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International science teachers to visit Greenfield Community Science Workshop

Group from Timor-Leste hopes to learn best ways to develop science centers in their country

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

GREENFIELD — A group of top science teachers from the Southeast Asian nation of Timor-Leste will be visiting the Greenfield Community Science Workshop next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29.

The group hails from Timor-Leste's National Commission for UNESCO, and will be touring various science centers, large and small, throughout California to build a vision on how best to develop the small science centers they are supporting in the districts of their country.

On Tuesday, May 28, the team will also be making a presentation to the Greenfield City Council regarding their work in Timor-Leste and their ideas for collaboration with the Greenfield Community Science Workshop.

The group of six teachers comprise a division of the Timor-Leste National Commission for UNESCO called SESIM, an acronym in the local language of Tetun meaning the Center for the Study of Science and Mathematics. Each is a classroom teacher with more than a decade of experience in curriculum development and teacher training at the national level.

When Timor-Leste achieved independence in 2003 after 400 years of colonial rule, qualified teachers were hard to come by, as was relevant local curriculum. SESIM/UNESCO teachers began in 2009 to work with the Timor-Leste Ministry of Education to develop curricula and teacher resources that take advantage of local culture and knowledge as it relates to the international canon of science and mathematics.

These resources are now in use throughout Timor-Leste at all levels, kindergarten through university. SESIM has also set up five small science centers patterned after the Community Science Workshop model, which originated at the Mission Science Workshop in 1991.

Since 2009, SESIM has been assisted by U.S. science teacher/trainer Curt Gabrielson, current employee of the Greenfield Community Science Workshop and founding director of the Watsonville Environmental Science Workshop. Gabrielson helped the SESIM teachers uncover and develop local activities to be used in the classroom.

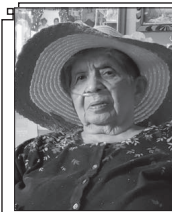
Gabrielson has just returned from living in Timor-Leste for six years and will be touring together with the SESIM/UNESCO teachers.

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." This is my last message in the Rustler. My wife and I will be leaving King City, at least for a while, in order to live in a rental we have in So. Lake Tahoe. If you would like to continue receiving this weekly message, please feel free to email me at revcarlk@gmail.com. I'll be at St. Mark's here in King City until August 31st, and would love to hear from you. Once in So. Lake Tahoe, my ministry will be mostly research and writing. Many thanks to So. Co. Newspapers and to St. Mark's for allowing me to share this space with you. Thanks to Jesus, we know we are loved forever!

Bible study continues at St. Mark's on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Holy Eucharist in English, 10 am Fr. Carl Hansen, Co-Vicar, 805-975-9269. Misa en Español a las 12 pm Fr. Filemon Diaz, Co-Vicario, 323-595-2004



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Florence Perez
88 of King City
April 28, 1931 – May 18, 2019

Florence Castillo Perez, 88 passed away on May 18, 2019 in Salinas with her family by her side. Florence was born April 28, 1931 in Austin, Texas.

Foremost, Florence enjoyed her grandchildren, great grandchildren and babysitting for family. Florence enjoyed her gardening and morning coffee with friends and family, cooking for anyone, her television programs, reading and being informed on political events. She was a "True Blue" Democrat.

Florence attended church services during special events but primarily she was a spiritual person with prayer and reading devotions. She worked hard, developed special skills and a very strong work ethic. At one time caretaking for disabled persons after retirement. In her early years she laundered Governor LBJ's table linens for the State Capitol.

A Visitation will be held, 5pm to 7pm, Thursday, May 23, 2019 followed by a 7pm Rosary Service at Edgington Funeral Services Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held 10am, Friday, May 24, 2019 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield.

For additional information contact Edgington Funeral Services, 429 Bassett St., King City, (831) 385-5400, www.EFS-Cares.com

Gonzales alumna forms scholarship to help struggling students

BY SAMANTHA BENGTON
SOUTH COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

GONZALES — Gonzales High School alumna Fabiola Moreno-Ruelas wants to give back to her hometown community by creating a scholarship for graduating seniors.

Moreno-Ruelas, who graduated from Gonzales last year, is currently wrapping up her first year at San Diego State University. She was aided in developing the Ruelas Fulfillment Scholarship by community member Maury Treleven, who provided guidance and helped set up the fund.

The scholarship requires a cumulative GPA of 2.9 and 80 hours of community service. Four students from the 2018-19 graduating class will be chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship.

"Gonzales has been the community



FABIOLA MORENO-RUELAS

that has raised me, helped me when my family didn't have anything, and has made me who I am today," Moreno-Ruelas said. "Just like my community gave me everything, I want to give back to the upcoming generations."

She wants to ensure that no students face the same hardships that she went through and considers the Ruelas Fulfillment Scholarship the beginning.

"I hope that this scholarship inspires other students to give back in whatever way possible," she added.

While in high school, Moreno-Ruelas was part of the Gonzales Youth Council and was mentored by many community members. The organization gave her the chance to be in a leadership role on several campaigns and events to improve the community and led to her desire for a career in government.

City of Gonzales chooses Gloria Road as next project

BY SAMANTHA BENGTON
SOUTH COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

GONZALES — Gloria Road will be the next road rehabilitation project for the City of Gonzales, with aid from Monterey County and Senate Bill 1, and will be the main focus for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Over the past two years, funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB) have gone toward the rehabilitation of Alta Street and will change in the upcoming year to another roadway in need of repair. According to Public Works Director Patrick Dobbins, the City will receive about \$142,000 from SB1 for the next fiscal year.

"The City has 1,400 feet of Gloria Road and then it transitions to County jurisdiction," Dobbins said. "We're

partnering with the County to deliver this project."

Gloria Road is one of four areas the City has been looking at, along with Iverson Road and Iverson to Johnson Canyon Road. The project was paused when the November ballot featured Proposition 6 to repeal the gas tax.

The project is under city leadership currently because Monterey County does not have senior project managers.

"This will be a full reconstruction," Dobbins added. "We drafted an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and held a project scope meeting with County staff last week where we talked about different moving parts."

The project is estimated to cost \$10 million. Dobbins said the City's portion

will be \$450,000 to \$500,000. The County will be responsible for Dobbins' time on the project, and because the projects are planning to be together, the economies of scale provides a better rate.

"We're considering the same type of reconstruction method that we have on Alta," Dobbins said. "Where we ground up the road, the base materials, put it back down, add cement and put new asphalt on top of that."

Through using this method, Dobbins and the City are anticipating a stronger and sturdier road than the current state. The project is anticipated to go out for bidding in January or February of 2020.

Gonzales City Council approved utilizing funds from SB 1 for Gloria Road on April 15.

King City Downtown Plaza workshop set for tonight

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

KING CITY — The community is invited to participate in a public workshop today, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the King City Council Chambers to share input regarding the new Downtown Plaza proposed at the northeast corner of Broadway Street and Vanderhurst Avenue.

Efforts are also underway to develop the building at 110 N. Vanderhurst Ave. into a local Visitor and History Center, which will face the Downtown Plaza.

One of the key goals of the City of King's economic development efforts is to improve the downtown. If the City can attract more people to its downtown, it will help gen-

erate new businesses and jobs throughout the community. Therefore, a Streetscape Plan was developed in 2017. One of the recommendations of the Plan was for a Downtown Plaza to provide a focal point for people to relax, enjoy, gather and participate in activities in the heart of the downtown.

The City has acquired the property and the buildings and

has hired RRM Design Group to prepare the conceptual design. Construction is anticipated in 2020 to 2021.

Join city representatives and the consultant at the workshop to share ideas on what you would like the plaza design and the Visitor and History Center to include and look like. Direct any questions to City Hall at 831-385-3281.

Donate items for local troops

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SOUTH COUNTY — Southern Monterey County Republican Women Federated, in partnership with Operation Care and Comfort, will be sending packages to servicemen and women serving in Afghanistan on June 4.

Anyone who would like to participate in this project can drop off items for the troops at

the South County Newspapers office, 522-B Broadway St., or the King City Branch Library, 402 Broadway St., both in King City.

A list of desired items for the troop boxes is available at the newspaper office or the library, and donations for postage are appreciated.

For more information or to arrange a pickup, call Karen Leonhard at 831-385-1333.

GRAD NOTES

Royce Thomas Cumming of King City was among a record 3,428 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises May 3 and 4. Cumming earned a Master of Science from the Office of Graduate Studies.

Javier Medina of King City was recently initiated into The Honor Society of

Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Medina was initiated at California State University, Fresno, and is among about 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

OBITUARY

Leonard Duckworth

Leonard E. Duckworth was born March 3, 1931, in Kerman City, Calif. He was primarily raised in Priest Valley, Calif., but spent the last 60 years in San Ardo, Calif.

Leonard loved hunting, fishing and was an all-around great mechanic. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked many jobs, including retiring from Monterey County Public Works after 27 years, where he was known as "the grader man."

He passed away April 30, 2019, and is survived by his wife Juanita Duckworth of 65 years; their four daughters Debbie, Susan, Vickie and Cathy; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His brothers Hank and Clint Duckworth and sister Geri Press live in Pine Canyon.

He was known as dad, grandpa, uncle Len, brother and a friend to many. He will be missed.

Per Leonard's request, no services will be held.

Arrangements were entrusted to Edgington Funeral Services, 429 Bassett St., King City, 831-385-5400, www.EFS-Cares.com.



James "Jim" Darrell Gardner
77 of King City

James "Jim" Darrell Gardner, 77 of King City passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Jim was born November 10, 1941 in Hotie, Arkansas.

He enjoyed restoring old cars, hunting and most importantly he loved his family. He was a parishioner of the Full Gospel Church since 1976. At one time he was also involved with the

King City Car Club.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter Robin Borzini; granddaughters, Bahlie and Taryn; great granddaughter, Gracelyne; sister, Pat Dekard and brother, David Gardner both from Yuma, Arizona.

Those wishing to do so, may make donations to the American Cancer Society in memory of Jim.

Family and friends attended a Visitation on Saturday, May 18, 2019 and a Funeral Service on Monday, May 20, 2019 at Edgington Funeral Services Chapel. Jim was laid to rest in King City District Cemetery. A Celebration of Jim's life followed at the Full Gospel Church in King City following the graveside committal.

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