.



George Silva as Volunteer Umpire

In addition to the responsibility of running the largest of SCE Credit Union's nine branches, George willingly takes on leadership roles with many of his volunteer commitments, serving the local residential and business community:

- American Cancer Society, Relay for Life of Baldwin Park - Past chairman of several committees including Co-Event Chair, Food Chair, Sponsorship Chair
- American Diabetes Association - Volunteer and captain of the SCE Credit Union Tour De Cure Team
- City of Baldwin Park - Past Planning Commissioner
- Baldwin Park Business Association - Board President
- Chamber of Commerce, Irwindale - Current Business Ambassador
- City of Baldwin Park, Volunteer/Coordinator of Credit Union's Involvement and Support of City Functions
- Kaiser Permanente, Baldwin Park - Current Bio-Ethics Committee Member
- Irwindale Educational Foundation - Current Board Member
- Kare Youth League - Advisory Committee Member and Volunteer

George is passionate about working with people, building relationships and partnerships, and achieving success in his business and personal life.

Colleagues who have worked alongside George comment he is an invaluable member of any

team and one who will take on not only his own significant role, but also handle other needs that may arise. He is generous, dependable, loyal and always a gentleman.

"We're incredibly proud of George Silva," said Dan Rader, President/CEO of SCE Federal Credit Union. "On a daily basis, year after year, George embodies the Credit Union's mission to improve the lives of our members, our communities and our team. He has been heavily involved in many of the Credit Union's volunteer efforts in the local community, including the American Diabetes Association's Ride for the Cure, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Christmas with the Cops, and our own Mad City Money financial simulation events for teens. We thank the Kare Youth League Board of Directors for recognizing George for his significant contributions."

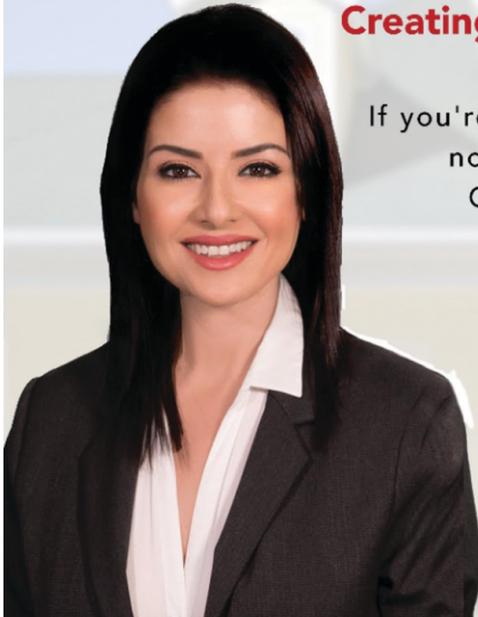
Kare Youth League is a non-profit youth organization that has operated in the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire for 87 years. Based on the principle "Their Future Is Now," Kare Youth League offers sports and guidance for boys and girls, instilling the principles of loyalty, teamwork, respect and generosity that will serve them throughout their lives. The organization operates at four centers in Arcadia, Covina, Irwindale and Upland. For more information, visit [www.kyl.org](http://www.kyl.org).



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