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Military Care Packages Provide Basic Necessities

By Jorge V. Rosales
On Friday, August 7, over 20 volunteers consisting of youth and adults gathered at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 8070's Social Hall located at 250 E. 1st St., Azusa, to assemble military care packages for five Azusa military service personnel currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The group included Mayor Joe Rocha, Councilman Robert Gonzales, and members, relatives, and friend of the five Azusa soldiers.

Military care packages bring some of the comforts of home to the troops. Some personal items are hard to find, especially in combat zones. Military care packages make soldiers' lives a little bit easier and more enjoyable by providing these extras. A package of wet wipes may be the closest thing to a shower the troops have had for a few days. A book or magazine will help a soldier relax and escape reality for a few hours. Military care packages can take care of these needs and more while showing the troops that people back home are thinking about them.

"Sending care packages is a time-honored way to give our



Sallie Garcia and Mayor Joe Rocha, both members of the Veterans Memorial Committee, distribute toiletries and sundries to each of the eleven Care Packages to be sent to Azusans in Iraq or Afghanistan, while George Romero and Richard Lugo of the Azusa Canyon City Car Club help put together the Care Packages.

West Covina Hurst Ranch Fund-raiser

By George Ogden
WEST COVINA — On Sunday, August 23, the Hurst Ranch had a fund-raising dinner and BBQ... They had on the menu, tri-tip and chicken which went over well.

It appeared that nearly 200 people may have showed up for the event which included an open house atmosphere with old antique cars, tractors, fire engine and much more. They also had the General Store open to show what it was like back in the old days.

There was a lot of history to be seen and talked about.

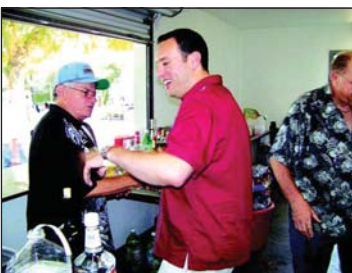
During a break in the music, John Hughes thanked everyone for coming and then talked about his old friend, Bob Borden, who had recently passed away and was part of the Barn Boys there at the ranch. Hughes pointed over to an old wagon and talked about how Bob had completely rebuilt the old wagon from yesteryear. The fact that Bob had to find 82 special bolts to replace the old ones was kind of a running joke with everyone. Hughes acknowledged the family that was also attending and then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bob Borden.

Hughes also recognized Mayor Roger Hernandez and council members: Shelley Sanderson and Sheri Lane. Also attending was Police Chief Frank Wills and a number of school board members Steve Cox and George Fuller.

The event was to help raise money for The Hurst Ranch Historical Foundation which is an entertaining and educational living history museum located in West Covina California. Everyone who attended had a great time and meeting with old friends.



John Hughes thanks the nice crowd for attending the event and talks about Bob Borden who recently passed away and the wagon that he rebuilt which now sits in the background (right side behind speaker).



Mayor Roger Hernandez has fun trying to help out by assisting the bartenders. He didn't do too bad, but maybe he should stick to politics.



Great crowd showed up for the event to show their support.

troops items they need and to let them know that someone at home is looking out and cares for them. Basic items like sunscreen or deodorant make an enormous difference to those stationed on the frontlines without many of the comforts we take for granted. Whether you know of a specific service member overseas or are reaching out anonymously, volunteering to collect its contents, sort them out, or package them, is the right thing to do," said Azusa Mayor Rocha.

It was obvious that everyone present enjoyed collecting the contents and assembling two care packages full of "basic necessities" weighing approximately thirty-pounds per box for each of the five Azusa Military Heroes currently deployed. Those Azusans who were sent care packages are: L Cpl. Pedro G. Ashlock, S Sgt. Pedro Cuadros, Andrew A. Montes, Michael M. Puento, and PFC Morua Jacob.



Mayor Rocha (extreme left) and Councilman Gonzales (center) together with a group of more than 20 family members and friends of the five Azusa soldiers being sent Care Packages to Iraq or Afghanistan. The Puentes family was amongst one of the families present to help: Standing next to post Michael Puento's mother, Kathy; kneeling down his father Michael Sr.; and his son sitting on top of one of his Care Packages while his wife, Denise, hold his hand.

USO Show is Big Hit



Local actors put on USO Show in Arcadia.

By George Ogden

Arcadia — A number of local actors, actresses, singers and dancers (including yours truly, George Ogden) participated in a "USO SHOW" put on by "Show of Support Productions".

The Show of Support Production puts on a number of shows to raise money for various charities in the area. Donna Scaranino who heads the pro-

gram is also the Director and Executive Producer for the production.

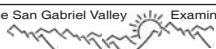
This particular show was held at the Mason Theater and Stage at the Mason Lodge in Arcadia. There were a number of special guests for this dinner show that has a full house with members and their guests.

The show was a big hit for those that attended. Laura Loucks, who came all the way

from Lake Arrowhead, said "The show last night was awesome!"

The next schedule production will be a USO Type Show on 9-11 (Sept. 11) at Altadena's Farnsworth Park - Amphitheater, 568 E Mount Curve Ave, Altadena. Admission is \$10.00 per person. For more information, contact 626.683.8025 or if you prefer, email donna8461@sbcglobal.net.

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CAR TALK - What You "AUTO" Know

These Come Between You And The Highway

Thankfully, we don't have to use our feet to give our vehicles a "running start" like in the Flintstone's cartoons and we have actual brakes to stop our car. Just watching the Stone Age family use their feet for brakes makes me say, "Ouch!" Sure...the Flintstones had wheels but that didn't keep Fred, and his sidekick, Barney's feet from touching the road. Wheels, apparently, just helped the car roll better...after all...in the Stone Age wheels were a somewhat new invention.

Fortunately we have progressed to tires to keep us and our car off the highway. It has been that way since Henry Ford's Model A. Tires are, after all, the only part of the car that actually touches the road. That is a good reason to keep them as healthy as possible.

Tire rotations should be part of your regular preventive maintenance routine, just like changing the oil and filters. We



By Gene Morrill
Certified Automotive Specialist

recommend tire rotations be done every six months or so. This seemingly simple act of swapping the tires around keeps them from having extensive wear and tear and prolongs their life.

Proper inflation is also of high importance for the health of your car's tires. This is a service that should be performed each time you get your car serviced or quarterly. Many things

temperature fluctuations and this puts an unnecessary pressure on your tires which wear them out! Not only does improper inflation cost you in fuel efficiency, it can lead to tire puncture and poor car handling if left unchecked for a long period of time.

If it has been awhile since you had your tires checked here is one simple test you can do yourself. Stick a penny into one of your tire's tread with Lincoln going in head first. If you can still see the top of his head you need a new set of tires as your tread depth is less than 2/32". I know...half is beautiful but not when it comes to tires.

When you consider that everything is riding on these tires...keeping them healthy is very important...at least until we enter the Space Age and our vehicles are airborne like George Jetson's!

Please call us with any questions at 626.963.0814 or visit our website at www.go-to-certifiedauto.com.

"ASK GEORGE" - Expert Answers To Common DMV Questions

SACRAMENTO - Do you have questions about general driving related requirements like registration and insurance? Are you unclear about laws and restrictions related to driving? The California Department of Motor Vehicles has answers. "Save Time by Going Online," at www.dmv.ca.gov.

Q: I Recently took my behind the wheel driving test and failed. I immediately understood my error and asked if I could take the test again the same day. The examiner said that I couldn't and that I would need to schedule another appointment. I am over 18, so why couldn't I take another driving test on the same day?

A: Driving test is scheduled by appointment only so offices can effectively manage their workload and resources. Additionally, this gives you more time to practice until your next appointment. Good luck on your next test!

Q: Although the registration fees are current I am not operating my vehicle and I have canceled my insurance, now I am getting notices of "intent to suspend." What should do?

A: When your registration fees are current and you are not operating your vehicle, you



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California Department of
Motor Vehicles

must submit an "Affidavit of Non-Use," REG. 5090 Form. This notification will stop the insurance suspension action.

If your vehicle is still not being operated when you receive a billing notice for your next renewal period, be sure to file a "Planned Non-Operational" status on the vehicle and pay the appropriate fee. For more information about vehicle registration insurance requirements, please visit our website at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vr/insurance.htm>

Q: What is the proper way to handle an aggressive driver on the roadway?

A: Aggressive driving happens when crowded roads,

rushing, and impatience cause one driver to react angrily to another driver. When you are confronted with aggressive drivers make every attempt to get out of their way but if that is not possible here are some suggestions to keep you safe: Wear your seat belt. Avoid eye contact. Eye contact can sometimes enrage an aggressive driver. Put your pride aside. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane. Ignore gestures and refuse to return them. You or a passenger may call the police and report aggressive driving. But, if you use a cell phone, and it's not hands-free, you must first pull over to a safe location.

The DMV is a department under the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner. The DMV licenses drivers, maintains driving records, registers and tracks official ownership of vehicles and vessels, investigates auto and identity-related fraud, and licenses car dealers, driving schools, and traffic violator schools. For more information about the DMV, visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

San Dimas Company Earns Two Prominent Business Certifications

SAN DIMAS - San Dimas company RCI Technologies has recently been recertified as a women's business enterprise and as a minority-owned and -managed company.

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council is the nation's leading third-party certifier of women's business enterprises for the private sector. The organization employs a rigorous and stringent certification process to confirm a business is at least 51 percent owned, managed and controlled by a woman or women.

The Southern California Minority Business Development Council is the largest nonprofit minority business advocacy organization in the region. To be certified as a minority business, a business enterprise claiming to be minority-owned must undergo a certification process to verify the company's 51 percent ownership by a minority or group of minorities who are U.S. citizens, and that it the company is owned, managed and operated on a daily basis by the minority or group of minority owners.

RCI Technologies is owned and operated by Inland Valley resident Marcela Randle and her husband, Robert.

"I am very honored and pleased to receive the recognition that these certifications bring," Randle said. "I hope to inspire other women and minorities who want to run their own business."

About RCI Technologies RCI Technologies, founded in 1994, offers a complete line of diesel fuel purification products, which include universal fuel purifiers, portable tank cleaning units and automatic fuel recirculating systems. RCI's products are used by the commercial marine, trucking, bus, railroad, service station, construction and agricultural industries, as well as local, county, state and federal government agencies.

RCI's fuel purifiers, which earned Green Clean Institute certification in November 2008, are designed utilizing RCI's patented filterless technology. By removing 99.9 percent of water and 95 percent to 98 percent of dust, dirt and other natural contaminants found in all diesel fuel, RCI's products promote optimum fuel system efficiency and fuel economy, reduce engine down time and extend engine life.

For more information on RCI's products, visit

www.rcitechnologies.com or call (800) 868-2088.

N.A.R. "Signature Series" Commercial Seminar

The Arcadia Association of REALTORS is honored to announce that it has been granted the opportunity to present the sought after National Association of REALTORS "Signature Series" for commercial real estate agents with nationally known instructor, Bob McComb, co-creator of Top Dogs training series, www.TopDogs.com. The course is scheduled for Friday, September 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Santa Anita Golf Course, 405 S. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, 91006. This is the second year the Signature Series will be offered in the San

Gabriel Valley. The subjects are all new and different from the previous year.

Morning course is "How to Take Your Business to the Next Level: 121 Ways to Market Yourself and Your Business". The standard approach to commercial real estate has certain inherent limitations and causes agents to fail or, if they do have success at some level, to plateau well below their desired production levels. This program teaches you how to create and to switch on lead generation systems that will dramatically improve your business for years to come.

Afternoon course is "Office, Industrial and Retail Leasing Fundamentals". This course outlines the eight steps to completing a commercial lease transaction. Agents will learn how to plan a successful lease transaction and how to negotiate the key points in the commercial lease.

The Arcadia Association of REALTORS is also the proud recipient of the "Realtors Commercial Alliance (RCA) Commercial Services "Accreditation" by the National Association of REALTORS. The AAR is one of just seven local Asso-

ciations within the state of California to receive this accreditation.

The course includes continental breakfast, networking and buffet luncheon. Course fees are \$88 before August 31 and \$99 after September 1 to the September 15 deadline.

Register early and save money! Visit the Arcadia Association website at www.TheAAR.com or call the office at (626) 446-2115 for registration information. The public, as well as REALTORS, are cordially invited to attend this outstanding seminar.

Anti-Semitism?

You Be The Judge

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obvious one that the notion of proportionality when you are dealing with adversaries who have 5 million people, on the one hand, and several hundred mil-

lion on the other is somewhere between idiotic and insane. But, no matter how one views the matter of proportionality, to take the position that a disproportionate retaliatory response in a war is equivalent (moral or mathematical) to the systematic extermination of 6,000,000 unarmed civilian Jews requires more than either just stupidity or lunacy - it requires an act of real malice. (to be continued).

Thanking The Community

GLENDORA — The Christian Science Reading Room which was located at 151 N. Glendora Ave. wishes to thank the "Village" and all Glendora residents who visited and supported our business. For over 50 years in the Village we were always happy to greet and welcome all who came to our store. Our desire to reach out to the community gave us a unique opportunity to bless our neighbors and fellow merchants by offering a Christian bookstore with a quiet place to read and study. Throughout our time in the Village we distributed our materials, chatted with those who came in, and supported community projects.

Recently we decided to move the Reading Room merchandise into our church at 125 S. Elwood Ave. We are continuing to circulate our literature including the weekly Christian Science Monitor which is respected worldwide as an international newspaper. We welcome you to our regular church services on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday evening testimony meetings at 7:30 p.m. where our Reading Room is open before and after services for the present time. You may also find more information regarding our church and its activities on the internet by logging on to spirituality.com.

Friends Of The Azusa City Library Book Sale

AZUSA — The Friends of the Azusa City Library will be having a BOOK SALE on Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Stauson Park located at 501 East Fifth St near the entrance of the Pool. Most books will sell for \$3.00 a bag.

The books have been withdrawn from the Library and include Sports and Games, Art & Entertainment, U.S., European & Asian History, Biographies, Science, Plants & Animals, Literature, Drama, Poetry, Planes, Trains & Old Cars, Cookbooks, Crafts, and Collectibles, Westerns, Short-

stories, Mysteries and Large-Print Fiction; Economics, Political and Social Science, Religion, Language, Reference and Spanish Language materials and many more. The Friends will also have a special table set-up for collector books at specially marked prices. The proceeds from the Book Sale will be used to support the programs of the Azusa City Library so please come out for this worthy cause. For more information, please call (626) 332-6444.

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