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President Trump Awards Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor To 8 Southern California Officers

WASHINGTON D.C. - Sr.. Senior Officer Carlos

"Every officer, firefighter and first responder who receives this award embodies the highest ideals of service and sacrifice, character and courage," Trump said during the White House ceremony.

Eight Police Officers from Southern California were honored for placing themselves in danger and saving the lives of civilians and fellow officers during the shooting on Election Day 2016.

The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor is the highest decoration for bravery exhibited by public safety officers in the United States, comparable to the military's Medal of Honor. Awarded for "Actions above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind; or an unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life."

The recipients were retired Lt. Xavier Torres, Sgt. Seth Chapman, retired Sgt. Terry Smith Jr., Sgt. Thomas Avila III, Sgt. Rocky Wenrick, retired Cpl. Andrew Rodriguez Plascencia, of the Azusa Police Department; and Detective Manuel Campos of the Irwindale Police Department.

Carlos Mendez, a 45-yearold Azusa resident opened fire on random passersby in Azusa and ambushed police officers. When police arrived at the polling place, Mendez was shooting from a house across from a park. An elderly woman and a man lay wounded. Two vehicles had collided and a woman in one of the cars was critically injured.

A massive law enforcement response followed and the victims and the pinned-down officers were extracted to safety. The shooter was eventually killed and the officers were credited for preventing other deaths and injuries.

Elida Dominguez, 66, of Azusa, died in 2018 due to complications related to the shooting. Francis William Varney, 77, of Azusa, was gunned down while approaching the shooter.

"When they arrived Carlos and Xavier raced through a hail of bullets to save a woman who had been shot in the head.



President Donald Trump awards seven Azusa Police Officers and one Irwindale Police Officer with the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.



President Donald Trump awards Sgt. Thomas Avila III of the Azusa Police Department the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

At the same time, Terry, Andrew and Seth returned fire. Tommy, Rocky and Manuel drew the gunman out of his house enabling their fellow officers to shoot him and to bring the rampage to an end.

Very dangerous situation," said President Trump. "To each of you, you represent the unity, devotion, teamwork and swift action that makes Americas *law enforcement the best in the* world. well done and I want



The Public Safety Officer **Medal of Valor**

to thank you for being here very much."

Scouts Honor Veterans at Oakdale Cemetery on Memorial Day



Taylor Froh, age 11, a Cadette Girl Scout from the Covina Oaks Service Unit Troop #974, lays a penny down on a grave marker of a veteran at the Oakdale Cemetery. Leaving a coin on a headstone or at a grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Taylor brought a \$1 roll of pennies to place on the markers of the veteran. She ran out of them. The other scouts place flags on the grave site of the veterans.

Healing Connections

DUARTE - Ulises Gutierrez and Tatiana Giron brought quite a moving message to a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. They are representatives of Healing Connections - an organization dedicated to the prevention of suicide. Both Ulises and Tatania are survivors. Healing Connections was created six years ago after a series of teen suicides. A high school student went to the Superintendent of Schools and asked "how can I help prevent these suicides?" This was the impetus of creating Healing Connections. They are a support group that provides a bridge to resources to those in pain. Their goal is to break the silence of pain by helping folks and being



Tatiana Giron, Healing Connections, Cheryl Reynols, Duarte Kiwanis President, and Ulises Gutierrez, Healing Connections.

comfortable in their "mess". If you are interested in joining Ulises reminded the group of the power of communication and to just Be Present for one another.

Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.

Memorial Day at Fairmount Pioneer **Cemetery - Founded in 1876**



Glendora Mayor Judy Nelson speaks to the crowd. Also in picture are Glendora Council members Mendell Thompson, Michael Allawos, Gary Boyer, Karen Davis, FPCF Treasurer Doug Boyd FPCF President David Fredendall.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The 143rd Annual Memorial Day service was held at the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery, which lies on the border of the cities of Glendora and Azusa.

Despite the rains of the day before, it was a beautiful sunny day, with a slight breeze, making for an ideal morning to celebrate and memorialize our fallen soldiers and sailors of the many wars that American troops gave their lives in.

It seems that the crowds at the cemetery grows every year as Glendorans and Azusans gather to remember the fallen. This year, we counted over three hundred people who attended the ceremony.

As always, this Memorial Day salute is thought of, as the best in the San Gabriel Valley. The Mayors of the two cities, council members, police departments, fire departments, boy scouts and veterans of past wars, all participate.

This years keynote address was by former Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Missakian, who

delivered a very appropriate and inspirational speech.

Among those present were Glendora Mayor Judy Nelson (who spoke at the event), Mayor Pro Tem Michael Allawos, Council members Mendell Thompson, Karen Davis and Gary Boyer.

The Glendora Police Department was represented by Captain Matt Egan, the Azusa Police Department was represented by Chief Steve Hunt, L. A. County Fire Department Station No. 97 was represented by Battalion Chief Christopher Rash.

The Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Foundation President David Fredendall did an excellent job in conducting the ceremony.

The keynote speaker was introduced by former FPCF President, Doug Boyd.

The invocation was by Reverend Karen Davis. The Flag Ceremony and Honor Guard was by the Glendora PD and Troop 489 Scouts. The National Anthem was beautifully

sung by Sarah Montes of APU. The Wreath Laying was by Chaplain Heidi Wilmsen of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Norma Meacham Rowley of the Women's Army Corps. The rifle salute was by Jesse Martinez and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8070. Taps was played by Zelun Martz - Troop 489,

The Benediction was by Reverend Karen Davis.

The Dedication of a Historical Monument at the entrance to the cemetery was led by Glenn Thornhill-Former National President SNGH E Clampus Vitus.

This Memorial Day celebration and remembrance was dedicated to "The brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who paid the ultimate price so we may enjoy our freedom today and those still actively serving our Country. May the Lord Bless them and their families! May God Bless America!"

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Cruz Baca Receives Latina Advocate Award

By Jayam Rutnam

SACRAMENTO - Former City of Baldwin Park Council Member, Cruz Baca, was honored with the Latina Advocate Award at the HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) Conference in Sacramento, California. HOPE Leadership Programs provide Latinas with leadership development, statewide networking opportunities and experiential learning. They are committed to ensuring political and economic parity for Women through education to benefit all communities. She was nominated by Senator Susan Rubio of the 22nd District.



Cruz Baca with Susan Rubio Senator of the 22nd District after the

International World Schools of West **Covina Students Present Passion Projects**

WEST COVINA-Students in Edgewood Schools' International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) lit up as they presented a zero-waste challenge, the impact of social media, a comprehensive look at "The Sound of Music," video game design, the history of the Space Age and more on May 9 during Edgewood's first-ever Personal Projects Exhibition.

The Personal Project is the culmination of the five-year MYP, which serves students in grades six to 10. Students are encouraged to conduct independent research that explores a personal interest and demonstrates MYP-taught skills like critical and creative thinking, self-management and communication.

"I was motivated to do this project, even though it was extra work on top of all my other activities, because it was enjoyable to complete this for myself and see all my work come together," said sophomore Alyanna Nalapo, whose project focused on introductory songwriting and musical



Edgewood Schools student Melanie Barahoma presents a Jigsawstyle painting of her own design as her MYP Personal Project during the school's exhibition on May 9.

composition. "I feel like MYP is preparing me for what's next; the IB Diploma Programme is challenging, but I feel ready to take on those challenges."

The Personal Project consists of three parts: students document the process they follow, create a product or outcome and produce a report or presentation that explains what they have done and learned. Seventeen Edgewood middle and high school students engaged in one to three months of research to complete the schools' first-ever MYP Personal Projects.

MYP is part of West Covina Unified's TK-12 IB instruction and mission to provide a rigorous and globally focused educa-

Join the Summer Reading Challenge at the Glendora Public Library

read 42,000 over the course of the summer. Readers responded by smashing 42,000 hours and earning the right to water bomb the Librarian, Ms. Cindy. Can Glendora's readers reach 43,000 hours read this summer? If so, some of the summer's top readers will have a chance to water blast the Librarian. Join the Glendora Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge and help us reach our goal of 43,000 hours read by Glendorans this summer.

online Register www.glendoralibrary.org beginning June 1st, or come to the Library June 3rd-July 27th, and visit the Library weekly. All participants will receive a free incentive upon registration. All reading is good reading for the summer where anything goes. If you read the cereal box, it counts, online journals, it counts, books, magazines and newspapers, it counts, even listening to audiobooks throughout the summer counts. The more you read, the more incentives you will receive. Let's make this summer the best one yet. Check the Library's website throughout the summer to find out who the top readers are!

Students who continue to read during the summer have been shown to maintain or improve their reading skills. A study conducted of Glendora Unified School District students showed students who participated in summer reading programs increased their reading levels on average by 3 months. Those who didn't participate did not show improvement. Join the Summer Reading Challenge to help your students

The Summer Reading Challenge isn't just for the kids.

GLENDORA - Last year, the Adults and readers of all ages are the landing of the Apollo 11. Library challenged Glendora to invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge and enjoy events that will explore the world of "Showtime", including Showtime Trivia, Songwriting Workshop and a screening of the newly released movie Apollo 11, just in time for the 50th Anniversary of

The Summer Reading Challenge is presented in partnership by The Glendora Public Library and GPL Friends Foundation. Please contact the Library at www.glendoralibrary.org or 626-852-4891 for complete program information.

Get Help With Your Tech **Questions At The Library!**

GLENDORA - The Glendora Library has volunteer computer helpers available throughout the week to assist with your tech questions. Drop-in help is available, or you may call to set up a more in-depth, 30 minute appointment on topics such as setting up and using email, using Microsoft Word/PowerPoint, creating and sending documents, or becoming more familiar with

the Internet. Please call (626) 852-4891 for the schedule, or to set up your own appoint-

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Duarte Boxer Cuts Hair to Make Weight; Brings Home Second Golden Gloves Championship Win

DUARTE - On Saturday, May 11, twenty-one-year-old Erika Sanchez, representing California and a member of the Duarte Boxing Club, brought home the hardfought title of National Golden Gloves Lightweight Champion for her second year in a row. Upon initial weigh-in, Sanchez came in four ounces over her 132-lbs weight classification. Determined to defend her #1 national ranking, Sanchez asked her coaches to cut her hair, shedding the few ounces that stood between her and victory. Sanchez went on to defeat Rosa Torres (Illinois) in the quarterfinals, Mari Stewart (Minnesota) in the semi-finals, and Nancy Garcia (Texas) in the finals.

Sanchez started with the Duarte Boxing Club at the age of 16, training under head coach Victor Valenzuela. In only four short years, Sanchez's hard work

and dedication earned her national recognition as the 2018 National Golden Gloves Lightweight Champion in Omaha, Nebraska. The Duarte Boxing Club operates out of the Duarte Teen Center. "We are very proud of

Erika and how she represented Duarte," stated Marilyn Mays, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Duarte," and how she continues to keep our program in the national limelight."

West Covina Unified's Mental Wellness Fair Raises Awareness, Reduces Stigma

WEST COVINA Edgewood Schools' blue and gold campus was bedecked in lime green – the color associated with mental health awareness - during West Covina Unified's inaugural Mental Wellness Festival on May 18, which connected families with

mental health resources and

aimed to reduce stigma.

The free festival featured nearly a dozen sessions on breaking the stigma, cyber safety, improving one's wellbeing, healthy and unhealthy relationships, living with someone who has mental health challenges and information on the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

"West Covina Unified is committed to promoting socioemotional wellness both in and out of the classroom and to ensuring families have access to vital resources," WCUSD Director of Student said. "We are thankful to our students, staff and community partners who came together to put on this outstanding festi-

WCUSD families and com-

West Covina High School's Bulldogs Ending Stigma Together (BEST) Club members "burst the stigma" with a balloon-popping activity during the WCUSD Mental Wellness Festival on May 18.

munity members also gathered giveaways and enjoyed live entertainment, meditation clinics, concessions and family-friendly activities as they explored booths from local health and wellness organizations.

The WCUSD Board of Education declared the intent to establish mental health clubs on each middle school and high school campus in 2018-19; upon achieving its goal, the District planned the festival to expand mental health awareness to the WCUSD community.

Each WCUSD mental health club hosted a booth that high-

lighted its campus involvement and activity for attendees, including a photo booth, a balloon-popping game to "burst the stigma" and a yarn pompon-making station.

"I think it's important to raise mental health awareness in school so students know they're not alone and that there are others who feel the way they do," said Erika Camacho, a Coronado High junior and mental health club member. "I'm happy that our schools and our district are making mental health a priority."



"TIME JOCKEY" - Romualdo Pacheco

By Joe Castillo

First Hispanic... California was claimed by the Spanish crown in the 1500's as one of many territories in South and North America also claimed by Spain. Eventually the Republic of Mexico took over possession from Spain and held onto possession until 1850 when California was added to the United States as the

31st state of the union. Romualdo Pacheco was born in 1831 on his family's rancho near Santa Barbara. His father was born in Guanajuato, Mexico and came to California as an aid-decamp to Governor Escheandia. At the age of 12, Romualdo served as an apprentice on a trading sailing vessel, learning to become an excellent seaman in the process. As he grew up, his skills in horsemanship and mining would go on serve him well during the Gold Rush era.

In 1853, tensions between Californios - prominent California-born natives who had owned land under Mexican rule, and newly arrived American settlers were escalating. Pacheco had been

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elected as a judge in San Luis Obispo county and was fluent in Spanish and English. These skills enabled Pacheco to work with both groups in reaching a peaceful resolution to land and civil rights issues which were the center of escalating tensions between both parties.

Pacheco's negotiation skills guided him to run for state political office and in 1857 he was elected to the California State Senate where he became involved in the debate over slavery and the growth of division which would lead to the Civil War. He was re-elected to the State Senate but his tenure was interrupted by the Civil War when he enlisted in the Union Army with a rank of Brigadier General. After the war, he returned to California and was elected State Treasurer, and Lieutenant Governor, and then ascended to become the Governor of California when his predecessor resigned to take a position in the U.S. Senate.

Governor Pacheco become the first Hispanic governor of California, an achievement he has maintained since as no other Hispanic has been elected governor of California. Four years later, Pacheco ran for the U.S. House of Representatives and won a seat

in Congress, making him the first Hispanic to hold a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a congressman, he was appointed to chair the Private Land Claims Committee, the first time a Hispanic had chaired a standing congressional committee.

Following his time in Congress, Pacheco became an ambassador to the Central American countries, where he served to establish friendly relationship with our southern neighbors. When Pacheco retired, he returned to California to lead a quiet life before he died in 1899 at the age of 69 in Oakland.

Romualdo Pacheco was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West but whether in professional life, political service or organizational involvement, California became his priority eventually serving the people of California as the first Hispanic California Governor and member of the U.S. House of Representa-

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CalFresh Benefits Available To Seniors And People With Disabilities Receiving SSI Benefits Beginning June 1, 2019

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) announces the expansion of the State of California's Cal-Fresh Program to now serve older adults and people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, beginning June 1, 2019.

SSI recipients may be eligible to receive CalFresh food benefits and applying will not affect their SSI benefit amount in any

"The expansion of the Cal-

Fresh Program will help our department serve the county's most vulnerable and food insecure populations," said DPSS Director Antonia Jiménez.

Anticipating that over 240,000 L.A. County residents may potentially benefit from this expansion, DPSS and its community partners are prepared to help residents by offering easy enrollment options which do not require them to come into a DPSS office.

DPSS has established a Call Center dedicated to taking Cal-Fresh applications by phone. All County residents can contact the Call Center at 866-613-3777, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and a customer service agent will collect all the necessary information over the phone and process the application. In 74 percent of the cases, the application is processed

on the same day. The department also accepts applications through GetCalFresh.org, a simplified application accessible on any computer or mobile device which

takes approximately eight minutes to complete.

"Because we understand that seniors and disabled residents face transportation and mobility challenges, we have developed these two options to serve them in the comfort of their own homes," Jimenez added. "We are working closely with our community partners to help get this information out to those who will benefit most from this expansion. We've also created marketing materials in multiple languages to inform our diverse commu-

For more information, please contact the DPSS Call Center at 866-613-3777, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or visit the DPSS website at www.dpss.lacounty.gov.

Senator Chang's Legislation on Artificial Intelligence Helps to Improve State Services

SACRAMENTO - Continuing her advocacy on innovation and technology, Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) is pleased to announce that the California State Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 348 with bipartisan support. SB 348 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Technology to develop an artificial intelligence (AI) strategy to improve state services.

"As a member of the bi-partisan Technology and Innovation Caucus, I'm committed to making sure California doesn't fall further behind in using technol-

ogy in state services. "Customer service is the cornerstone of success for all businesses, including state agencies who serve California hardworking residents. Over the past year, we've read many stories about the inefficiencies of the DMV, which is a concern for me and it should be a concern for all Californians. I hope to help our state agencies such as the DMV to be more efficient and improve the accuracy of their systems. My legislation would help to modernize state services by using AI in smart and effective ways," said Senator Chang.

Currently, several state agencies have already utilized AI with demonstrated success, including the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The CDFA uses AI in place for the state's food systems so that it is more sustainable, drought resilient, and adaptable to climate change.

The Future of Life and Little Hoover Commission support this bill

SB 348 will now head to the California State Assembly for consideration.

San Gabriel Police To Host **Chinese-Speaking '411 With** The Chief' Open Forum

to engage with the community, the San Gabriel Police Department is now hosting Mandarin and Cantonese sessions of "411 with the Chief."

Hosted by Police Chief Gene Harris, "411 with the Chief" allows residents of San Gabriel to meet directly with the Chief of Police and members of the police department in an informal setting. This interactive forum is an excellent way for members of the community to ask questions and to get answers about their local police department or police practices.

population is primarily Chinesespeaking," said Mayor Jason Pu. "As a second generation Chinese American who speaks English and Mandarin, I am proud that our City is taking steps to ensure that we engage and inform our Chinese-speaking population. I applaud Chief Harris and the San Gabriel Police Department in these efforts.'

"San Gabriel has an incredibly diverse population and it's important for us to engage with every member of our community," said Police Chief Gene Harris. "Our goal is to provide exempla-"The City of San Gabriel is ry service to everyone in San

SAN GABRIEL – As part of about 60% Chinese American Gabriel, and I hope these new the department's outreach efforts—and a significant portion of this—sessions allow us to connect with an even wider audience."

These new Mandarin and Cantonese sessions will be hosted at San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers located on the second floor of 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel on June 5, 2019, October 2, 2019 and February 5, 2020. Mandarin and Cantonese-speaking staff from the San Gabriel Police Department will be available on these select dates to provide translation services. English sessions of "411 with the Chief" will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of every month.

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Senator Chang's Legislation to Fight **Cybercriminals Passes Senate**

SACRAMENTO - The California State Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 239 by Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) with bipartisan support. SB 239 would make it easier to prosecute serious cybercriminals and computer hackers. The proposal would align the statute of limitations for felony computer hacking with similar forms of crimes by allowing for prosecution three years after the date of discovery, rather than the date of offense. "Given the devastating trail of

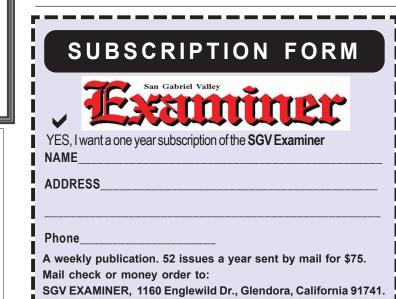
destruction that hacking and phishing leave behind, we must help

victims get justice," said Senator Chang. "Billions of user accounts get hacked at a huge cost to our society. The 2020 projected cost for a single hacking event against a company is estimated at \$150 million per incident. We must act now."

Under existing law, the statute of limitations for computer hacking is three years after discovery, if prosecuted civilly. But, the statute of limitations for computer hacking prosecuted as a felony commences from the date of the offense, not the date of discovery. This bill would allow the same statute of limitations for a felony violation of Penal Code section 502 as a civil prosecution for the same act.

AARP California and Conference of California Bar Associations support this bill.

SB 239 will head next to the State Assembly for consider-



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Meuser Files Against Secretary Alex Padilla

California is breaking federal law, and the integrity of our election system is being compromised. Support our efforts to hold the California Secretary of State's Office accountable to the National Voter Registration Act, and ensure that we have the resources to fight in court if they fail to comply.

The words are the face page of California Voting Rights website: https://cavotingrights.com that takes you into the documents filed by San Francisco Attorney, Harmeet Dhillon, Dhillon Law Group, whose law niche has become representing clients across the state in election and campaign matters ... from ballot description contests and intellectual property matters to campaign communications.

In this case, the organization is supporting a demand letter by former Secretary of State candidate, Mark Meuser, to Secretary of State, Alex Padilla, for violations of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Meuser, as legal counsel for Roxanne Beckford Hoge, candidate for Assembly District 46, Ali Mazarei, candidate for Assembly District 61, and Corrin Rankin, former candidate for Redwood City Council, tackles the violations that may have cost these three candidates their elections to the seats they sought as well as Mark Meuser's.

Meuser campaigned for Secretary of State 2018 to restore integrity of the voter rolls in California.

Secretary of State Padilla is told in Meuser's letter he has failed to perform the duties of that office by NOT:

- Ensuring eligible voters are registered to vote
- Sending letters to each person applying to vote confirming or rejecting the application
- Conducting a general program making a reasonable effort to remove names of ineligible voters from the official voter role (death, change of address, in



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

state or federal prison for felony conviction or citizenship).

We know from recent articles in newspapers and online newsletters the biggest disaster in the past couple of elections has been the irresponsible actions by the Department of Motor Vehicles. AB 60 was passed as a solution for undocumented residents to drive legally with state issued driver's licenses and to be able to buy insurance. With AB 60 came the same responsibilities DMV has for each person applying for a license and that is proof the applicant is really who he/she says they are by producing a social security card, birth certificate, passport ... any document to provide legitimate identifica-

The fallacy in the process now, as noted in Meuser's letter to Padilla, DMV is only required to verify the documentation presented and not required to pass the verification documents on to the Secretary of State for that officer to fulfill his duties. NVRA does provide a safeguard to that omission in California by requiring each state Election Officer, Secretary of State Padilla, to verify eligibility prior to placing the voter of the voter rolls.

Mark Meuser's letter, on behalf of the three clients, makes the following demands of California's Secretary of State to ensure compliance with the National Voter Registration Act:

• Initiate a process to start re-

ceiving from the DMV documentation regarding an individual's citizenship prior to placing that name on the voter rolls;

• Review all voter registrations and compare them to all databases maintained by the State of California to ensure all registrants are eligible to vote before placing them on the California voter rolls;

• Review all current California registered voters to determine eligibility and send notices to all non-citizens who happen to be on the voter rolls;

• Update the California NVRA Manual to specifically lay out the responsibilities of the registrars of voters to verify eligibility with state and county databases to determine eligibility.

When submitting the letter to Secretary of State, Alex Padilla, Meuser provided a list of documents Padilla must provide so Dhillon Law Group and Mark Meuser will not have to go to court to receive those documents.

Judicial Watch and the Voter Integrity Project California had filed a federal lawsuit in 2017 to force Dean C. Logan, L.A. County Registrar of Voters, to clean up the Los Angeles County voter rolls. In that action, it was determined neither the State of California nor Los Angeles County had removed inactive voters from the voter rolls for over 20 years. The Supreme Court had ruled removal was mandatory.

- LA County has a registration rate on its rolls of 112% of adult population.
- California has a registration rate of 101% of eligible voters.
- 11 of 58 counties have registration rates exceeding 100% of eligible voter citizens.

Many committed citizens and organizations are putting forth an extraordinary effort to force the clean up of our voter registration rolls and ensure there is a legitimate list of voters for the upcoming elections. We need to support them where we can.

My Avocation As A Journalist

These days I have let my mind ramble over what has happened in these 89 years. While my vocation has been as a pastor and theological teacher, my avocation has been as a journalist. This avocational sub-plot began when I was eight years old! In 1938 the Curtis Publishing Company launched a new magazine aimed at children from six to twelve. The first editor of Jack and Jill was Ada Campbell Rose, who happened to live just a block away from the Bayers. Her son, Donald, and I were friends who spent lots of time in each other's houses. Before the first edition was published, Mrs. Rose asked if I would like to write something. The magazine was to include a "column" to be called I Used to Think. Just what an eight year old child used to think escapes me, but from time to time my ten words would appear in print complete with my byline, and I was launched into the world of journalism.

A half-dozen years later I had a very different encounter with printer's ink. I had inherited a newspaper route and every afternoon delivered the Philadelphia Bulletin to twenty neighborhood homes. The paper sold for 3 cents a copy, and I got a penny of that. Every Saturday afternoon I had to make the rounds trying to collect 18 cents from people reluctant to part with it. I concluded that there must be an easier way to earn a nickel, and after a frustrating year, I gave it up.

When I turned sixteen I got a work permit and spent after-school hours as an employee of The Main Line Chronicle --- which I believe was what this weekly community newspaper was then called. This was in the



Charles H. Bayer

days of linotype machines. My job was to collect the metal scraps under the two machines, haul them to the basement where they were re-melted and molded into the "pigs" I then delivered upstairs.

My "journalistic" career was interrupted when my high school senior counselor warned me never to consider any vocation where I had to write. In those days what we now call dyslexia was yet to be diagnosed or understood. I had a bad case of it and today I carry certain disabilities. I can't spell, "dial" a phone or add a simple column of numbers.

Fifty years later I had published a dozen books and still enjoyed seeing my efforts in print. In 1977after a year at the church in St Joseph, Missouri, I wrote a piece for our church newsletter I titled, As I See St. Joseph. The editor of the daily St. Joseph Gazette was a member of the congregation and asked to have it reprinted in the paper. A month later he visited me suggesting that I might write a regular column about whatever came to mind. I took him up on it, and every week for the next sixteen years the paper ran That's Just My Opinion. In a decade and a half I

wrote more than 750 columns.

For the past nine years I have written a un-named piece that appears in a number of publications, as a blog called, The Bayer Essentials, and as an e-mail sent to about three hundred others whose names appear on a variety of lists. That amounts to about 400 weekly columns. It started when another member of the local think-tank of which I was then a member asked if anyone would like to try writing a column for a nearby community weekly whose liberal columnist was about to retire. I held up my hand, and that was a decade ago. My weekly column still runs in that paper. Doing the research, the drafting, the continual necessary revising, and keeping up with thoughtful responses takes about 26 to 28 hours every week. Over the decades I've also done curriculum writing for a religious concern, and for years my column appeared in a monthly church mag-

What do I do with all this extra income? There isn't any! Not a penny, and I like it that way. All my needs are met and any extra income might just be given away.

So now at 89, printer's ink still flows through my veins. While my legs now limit my mobility, I think my mind is still lubricated enough for me to grind out these weekly offerings. I hope that when that ability begins to fail, a few of my friends will let me know before I make a complete fool of myself.

As I reflect on this bit of my history, perhaps I have simply moved from I used to think to here is what I think now.

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Is Socialism Good For Any Nation?

by Mr. D. B. Shimel

Why would any rational person want Socialism? Why; because they have told capitalism is unjust and that that Socialism is the pathway to utopia. Utopia - a mythological place where everyone is EQUAL and everything is FREE. The word utopia comes from the Greek word ou-topos - which translates to 'no place'. Even the ancient Greeks knew that there is no utopia.

Has there ever been a successful socialist country. My research has yet to find a single incident where this is the case. One only needs to look at the world today. The list of socialist nations is mind-boggling. Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea and China along with many other countries have adopted this philosophy with the same result - poverty and oppression by a ruling upper class.

Venezuela is in chaos and will not likely recover for several generations. What happened to this once rich and prosperous 'democratic' nation? Oil, Democracy and Socialism happened. A somewhat simplified discussion of the situation follows.

When it was discovered that Venezuela was setting on one of the world's largest oil fields the country became a major exporter of oil. The country's exports revolved around oil to the extent that that commodity comprised 80% of their exports. The government was extremely rich when the oil prices were high. Unfortunately, Venezuela failed to cultivate any other meaningful exports. When the oil prices fell so too did the Venezuelan economy.

Before the crash there was a large middle and upper class but there was also a large population of under-educated poor. Along came Hugo Chavez. Hugo attempted and failed a coup in the early 1990's, was jailed, but was eventually released back into society. He came to power on the wave of discontent caused by the government's in-ability to continue to provide the benefits it promised when oil prices were high. His stated goals were noble. His idea was to give the poor a good education and thereby give them an opportunity to survive. In spite of his lofty goals they failed. Eventually, Hugo convinced the people of Venezuela to make him "president for life" and predictably, Hugo soon became dictatorial.

To feed the need for revenue in his socialist country Hugo nationalized the country's major oil company ("The oil belongs to the people was the mantra"). Then when this alone did not generate enough revenue he nationalized the banks. Then came runaway inflation. Because of inflation the farmers were unable to produce farm goods at a price that people could afford. First Hugo instituted price fixes on food stuffs but when the farmers could no longer make a profit they quit farming. Eventually he nationalized the farms but national farms historically cannot produce enough food to feed the people because of lack of incentives on the part of the

farm workers.

When Hugo died of cancer his hand-picked successor

Nicholas Maduro took overnot as President for life. The situation under Maduro did not improve and in fact the situation has gotten even worse. Then in 2013 his corrupt government decreed that all guns were the property of the government and proceed to shut down all gun stores in the country and confiscated the guns from all but the military.

What is the situation in Venezuela today? Yes, there is still an upper class who are doing well (a small percentage of the population that includes the leaders of the military) but not so for the common people. The masses of poor are rioting in the streets because they cannot get the basic necessities. Food is in such short supply that the people are resorting to raiding garbage piles. The not so funny joke is the 'Maduro diet' - half of the population has lost 20 pounds or more. Store shelves are empty. The situation in the hospitals is such that people are dying in the hospitals for the lack of commonly available medicines. Operating rooms have shut down for the want of simple medical supplies. Farm production is not nearly sufficient to feed the people. Ten percent of the population has fled the country. Dissidents are being jailed because they oppose Maduro.

Are there lessons to be learned from this dire situation? Definitely!

Socialist regimes always fail: Socialism is predicated a false promise of a utopian society; There is no such thing as free stuff; Pure democracies always fail because of the "tyranny of democracy"; An unarmed population is easily controlled by a corrupt government that controls the military. Lastly, Socialism sounds good but it is the pathway to destruction of a country and of the people's freedom.

As President Ronald Reagan said "Freedom is only one generation away from extinction".

Slang, From the Old Days

If you are around my age and want to talk "groovy" around the teens that are around you... Don't! You will most likely sound like an idiot to them. I was recently recalling an incident were an older man came through a DUI Checkpoint and he appeared to be under the influence. The uniformed officer had him pull into a parking lot for further interview and evaluation. As soon as he got out, he "tried being cool" by using some phrases I had not heard in years. Early on, he used the term "out of sight" and "that's rad". I looked at his car thinking maybe it was some type of time machine from the 60's and 70's. The young officers looked at ME and asked if I knew what he was talking about or what it meant... REALLY? Gee thanks a lot for reminding me of my age.

So, I figured this week, I would change the course of my article to be educational rather being down on negative things around us and our political arena.

So, with the following, for the youngsters out there under 40 years-old... here is your education. If you remember any of these terms, then you are old...

Germsville = Sick. Example: "Get that cough checked out, or you'll wind up buzzed by germsville!"

Post Foot = Pup Example:

Beat Feet = Run. *Example:* "Let's beat feet before the cops get here!"

Cruisin for a Bruisin = Looking to get your butt kicked.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!
Example: "That dude is so an-

Example: "That dude is so annoying, he's cruisin' for a bruisin'."

Made in the Shade! = Most anything that give you success. *Example:* "Now that I've got a new job, I'm made in the shade!"

Pad or **my pad** = Your home or someone else's home. *Example*: "Let's go back to my pad and have some drinks!"

Knuckle-sandwich = Punching someone with your fist. Example: "Get ready, jerk, I'm about to give you a knuckle-sandwich!"

Peepers = Glasses. *Example*: "What do you think of my new peepers? They're bifocals."

Gimme some skin! = Don't get any crazy ideas. If someone asks you to give them some skin, they're merely asking you to shake hands. Example: "Good to see you again! Gimme some skin!"

Foam Domes! = This is the *Animal House*-era reference to the act of putting Kleenexes in one's bra or wearing large foam padded bras. *Example:* "You won't catch me ever wearing foam domes!"

Do me a Solid... When I

first heard this, I thought they meant for me to go into the bathroom and poop a solid. What is really meant by this is... A solid is a favor because, um... favors aren't liquid? When you do someone a solid, you're helping them out in a big way. *Example*: "Would you do me a solid and give me a ride to the airport?"

Laid a Gasser: Actually, self-explanatory. *Example:* "You might want to leave the room. I just laid a gasser."

Stud-Muffin = An overweight dude that thinks he is pretty hot looking guy. *Example:* "I know you think you're quite the stud-muffin, but please put back on your shirt."

There are a ton more phrases out there. If you are still using any of these, time to upgrade your program.

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The relationship dispute between the USA and China appears to be constantly changing. It is difficult to estimate the related economic effects. Taken as a whole, the direct impact of tariffs on the USA appears to be relatively small. However, tariffs have been significantly hurting certain American industries, especially agriculture interests and others dependent on purchases by China buyers.

But a little better news is that last year's tariff round failed to boost core inflation to 2% and appears to have affected GDP by less than a tenth of a percent.

The overall biggest danger to the US might well be the uncertainty, as tariffs are imposed one day and delayed the next, all while trade negotiators are alternatively described as being "close" or "miles apart."

Trade negotiations and tariffs are part of a bigger battle between China and the US for global influence and military superiority, so any short-term resolution may just preview the next battle.

However, the economic stakes, taken as a whole, are not as big as they are being made out to be. A recent Financial Times article predicted a 50bp boost to inflation and GDP impact on a par with the after effects of the Smoot-Hawley tariffs in 1930. For those unfamiliar with the Smoot-Hawley tariffs, many economists believe they triggered the Great Depression. As for the Smoot-Hawley suggestion, it's dead wrong, primarily because China tariffs are directed at one country, while Smoot-Hawley was a tax on all imports. Companies and consumers can avoid the tax by sourcing elsewhere. That's not to say the tariffs will have no impact, but they are unlikely to shut down international trade as effectively as

Smoot-Hawley did. Despite a tweetstorm from President Trump insisting the trade deal is good for China and stands a great chance of being ratified, it is increasingly clear the deal is in jeopardy. Even if it is in China's best interest, making the most sensible decision is only one of several, sometimes contradictory goals of Chinese trade negotiators. Relationship correction goals are also complex for the US negotiating team. Many factors will decide whether to return to the negotiating table, and then whether to negoti-

What's up in the Economy?



Economic Analyst & Former Glendora Mayor

ate a deal both sides can accept. While China holds its cards closely, we assume we understand what American negotiators want, but NOT how much they are willing to compromise to get

President Xi faces a decision likely to define the next several years of his presidency, whether he accedes to a deal or defies it. Since Deng Xiaoping opened China's markets to foreign trade, the legacies of China's leaders have been marked by economic and technological achievements tied to the Chinese trade relationship with the US. There's little doubt Xi wants what is best for China, but he also wants to "save face", preserve power and ensure adequate future economic growth. And, don't forget, even if Xi knows exactly what's best for China, he has to convince China's entrenched bureaucracy to go along with any reforms promised to the US. This could be difficult, to say the least.

There is not likely to be a trade deal anytime soon, but American and Chinese negotiators benefit from leading us to believe there will eventually be a deal. After all, both Xi and Trump would benefit from announcing a deal resulting in strong, stable trade flows between the US and China, but any specific deal acceptable to one is highly unlikely to be acceptable to the other.

The problem is, they are negotiating from two different "worlds". The US started by insisting China comply with WTO rules, which China joined 20 years ago (but never complied with). China started from the current status quo, arguing they were given a dispensation from WTO compliance to allow them to catch up with the West. They want to keep the exemption. Xi and Trump both want a deal, but neither are likely to benefit from a deal acceptable to the other. Still, both can calm markets and bolster sentiment by implying a deal

As a result, in the immediate future we can expect:

Volatility: The US-China trade, intellectual property and tariff fight will continue to roil markets as waves of good and bad news alternate.

China will retaliate: Even when the US asks China to stop forcing technology transfers and stop incentivizing the theft of American intellectual property, China frames it as "bullying." Trump reinforces this perception with language like "moving Jobs Back to the USA where they belong" in his tweets. Chinese communications make clear power will be fought with power.

The scope of this fight will likely escalate: Recently, it looked like President Trump would be content to impose tariffs on all Chinese goods and then sit back and wait for China to come to its senses. Hyperbole aside, there's real hurt being inflicted here by both sides, and both sides appear willing to inflict more.

This conflict is bigger than the US and China: Is it any coincidence North Korea and Iran stirred up trouble for the US recently? North Korea is a Chinese client state. China is Iran's biggest trade partner, by far the biggest importer of Iranian oil.

Companies will move their supply chains: US companies are already resourcing parts and assembly outside China.

Finally, don't expect this to end soon. Liu He, Stephen Mnuchin, and both Presidents Trump and Xi have occasionally suggested a deal is close, but Wilbur Ross's possibly accidental January admission that both sides are "miles and miles apart" looks most realistic right now.

Thankfully America finally has a President willing to take on these really difficult China relationship problems! America must find a way to deal with China on a more mutually beneficial basis (or concede to another long period of "cold war"). Without mutual fairness in the USA's relationships with China, future generations of American's will live with serious threats to both world peace as well as individual free-

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Department of Homeland Security Deems California REAL ID Compliant

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) notified California on Wednesday that it is in full compliance with the federal REAL ID

Act and regulation. "California has been working toward compliance for a long time, and it is a testament to the hard work of many that this day has arrived," said Kathleen Webb, acting director of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). "We thank the Department of Homeland Security for its approval as we work to prepare Californians for the new federal identification requirements that begin October 2020."

Starting October 1, 2020, DHS will require passengers to show a valid passport or other federally approved document, like a REAL ID driver license or iden-

SACRAMENTO – The U.S. tification card, to board flights within the United States and access secure federal facilities and military bases.

> To date, the California DMV has issued 4.1 million REAL ID driver licenses and identification cards. After updated guidance from DHS, the DMV is mailing letters to REAL ID cardholders who submitted one proof of residency when they applied for a federal compliant driver license and identification card. When cardholders receive the letter, they simply need to verify their address, sign and date the document, and send it back in the prepaid envelope provided. This will satisfy the second residency requirement for REAL ID, and no return visit to a DMV office will be necessary.

Californians are now required

to submit two different documents when applying for a REAL ID driver license or identification card.

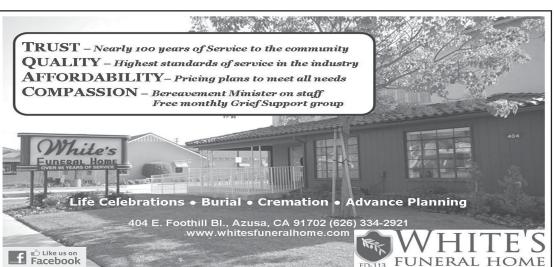
To apply, individuals must visit a DMV office and bring the following documents:

• One Proof of Identity - Original or Certified (Ex: Valid passport, birth certificate, etc.)

• One Proof of Social Security Number

• Two Proofs of California Residency – Paper Copies (Ex: Utility bill, cell phone bill, bank statement)

For a complete list of acceptdocuments, REALID.dmv.ca.gov. Customers are encouraged to fill out the online driver license application before their office visit at eDLapp.dmv.ca.gov.



Your Money - Ask Julia

I'm self-employed, so my income fluctuates radically. How can I budget better?

On those months that you make more than you need to pay your bills, you must have the character and determination to save that excess for a lower-income month. In the meantime, cut back your expenses wherever you can, and prioritize your bills, paying the most important ones first. Do not be late on your mortgage or credit cards, as this negatively affects your credit scores. Consider a part-time job for added income.

We want to buy a house. We've saved up for the downpayment and our credit is really good. Do you have any guide-

Before you do anything else, get pre-approved for a mortgage loan Pre-approved means that a lender has your application and supporting documentation, and has agreed to lend you 'up to' a specific dollar amount. With your pre-approval letter in hand, the offer you submit on the house you want can be taken much more seriously. Your lender can give you several pre-approval letters for different amounts. Let's say you want to make an offer on a property priced at \$450,000, but your letter states you are pre-approved for \$550,000. The Seller could see that you have access to more funds, so it could affect your ability to negotiate. While you are getting pre-approved, make and prioritize a list of "must-haves," "don't wants," and "might consider." For example,



Julia Yoder

a "must-have" might be the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, while the "don't wants," might be a condo, or a busy street, and "might consider" might be a pool. Also take the time to select the neighborhoods you'd really like (perhaps for school district, or community amenities), some you "might consider" (those bordering areas you'd really like), and those you definitely wouldn't live in (for example, too close to a freeway or railroad tracks). Schedule time to meet with a Realtor. Let me know if you'd like me to email a short list of Realtors I have found to be knowledgeable, ethical, and trustwor-

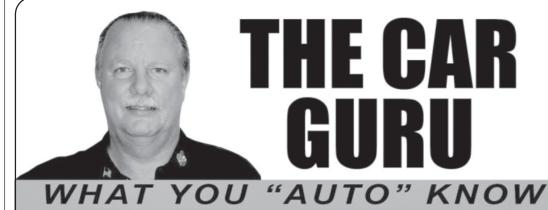
We lived in our home for 6 years, but could no longer afford our full mortgage payment. For about a year now, we've been renting our house out. This rental income covers a little more than the mortgage payment, plus taxes and insurance. We're okay for now, but what should we be thinking about doing next?

Since you lived in your house

the minimum of 2 of the last 5 years, you still qualify for the homeowner's exemption (\$250,000 single/\$500,000 couple) - deducted from the profit of the sale of that property, before owing capital-gains taxes. Once you have rented that house out for more than 1 year, you might want to convert that property to a 1031 exchange property, sell it, and reinvest all the proceeds to a "like" property. The definition of "like" property means any property that is not foreign. In other words, you could sell your home and buy a piece of land, or a couple of smaller homes, or an apartment complex, or a commercial building. These transactions have specific guidelines and timeframes. 1031 exchanges allow you to defer taxes. Ideally, you would time your transactions to defer, defer, defer, and then die, leaving the final property(-ies) to heirs. Since this inherited property would have a stepped-up value at that time, they might not have to pay the income taxes

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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Air Conditioning ... To Seal Or Not To Seal? That Is The Question

I wanted to share with you a situation that happened at our shop recently. One of our customers, we'll call him Bob, had a situation with his air conditioning system. It was not cooling but that is not an unusual situation during this hot weather. Even systems that are in good condition can lose up to 4 ounces of Freon a year. He shopped around looking for an inexpensive option and ended up taking his car to another repair facility to fix it. They added the Freon but within a day or so it was still not cooling. This shop did a thorough examination and found that the condenser had a leak. They gave Bob an estimate of \$650 to replace and recharge it.

Bob decided to try other options that he had heard about and researched online. He had read about sealers and decided to try it. He chose one for \$200. He wasn't sure it would work but felt it was worth it if he saved \$450. Sadly, it didn't work.

He then brought the car to us to see what we could do. When he told us the scenario we were concerned because we had seen the results of other quick fixes with sealant in the past. We checked out the vehicle and found the problem. He had used an extreme overdose of sealer. Many do-it-yourselfers feel that more is better when using a sealant but actually it is just the opposite. The sealer is designed to become a solid when it comes in contact with air and that is why only a small amount is needed. When too much sealer is used the results, as with this vehicle, is damage to every part of the air conditioning system.

Instead of replacing the original condenser as the first shop advised, it now needed the condenser plus a compressor, expansion valve, switches and most of the hoses. That \$650 estimate is now a cost of more than \$2500!

Most of the time when your A/ C isn't cooling it is just a case of adding Freon. That is the good news. When it involves more though, A/C failures are one of the most expensive automotive repairs because it is challenging to find small leaks. Only large leaks can be found with a visual inspection.

We truly understand why Bob tried to fix the leak(s) himself. He hoped to save money but I will tell you that when it comes to this type of repair, we don't recommend you try it on your own unless you have a lot of automotive experience. If you do decide to try it yourself though, please proceed with caution and don't overdue the sealer. Too much can be a very costly mistake.

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DACC Wins NACo Achievement Award

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has received a 2019 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). NACo recognized DACC in the category for Community and Economic Development in response to the DACC submittal for the program titled "Pawsitive Steps."

Pawsitive Steps program is an innovative eight-week program that emphasizes the importance of the human-animal bond and its impact on both emotional and mental well-being. The first-of-

its-kind approach teaches probation youth new skills pertaining to animal care, as well as an appreciation and an understanding of animal behavior. Pawsitive Steps program is a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Departments of Animal Care and Control (DACC), Probation, Mental Health, and Public Health, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and Juvenile Court Health Services. The program pairs kittens in need of foster homes with probation youth to care for them. The youth provide kittens with the nurturing they

need until each kitten (and youth) has graduated from the program. At that time, a forever home can be found for the kitten.

NACo's annual Achievement Award Program is designed to acknowledge innovative county government programs. NACo President Roy Charles Brooks said, "Counties seize opportunities to deliver services more efficiently and build stronger communities every day. Achievement Award-winning programs are examples for counties that are determined to enhance services for our residents."

Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers

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

TOPS Meeting

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

ARCADIA

Saturday Adult **Basketball League**

Gather your friends, form a team and stay active in the adult basketball league. Whether it's casual or competitive, there's always an opportunity to stay fit and have fun. Games are played at the Dana Gym, 1401 S. First Avenue, Arcadia on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm, beginning Saturday, June 29, 2019. Saturday Open League is limited to six teams and is open to all levels of play. League fees area \$502 plus a \$40 forfeit deposit, which includes 9 league games, officials, scorekeepers, and championship award. Registration takes place on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information please call 626.574.5113.

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 Mc-Neill Senior Center or call (626)

COVINA BUNCO!

813-5245, Ext. 323

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.

Community Garden Parcels

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

Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers 'Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE Duarte Museum Needs Docents

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

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Meals on Wheels

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

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

<u>GLENDORA</u> **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

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

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

La Verne Historical Society **Summer Meeting**

LA VERNE - On Monday, June 10th. The La Verne Historical Society is holding its summer member/community meeting at 6:30pm at the Hillcrest Meeting House, 2705 Mountain View Drive in La Verne. Our speaker will be Professor Al Clark who will talk about "Voices from the Past: Oral History and La Verne." Dr. Clark has actively researched the history of the eastern San Gabriel Valley and publications of interest to La Verne including "The San Gabriel

River: A Century of Dividing the Waters" in the Southern California Quarterly.

Following Dr. Clark's presentation, there will be a "meet the artist" reception featuring Kevin Bowman, University of La Verne Photography Department Manager. Bowman's photographic mural, "Gabriel's View", is on display at the Hillcrest Meeting House.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

"Newcomers and Friends" Invites **Local Residents to General Meeting**

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

On June 5, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held in Jordan Hall at Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 West

Duarte Road, in Arcadia. This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and

learn about the club's wide variety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. You can bring a friend along or just come and meet your future friends!

The next Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley general meeting will be September 4, 2019.

Additional Newcomers and Friends' mostly-daytime, weekday activities include a Book Club, Bridge, Crafters, Day Trips, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Golf, Hiking, Happy Hour, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Movies, Pinochle, and Wine Tasting.

Newcomers and Friends is a friendly, caring group of women of diverse ages. This group currently has 136 members of various backgrounds and has existed since 1965. You can choose to be as actively involved as you like, based on your time and in-

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

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 Ser-

vices at (626) 256-8246. Classes are at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$2 per class.

SAN DIMAS San Dimas

Toastmasters Club

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

WEST COVINA

Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more. For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777. The fixedroute service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The fare is only \$1.00 each way. No Service on Holi-

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

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.

Medical Auxiliary **Needs Volunteers**

COVINA - The Citrus Val- gery Waiting Room; the Barley Medical Center Inter-Comfor something to do, join the auxiliary and be a volunteer! Volunteers are needed in the following areas: The Front Desk; the Gift Store; The Sur-

gain Box; Newspaper Delivery munity Auxiliary needs volunto patients and other areas of teers. If you are a senior citi- the hospital. Call Tiffany zen, retired, or simply looking Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email her tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the volunteer process.



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San Gabriel Unified Speech and Debate Student Wins State Championship, Prepares for Nationals

SAN GABRIEL

Gabrielino High School junior Felicia Tang will seek a national title after capturing the expository speaking championship at the California High School Speech Association state tournament in early May.

Tang became Gabrielino's 20th individual state champion in the program's 25-year history with a speech on the properties of aviation and why it is an important but overlooked career. She will be joined by 20 Gabrielino students at the National Speech and Debate Tournament, to be held June 16 to 21 in Dallas, Texas.

"Being a part of speech and debate has taught me how to work persistently, meet deadlines, find joy in what I do, how to collaborate, how to be more productive and how to manage my time more efficiently," Tang said. "On a personal level, before being on the team, I only saw things for what they were on the surface, but now I feel that I can empathize with other's situations."

Gabrielino's speech and debate program challenges students like Tang to enhance their public speaking and communi-



Gabrielino High School junior Felicia Tang captured first place in expository speaking at the California High School Speech Association state tournament on May 5. Tang is Gabrielino's 20th individual state champion and will advance to nationals in June.

cation skills while addressing current national and global events in a highly competitive environment.

The program has garnered regional, state and national accolades, including 22 consecutive Southern California Debate

League Championships, nearly 100 Academic All-American team members, five national champions and the Bruno E. Jacob Trophy, a lifetime achievement award from the National Speech and Debate Association.

History of Rancho Vasquez Program Presented by Art Vasquez at Glendora Woman's Club



Guest speaker Art Vasquez, from right, owner of the organic avocado orchard Rancho Vasquez in Azusa, is accompanied by his wife Geri, and longtime family friend, Mike Michaels, when he presented his program for the Glendora Woman's Club. His topic was "The Rancho Vasquez Experience."

By Joan Hallidy

Vasquez, located in Azusa - the brochures that included

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club recently presented a program featuring guest speaker Art Vasquez, owner of Rancho Vasquez that is a family run organic avocado orchard, said program vice president Helen Storland.

For Vasquez' program, he included the history of Rancho

Vasquez, located in Azusa - the five-generation family run organic avocado orchard with more than 3,700 trees located on 100 or so acres. Established in 1958, Rancho Vasquez is 100% USDA certified organic Avocado orchard and a licenses organic packing house, according to his information brochures.

At the close of his program, Vasquez invited club members to take one of the Hass organic avocados from a box of them he had brought from home as a special gift to club members. Also at the program, club members received one of the ranch's colorful information brochures that included "Rancho Vasquez is one of the hidden jewels in the San Gabriel Valley."

To arrange a tour of Rancho Vasquez, located at 1703 Ranch Road, Azusa, CA. Call 626-334-4340; to purchase avocados directly from the ranch at avocado sales open to the public, the sales are held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Azusa Ranch.

Accompanying Art Vasquez for his program presentation at the Woman's Club were his wife Geri, and long-time family friend Mike Michaels.



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Articles should be in good taste.

Search for Little League Snack Bar Burglar



West Covina police are looking for this man that broke into the West Covina Little League snack bar at Cortez Park and stole money from the group. (Courtesy WCPD)

By George Ogden/ Rudy Lopez WCPD

WEST COVINA — Surveillance footage from the West Covina Little League's snack bar shows a man who police say broke in sometime over the weekend and took an undisclosed amount of money.

Investigators believe the man broke into the snack bar in Cortez Park, at 2441 E. Cortez Ave., between 10 p.m. Sunday May 19 and 5 p.m. Monday, May 20.

He appears to be a male with a shaved head. He wore a green jacket, white T-shirt and a large chain necklace."

"He stole money," the Little League says on Facebook. "He stole from our players, our kids, and our league."

Investigators asked that anyone who has information about the theft to contact the West Covina police at 626-939-8500. Tipsters can remain anonymous by leaving a message on the department's hotline: 626-939-8688.



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A Celebration of Life Rosemary S. (Jernigan) LaForge

Raised in the Great Depression by her Italian immigrant parents, Rosemary Dogero was born on March 24th, 1927 in Pomona, CA, and was the youngest of the family's five children. Surrounded by her close-knit family, she died peacefully on May 2nd at her longtime home in San Dimas following a lengthy illness.

She and her late husband, Jerry Jernigan, moved to San Dimas in the 1970s (after starting their family in Pomona), where they also established the business they ran for many years, J & R Liquors on E. Bonita Avenue. Rosemary was blessed with artistic creativity, especially painting, and was also a gifted singer. After attending Pomona College, she settled into life as a homemaker once married, and was active in Mother Players at Kingsley Elementary School while her daughters were young, designing and fabricating costumes and scenery for numerous plays.

Later, she pursued her love of performing by appearing in a variety of San Dimas musical reviews hosted by the City.

After selling their business, Rosemary was able to devote more time to her love of music, serving as the lead singer for an 18-piece swing band, she performed with Music Masters for approximately a decade. Their classic melodies from the 30s & 40s entertained crowds at the dances held regularly at the San Dimas Civic Center, and they performed elsewhere regionally as well. She also founded and led a jazz combo, The Rose Room Five, which performed at a variety of events and venues over the



Rosemary S. (Jernigan) LaForge March 24, 1927 - May 2, 2019

when admitting, "Getting paid to sing is like getting paid to eat ice cream!" and she was surely at her happiest when crooning to a crowd.

She also relished travel and. over the course of her nearly century-long life, journeyed to numerous European countries as well as many parts of the U.S., including Hawaii, enjoying various cruises, and even venturing down the exotic Amazon River. Her other interests included crosswords, playing Words with Friends, gardening, movies, attending plays, and especially reading. She was also an excellent cook/baker, and an avid dog lover as well.

Married for over 35 years to Fred LaForge, both have been involved for many years with Cable Airport. Rosemary was also an Women's Club, serving as Program Chair for many years, and she similarly volunteered for several decades with McKinley Children's Center.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her three children: Nancy Kutay of Rancho Cucamonga, Dianne (DeeDee) Marcelli of Studio City, and Sheri ("Sam") Jernigan of Grass Valley in N. California. Rosemary is also survived by her granddaughter, Amellia Sones, grandsons Daniel Hardel and David Hardel, and great grandsons Nicholas and Nathan Hardel, along with a number of nieces and nephews including Vikki Lambert of Alta Loma and Peter Smiderle of Healdsburg, CA, as well as many friends.

Following cremation, a Celebration of Life will be held at a

El Monte Union Seniors Celebrate Futures with College Signing Day Events



Mountain View High School College Signing Day

EL MONTE – Hundreds of graduating seniors from El Monte Union's comprehensive high schools celebrated their commitments to colleges and universities during College Signing Day ceremonies in May.

Arroyo, El Monte, Mountain View, Rosemead and South El Monte high schools hosted individual events to celebrate seniors pursuing their academic endeavors and to showcase the college-going culture each campus has cultivated to inspire and prepare students to follow their educational and professional goals.

El Monte High School kicked off its annual event on April 30, when 150 seniors signed letters of intent to the colleges of their choice and heard an inspirational message from AVID teacher Sonia La-

from a community of resilience and perseverance," Lamas said. "I want you to know that wher-

ever you end up, you are meant to be there. You are rich in character since you are a lion and you have been raised on our strong campus. You have taken the tests and you have been admitted by these colleges for a reason and your worth is

great." Arroyo held its "Knights Charging Forward" celebration on May 1, during which students completed intent cards shaped like a knight's helmet and took photos. That same day, Mountain View held an Acceptance Day event for students who signed a Class of 2019 banner with their name and the university they will attend. They also wrote thank you cards to their favorite

teachers.

On May 2, South El Monte held its four-year commitment celebration for students who are excited for the next step in their academic and professional careers. Rosemead held its Acceptance day the following day, during which students participated in activity stations, including games and a photo booth.

"It's an exciting time for our college-bound seniors, who are gearing up to graduate from high school and leap into the next chapter of their lives," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "This is a great opportunity to not only recognize our first-generation college students, but also inspire our youngest students to strive toward postsecondary education."





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