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Five South Hills High School Students Injured in Solo High Speed Crash

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Around 10 a.m., police, fire and paramedics along with 4 ambulances responded to the 2700 block of east Cortez Street.

A 3 Series BMW was traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Cortez from Barranca towards Citrus Avenue. The vehicle had 5 male students from South Hills High School and became involved in a solo crash after the driver lost control of the late model BMW. They are guessing that the speed may have been well over 60 MPH because of the heavy damage. The speed limit on Cortez Street is 35 mph. The accident scene is less than a mile from the school which is located at 645 South Barranca St.

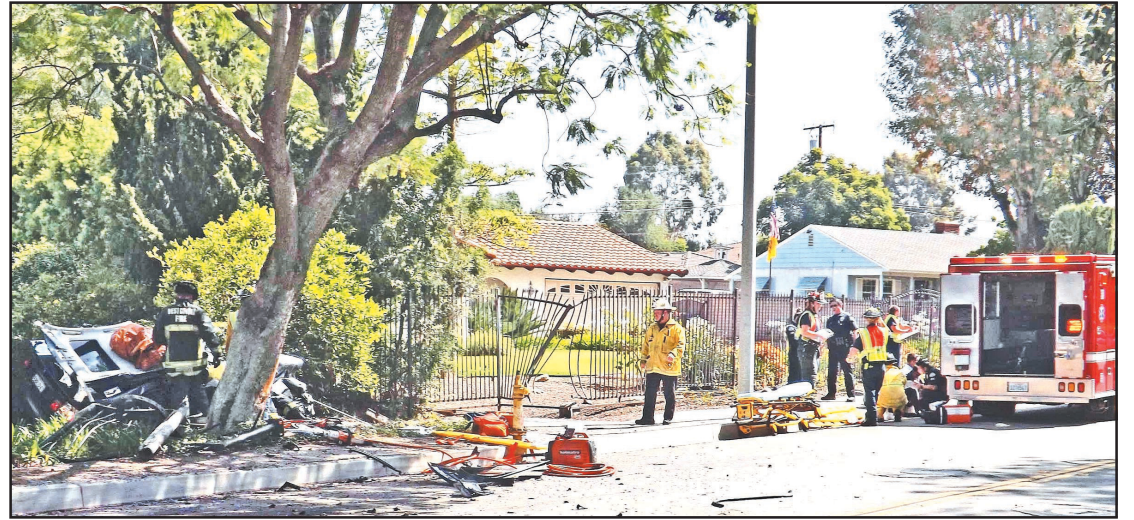
The driver failed to negotiate the curve because of the high speed and crashed into a wrought-iron residential fence, the continued on and took out a reinforced rod-iron maintenance fence which surrounded an underground maintenance vault. The car then did a twisting nose dive and struck a tree before landing in ditch in front

of a home.

The driver was able to exit the car and called his mother. The other passengers were trapped in the unidentifiable BMW. Paramedics went to work as the police blocked off Cortez. It took the jaws-of-life and about an hour to free the final victim from the car. He was pinned in underneath the dash with the crushed car holding him there. It appeared that the four male passengers were critical with one extremely critical and that being the one that was removed last. The driver had moderate injuries and was treated at the scene and transported to the hospital with the others going to the hospital as well.

The mother who quickly arrived on scene after her son, the driver, called her about the accident. She was shocked to see the car and that nobody was killed. She stated that everyone was wearing seatbelts and that most likely saved their lives. She also stated that she let her son use her BMW that day.

The accident is still under investigation.



The accident scene of the solo-vehicle crash that injured five South Hills High School students.



First Responders working to free a pinned passenger.

Historic Glendora Church Welcomes New Pastor

GLENDORA - Historic Church of the Open Door, marking its 101st year, welcomes new Senior Pastor, David Anderson.

Anderson is only the 10th pastor to serve at the church which was founded in 1915 in downtown Los Angeles on 6th and Hope - the recognizable neon "Jesus Saves" sign could be seen from all the surrounding freeways. The church relocated to Glendora in 1985 on what had previously been the Hillside Campus of Azusa Pacific University - a forty-acre site which included a gym, a football field, a swimming pool, a dorm and many other buildings in a beautiful setting along the foothills of Glendora.

A graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and Biola University, Anderson will be installed as the Senior Pastor on August 7th during the 11:00AM church service. "I am humbled and thrilled for this opportunity to shepherd this awesome community. After having grown up in this truly amazing church, it's home for my family and me. I've seen how God has blessed Church of the Open Door through the years and can't



Pastor David Anderson and his wife Nancy Anderson

wait to see His powerful hand lead us in extending His grace in the San Gabriel Valley and around the world through the service of our missionaries."

Anderson and his wife, Nancy, a local area school teacher, are the parents of five children (including triplets) ranging in age from 14 to 7 years old. When not at church, the family is often found on community baseball fields cheering on their children, on local school campuses attending to student activities or enjoying the company of other fami-

lies in their Azusa neighborhood. "We are so thankful for David and his family and with a nearly unanimous decision from the congregation on his installment as the new Senior Pastor, we are thrilled for this new season for our church." Bob Ketterling, Elder Committee Chairperson.

The church holds two services, 9:00AM and 11:00AM on Sunday mornings. For more information, call (626) 914-4646 or visit the church web site at: www.churchoftheopendoor.com

Azusa Unified Students in GATE Summer Program Invent, Take on College Classes



Azusa Unified School District elementary school students mix ingredients to make slime during Camp Invention as part of the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) summer program.

AZUSA - Azusa Unified School District students kicked off their summer break working on new inventions and getting ahead in college course work through the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program offered in June.

More than 100 students in grades three through nine spent 16 days at Camp Invention, where they completed interactive science and robotics projects developed by the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Offering learning opportunities for students identified as high-achieving, the Camp Invention curriculum encourages students to work collaboratively on problem solving, while also getting them excited about science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"Camp Invention is an amazing asset to help our students be productive while having fun during the summer months," Azusa Unified Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. "The summer break provides a valuable window where students can explore new concepts and express their creativity without the accountability requirements of the school year."

Each summer, Azusa Unified

School District collaborates with staff, parents and community members to offer robust summer programming that provides current, research-based curriculum to maximize the academic and personal growth of its gifted students.

Elementary school students who participated in Camp Invention crafted miniature tree houses, made their own silly putty and immersed themselves in robotics by playing with motion sensor-controlled drones and battling miniature solar-powered robots. Middle school students learned ways to improve the performance of athletes and how to heal their ailments using cybernetic technology. Teams illustrated their creations by wrapping tinfoil and gauze around a student's arm.

In addition, 45 high school students completed college-level English composition, biology and political science classes for transferable college credit through a partnership with Azusa Pacific University.

"The University cares deeply about the community and wants to be a part of it," said Dr. Jes-

sica Cannaday, program director of single subject credential programs for APU. "This project is just one of the ways we demonstrate our commitment to supporting local children."

When the Azusa Unified Board of Education adopted the Camp Invention curriculum last year, it opted to have certificated teachers teach at the camp to ensure students receive the highest quality education. The Camp Invention curriculum, materials, meals and teachers' time is funded by the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Azusa Pacific provides the facilities at no cost to Azusa Unified while also paying for the tuition and textbooks of high school students taking one of the three college courses offered.

Board President Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña said she was grateful for this partnership with Azusa Pacific University.

"Providing programs like Camp Invention keeps students' minds active during the summer months and enhances the classroom experience when school starts up again in the fall," Rodriguez-Peña said.

It's No Scam! California Is Changing Its Electronic Payment Process!

SACRAMENTO - Attention business owners, California is making a change that could affect your tax or fee account when you make electronic payments to the State Board of Equalization (BOE). As of July 1, 2016, the bank that processes electronic fund transfer (EFT) payments will change from Citibank to Union Bank.

If you make Automated Clearing House (ACH) Debit payments through the EFT payment processor, visit our new bank and payment proces-

sor webpage for instructions.

If you pay by ACH Credit, you must notify your financial institution of the new bank information to ensure the correct bank is credited. ACH Credit transactions with a settlement date on or after July 1, 2016, using incorrect banking information will be returned and may be subject to penalty and interest charges. In addition, any payments to Union Bank prior to July 1, 2016, will also be returned and may be subject to penalty and interest charges.

If you use the BOE's online payment system to make your payment, no change is required on your part.

For more information on EFT payments, visit the BOE's Frequently Asked Questions webpage.

If you have questions about Sales and Use Tax accounts, call our EFT helpline: 1-916-327-4229. For questions about Special Taxes and Fees accounts, call 1-800-400-7115. Additional information is available at www.boe.ca.gov.



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- ❖ Azusa Senior Center
740 N. Dalton Street, (626) 812-5204



This program is funded by a grant from California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

New Arcadia Fire Chief Appointed

ARCADIA - Arcadia City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto has appointed Michael E. Lang to the position of Arcadia Fire Chief. Mr. Lang is currently the Deputy Fire Chief in the Arcadia Fire Department and will succeed Chief Kurt Norwood who announced his retirement in June. The appointment will be effective July 10, 2016.

"I am humbled and honored to be trusted with the responsibility of leading the men and woman of the Arcadia Fire Department," said Lang. "I appreciate the support of the City Manager and City Council, and their confidence in my ability to maintain the highest standards of excellence and professionalism that the men and women of the Arcadia Fire Department exemplify."

A distinguished 21 year veteran of the fire service, Lang began his career in 1995 as an Ambulance Operator and Fire Intern with City of Huntington Beach, and was selected to become a Firefighter/Paramedic with the City Adelanto/San Bernardino County Fire Department in 1997.

In 1999, Mike was awarded the Medal of Valor for his heroic actions on scene of a gunshot wound incident. He joined the City of Arcadia Fire Department in 2000 and rose through the ranks to serve as Fire Captain in 2004 and then as Battalion Chief in 2011. In June 2014, Lang was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief where he has been responsible for operations of the department, including emergency response, training, and ensuring best practices are maintained in accordance with the department's Class 1 Fire Suppression rating.

"Mike is exceptionally qualified and I am confident that he will be successful as Arcadia's new Fire Chief," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "Over the past few years, I have seen that Mike is conscientious, creative, and dedicated to fire ser-

VICES in this community. He was the obvious choice to be the next leader of the Arcadia Fire Department."

Mike is active within his community and church, and enjoys coaching little league baseball and AYSO soccer teams. When asked about his new role, he said, "I look forward to the personal and professional challenges that come with this wonderful opportunity for me and my family."

Chief Lang is a certified Paramedic, State Fire Marshal Chief Officer, has an associate's degree in Fire Technology, and bachelor's degree in Occupational Studies from Cal State University, Long Beach. Mike is a long-time resident of Monrovia, where he lives with his wife of 21 years, Desiree, and their three children Jake, Andy, and Annika.

Mobile Clinic Expands Spay And Neuter Efforts

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—To improve and enhance low-cost pet spay and neuter services, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's motion authorizing the Department of Animal Care and Control to enter into a public-private partnership with "SPAY-4LA," a non-profit organization.

At a cost of \$600,000, the one-year pilot program will be funded through a \$300,000 donation by Erika Brunson of the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety and county funding of \$300,000.

"Continuing to provide spaying and neutering for our pets in Los Angeles County remains

a high priority and a critical strategy to reduce the number of unwanted pets entering County animal shelters," said Antonovich. "This public-private partnership will improve access to these vital services."

"SPAY-4LA" will provide spay and neuter and microchips for dogs and cats in their mobile clinic in various locations across Los Angeles County and the 47 cities served by the Department of Animal Care and Control.

The pilot program will be assessed quarterly for one year, and locations where the unit will visit will be promoted and available online and through press contacts.

Woman Dies and Man Injured in Solo Car Crash

By George Ogden

GLENDORA - First responders from Glendora arrived at a single car crash at 1620 Grand Avenue around 9:15 p.m. Saturday, July 9, of a car vs. tree.

When emergency crews arrived, they found a Toyota which was traveling north on Grand Avenue, just south of Juanita Avenue had hit a tree trapping the driver and passenger. Paramedics worked to free the occupants.

The woman, was said to be from La Puente and around 30 years old, died at the scene. The man, from West Covina, who was also 30 years old, was transported to the hospital because of his injuries.

It appears that the woman driver was traveling over the speed limit when for an unknown reason veered off the road and hit a Eucalyptus tree.

It is unknown if this is an alcohol related accident as the investigation continues.

The northbound lanes were shut down during the investigation.

Glendora Police are requesting if anyone saw what happened or has information about the crash, to contact them at 626-914-8250.

Ed Winter, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Coroner's office, identified the driver killed in a solo crash as Teresa Eileen Perez of La Puente. The autopsy on her is pending, he added.

Woman Dies in Crash on 10 Freeway's BARRANCA Off-Ramp in West Covina

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The CHP responded along with the West Covina Fire/Rescue to a single car crash on the 10 Freeway on the Barranca Street off-ramp Sunday morning, July 10, around 6 a.m.

When the first responders arrived, they found a vehicle had crashed into the "crash cushions" or "crash attenuators" located at the off-ramp. These are usually cushion devices that may look like large trash cans filled with water or compression barriers to help slow down crashing vehicles.

The driver was identified as 34-year-old Janet Cuadra. She was the driver of the 2013 Kia

at the time of the crash. Her passenger, Melissa Ann Villanueva, 33, who died in the crash, was from Montebello.

Cuadra was driving around 70 mph when she changed lanes just before the off-ramp. She failed to slow down and crashed into the cushioned barricades killing her passenger. She claimed to the officers that she fell asleep at the wheel.

That off-ramp was close until around noon as the investigation continued.

CHP Officers arrested Cuadra. It was not clear if she was released as there is no record of her arrest listed with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

Fourth Of July Continues To Be Popular City Event

'Diamond in Sky' exclusive feature at this year's fireworks show

BALDWIN PARK - Life can get pretty busy, Sergio Serafin admits, but when it comes to holidays such as the Fourth of July, everyone from his family makes an effort to spend time together.

"As long as we're here, things stay the same," said the Baldwin Park resident. "We're all busy, but we always come together for this."

Serafin, 20, was among thousands of residents who gathered at Sierra Vista High School on Monday to celebrate Independence Day with the community. The Fourth of July event - free and open to the public - drew as many as 9,000 visitors to the school's athletic field, according to officials with the Department of Recreation and Community Services, which spearheaded the festivities.

Soon after gates opened Monday, the Serafins found a nice spot along the baseball field and set up a tent and some blankets for the evening. Sergio said he annually joins his parents and siblings for a mid-day barbecue at the Serafin home before the family makes its way to Sierra Vista for the rest of the night.

"It's very calm, and it's a nice place to sit down and have good

conversation," said Sergio, adding that his family has attended the Fourth of July event longer than his lifetime.

Baldwin Park's 4th of July Spectacular has been part of the city's summer specialties for many years. Following a brief hiatus, the patriotic celebration was resurrected last summer after City Council put it back on the city's calendar.

"We were disappointed when they stopped having it," said Sergio's mother, Ana. "We tried going to another fireworks show, but it wasn't the same. Here, we have gotten to reunite with friends and share good times together."

Monday's celebration featured David Bowie tribute group "The Band that Fell to Earth," which entertained the crowds until the sky darkened for the fireworks. Local vendors and community groups were also on site selling food, refreshments and other treats throughout the event. A free "fun zone" that included a Velcro wall, an obstacle course, carnival-style rides and face painting, among other attractions, was also set up for younger visitors.

Local resident Cecilia, whose

residence neighbors the athletic field, said she opted to take her son, 6-year-old Jeremiah, to the 4th of July Spectacular for the first time this year. "For a lot of years, I would see all of this from my window," she said. "I live close by so I thought it would be good to finally come here."

"It's a safe place to be, and you feel a sense of unity because people from the city come out here to celebrate, just to come together."

To culminate Monday's entertainment and fanfare, officials from Pyro Spectacular by Sousa illuminated the sky with a fireworks show, synchronized to music, once the sky went dark. The Riverside-based group has executed major fireworks shows at Dodgers and Angels stadiums, as well as at the Rose Bowl.

Yuriko Ruizesperanza, a program supervisor with the Department of Recreation and Community Services, said the highlight of this year's fireworks show was the special "Diamond in the Sky" fireworks combination, which was exclusive for the city's 60th anniversary.

Suspect In Custody For Shooting Ex-Roommate In The Eye With A BB Gun

COVINA - On July 4, 2016 at approximately 4:31 PM, Covina Police Officers were dispatched to an assault investigation that occurred in the 1100 block of N. Barranca Avenue. Upon arriving to the area, officers located a male victim (25 year old resident of Azusa), bleeding from his left eye. Officers observed obvious trauma to his eye and it was determined that his injury occurred when he was trying to retrieve property from ex-roommate. Officers contacted the ex-roommate (Alfonso Jaramillo, 46 year-old

resident of Covina) who told the officers the victim had been at his residence and he shot him one time with a bb gun because he thought the victim was going to break into his garage.

Mr. Jaramillo was taken into custody for PC 254(a)(1) - Assault with a Deadly Weapon and transported to the Covina Police Department for booking. He is currently being housed at the LA County Twin Towers on \$30,000 bail pending his arraignment at Citrus Superior Court on July 6, 2016.

The victim was initially

treated by Paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and transported to a local hospital for his injuries; however, because of the extent of his injuries, he was later transferred to a trauma center for treatment.

Any information or questions regarding this crime, please contact the Covina Police Department Detective Bureau (626) 384-5628, the Watch Commander (626) 384-5665 or Crime Stoppers (800) 222-TIPS(8477).

Suspect Shot And Killed By An Off-Duty LAPD Officer During An Apparent Robbery Attempt

COVINA - On July 6, 2016 at approximately 3:13 PM, Officers from the Covina Police Department were dispatched to a shooting inside the Carl's Jr. Restaurant located at 573 N. Azusa Avenue in the City of Covina. The reporting party indicated that one of the parties involved in the shooting had identified himself as an off-duty Los Angeles Police Officer. Upon arrival, officers located a male suffering from gunshot wounds to the upper torso on

the ground inside the restaurant. Officers also located an uninjured off-duty Los Angeles Reserve Police Officer.

The suspect was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department who declared the suspect deceased. The suspect is being described as a male adult, pending the positive identification by the Los Angeles County Coroners Office.

The preliminary investigation revealed the suspect brandished

a weapon at the off-duty officer who then shot the suspect in the upper torso. The shooting is being investigated by the Covina Police Department and the name of the off-duty officer will not be released at this time.

Any information or questions regarding this crime, please contact the Covina Police Department Detective Bureau (626) 384-5628, the Watch Commander (626) 384-5665 or Crime Stoppers (800) 222-TIPS(8477).

Tampon Tax Closer to Repeal after Key Senate Vote

SACRAMENTO - Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) announced that her legislation jointly sponsored with Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) to end the sales tax on tampons earned bipartisan approval by the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. While the state exempts the sales tax on various health products, tampons and sanitary napkins are the only health necessities exclusive to women that are still taxed. AB 1561 would end this tax on women.

"As a taxpayer advocate I can appreciate this bill simply on economic grounds," said Assemblywoman Chang. "Any opportunity to give tax relief to

the people of California is something I will be interested in. But as women I also know this tax is something we need to repeal on principle. Women should not be unfairly targeted in our tax code."

Current law grants a sales and use tax exemption for products that are deemed "necessities of life" like food products - including candy -- and other health items such as Viagra®. In other words, any item not on this list is deemed unnecessary or a luxury for consumers. Unfortunately, feminine hygiene products - necessary health products that cost women thousands of dollars over a lifetime - are not exempt from the state sales tax, and therefore deemed

nonessential. As a result, California's tax laws unfairly target women.

"Collectively we pay \$20 million in taxes on feminine hygiene products. By putting that money back in the hands of women, we are creating greater access to a very important health product - especially in low-income and homeless populations."

At least fifteen states have introduced legislation to repeal the tax on feminine hygiene products. The New York Legislature recently approved a tampon tax repeal. "It's great to see both Democrats and Republicans coming together on this important effort all across the country," added Chang.



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Great Sadness Across the Nation with the Loss of Our Police Officers

By George Ogden

Our country has been taken back by the recent killing of our police officers. The past few years, we have seen more of our officers being killed. The Texas police massacre by Micah Johnson who was eventually killed by a robot-delivered bomb Thursday (July 7) after the shootings, this was the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

This appears to be in response to two killings of black men by police. Alton Sterling, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana which was recorded on a cell phone. Also, another cell phone recording that was on Live Feed on Facebook by the girlfriend, just after the shooting of Philando Castile, which occurred in Falcon Heights, just outside Minneapolis by a police officer of Chinese decent. His girl-friend did a live-streaming of the shooting's aftermath with the police officer a few feet away, his gun still trained on her bloody fiancé.

I have viewed both recordings a few times. The Alton Sterling killing, although tragic, had two police officers wrestle him down to the ground after the responded to a call that Sterling threatened a homeless man with a gun. While wrestling with Sterling, you could hear one officer yell, "Gun", and a



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

few seconds later, there was the shooting. After the shooting, witness saw officers remove a handgun from Sterling. I could not see in the recording if Sterling was trying to pull the gun on the officers. It did not look definitive. The recording is all over the Internet's social media and you can try and judge for yourself. Sterling was a high risk felon with a ton off arrests. The news media is trying to make it look like he was a family man with five kids. Not even close, he was a career criminal. However, because you have a record, doesn't justify being shot and killed.

As for Philando Castile, he has no record and what appears to cause the problem was the fact that he had a permit to Carry a Concealed Weapon (CCW). The officer pulled over Castile and his girlfriend who had her four-year-old daughter in the back seat. Castile told the officer that he had a CCW and a permit for it. The officer

had him put his hands up. Then the officer asked him for his ID and Castile attempted to comply and he went to get his wallet which was in his back pocket and in the same side as his weapon. The officer thought he might be going for his gun and reacted by shooting Castile a number of times. This sad event appears to be a huge mistake with the officer giving one command and then another. The girlfriend quickly started her cell phone and the live-feed broadcast went out as it was happening on Facebook. It was sad to watch this young man die the way he did. It sounds like he was trying to comply with the officer's commands, but this went horribly wrong. The live-stream continued to broadcast the events as they unfolded. Near the end of the tape, you could hear someone yell out the "F" word a couple of times and I am assuming this is from the young officer that did the shooting. It appears that he may have realized that there may have been an error and he may have overreacted.

So, what is going on here? Does this justify the killing of five officers and the shooting of seven other? Hell NO! As it is, officers are being gunned down across the nation at an alarming rate it is making it harder for officers to do their jobs to protect the public. With-

out a doubt, there have been unjustified shootings, however, this rate is very low. With high potential of being killed themselves, this puts officers on high alert and not wanting to become a victim themselves.

Checking on some statistics, 12.3 percent of U.S. population are black. In 2013, 44 percent of cop killers were white, 37 percent were black and 11 percent were Hispanic. With the breakdown, the potential of an officer being killed by a black person is extremely high compared to other races per capita.

The Wall Street Journal, statistics from the Bureau of Justice Statistics reveal that blacks were charged with 62 percent of robberies, 57 percent of murders and 45 percent of assaults in the 75 biggest counties in the country, despite only comprising roughly 15 percent of the population in these counties

Blacks are more likely to kill police officers than be killed by officer. This is according to FBI data, which also found that 40 percent of cop killers are black. According to the report, the police officer is 18.5 times more likely to be killed by a black person than a cop killing an unarmed black person.

The racial breakdown of "offenders" over the 33-year period was on par with the 10-year period: 52 percent were white, and 41 percent were black.

In my opinion, this is what is causing a lot of the racial issues across the nation and the "added caution" when police officers (white and/or black) deal with the black community. Some call this stereotyping and it is. Why, because there is a violent history to back this up. This is very sad, so how do we, or they, fix this?

Let's put some of this into prospective re: Alton Sterling

who was shot and killed Tuesday, July 5, just after midnight in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was selling CDs outside of a Food Mart. So what did the police have when they arrived? To begin with, he possessed an illegal firearm. As a career felon he is prohibited from possessing a firearm. Sterling had been a member of the Bloods gang, and had a list of offenses including battery, assault, drugs and weapons charges, and owed \$25,000 in child support. He was also a registered pedophile, having impregnated a 14-year-old girl when he was 20. The media, by contrast, has portrayed him as a loving father of five.

Once again, having a record and having a loaded gun is not a reason to be killed. The end result is tragic. The circumstances of the shooting still aren't completely clear even after viewing the recording. However, it would be just as dishon-

est to portray this story as just another man living his life that was gunned down by the police for no reason, which is what many will try to do.

As for Philando Castile's criminal record, let me list that for you. Oh wait, there is none. I couldn't even find a traffic ticket. I think this young man died because of the stigma that some criminal blacks have created in the black community that affects the entire black community across the nation. This causes more racism across the country. I feel bad for some of my friends as they themselves become victims of the opinion of others.

So the answer by some is to kill cops and it doesn't matter if they are good officers that do the best job they can.

So, when is this going to stop? The way things are going, sadly, maybe never.

"That's just the way it is!"

Reforming or Digging Deeper Holes

By Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

Get ready to sharpen your pencils and study hard. You have coming before you on the November 8th ballot 17 initiatives at last count. Yes, 17 of them as of right now ranging from Marijuana legalization to an assortment of bond issues, a couple of tax proposals, two on the death penalty, prison reform ... and all that comes with a qualification from the Secretary of State that there are still more circulating that may be added to this list of 17. Be prepared ladies and gentlemen to spend some time on the November 8th ballot.

As of Independence Day, July 4th, there are 32 initiatives cleared for circulation; 3 initiatives that have collected the 25% needed signatures; and, 30 initiatives that failed to qualify. Estimated cost to the Attorney General's office to prepare the title and review the proposed initiative -- \$5,000 each. And, I think that's very lo-ball.

The proponents of an initiative must submit certification under penalty of perjury, they have collected 25% of the required signatures. At that point, the Secretary of State (SOS) provides copies of the initiative to each house which assigns the measure to appropriate committees that holds joint public hearings at least 131 days before the date of the election. Rules forbid the legislature from amending the proposed initia-

tive. Currently 91,740 signatures are required for a statute and 146,352 for a constitutional amendment.

Of course there are rumors ... some initiatives may be withdrawn because the legislators in Sacramento have taken up the cause and passed legislation that relieves the voter of the decision-making process on that issue; and, some new ones may be added to the 17 initiatives that are currently qualified.

SOS reports three initiatives met the 25% signature qualification status as of July 4th.

The first, even though Gov. Brown has already signed the minimum wage into law, there are those who are attempting to submit reinforcement and a few nuances into the issue in the form of this initiative called Minimum Wage - Increases and Future Adjustments - Paid Sick Leave.

The second one requires committees controlled by a candidate to disclose their top 10 donors whenever they advertise and when providing testimony or voting on an issue or legislation. The kicker on this one is it "imposes criminal and civil sanctions for violations".

The third pending initiative proposes to reallocate \$10.7 billion in unused bond money from existing high-speed rail and water storage money to fund water storage projects for domestic and irrigation uses. That's \$8 billion of unspent bullet train bond money and \$2.7

billion water fund storage money not yet spent that would be allocated to provide the much needed water storage infrastructure that has remained unaddressed.

Accompanying the unwieldy number of state initiatives are a couple of Los Angeles County proposals. And, sadly, they involve a tax increases.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have approved for the November ballot a 1.5 cent levy per square foot of building area or about \$23 a year on a 1,500 square foot house generating approximately \$94.5 million a year and that tax comes with no sunset ... no end date. It goes on ad infinitum. I haven't seen the actual proposal yet, but I question the list of improvements and how the funding would be handed out. Supervisor Don Knobe voted against the measure because there was no end date; and, Supervisor Mike Antonovich was absent.

Also coming forward is the Metro Tax based on the new transportation plan and a possible homeless tax or bond to provide housing for the L.A. County homeless. City of Los Angeles is proposing that also.

It is an incredible amount of money being thrown on the backs of the citizens of the state and Los Angeles County. More information later then the waters settle and the initiatives have language and dollar signs attached to them.

2016 California Driver Handbook Available for Android and iOS Users

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announces the release of the digital 2016 California Driver Handbook, making it easier for Android and iOS users to take advantage of studying on the go via their mobile devices. The DMV digital Driver Handbook is available for download in the Google Play Store for Android users and through the iBooks Store for any Mac or iOS device.

The digital version of the Driver Handbook brings the learning experience to a whole new level—offering customers interactive educational materials to help them prepare for the

driver license exam. Important features include a comprehensive overview of the rules of the road and topics on how to acquire a new license or renew an existing license, a summary of standard road signs, and safe driving tips on sharing the road with other vehicles, mass transit, pedestrians, and cyclists. The digital 2016 California Driver Handbook builds on the success of the electronic edition, which has already received more than 60,000 downloads since 2013.

The digital Driver Handbook for Mac or iOS devices also offers videos and multi-touch features that allow users to take electronic notes and share in-

formation through social media. Users can start reading the book on one device and pick up where they left off on another device. Collections, highlights, notes, and bookmarks sync across all of these devices and users can customize their view by choosing between landscape and portrait mode, desired brightness and text size.

Print publication copies of the 2016 California Driver Handbook are available at DMV field offices statewide. PDF versions of the California Driver Handbooks are available on the DMV website in multiple languages, viewable on any desktop, smartphone, or tablet.

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FED Credibility Questioned

The recent FOMC minutes were hawkish, particularly by playing up the tightening labor market. Together with a flurry of speeches, peppered with comments like Bill Dudley's observation "FOMC members are not as far apart as people think," the FOMC encouraged investors to position for the next rate hike. Then, of course, the May employment report dropped with a thud, BREXIT happened and Yellen called the whole thing off. This is not the first time the Fed has wound investors up for a hike only to retreat.

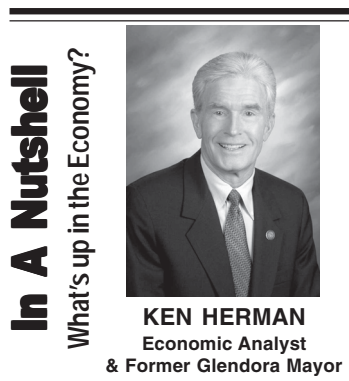
Last year, the FOMC alternated between warnings of imminent hikes and-during soft patches-warnings of hikes resuming as soon as headwinds died. It hurt the Fed's credibility. Market expectations drifted further and further below the Fed's tightening forecast. The Fed's credibility began to be questioned in June 2015, the first meeting generally considered likely for liftoff.

Then a widespread fear of a Chinese hard landing spurred a massive capital flight from China. Many emerging economies were in recession caused by excess capacity in the wake of China's diminished raw materials appetite. Global equities punched through last summer's low, and commodity prices tumbled. The Fed was playing central bank to the world and the world couldn't stand a rate hike.

Still, the Fed made clear its desire to raise rates in future, characterizing the decision to leave rates unchanged as a pause to "wait for additional information."

LEARNING TO READ A MORE TALKATIVE FED

As Yellen has explained many times, the Fed believes the data-dependent language in FOMC statements protects it from tak-



In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?

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ing responsibility for bad forecasts. But there is a difference between being wrong once in a while and a forecast colored with persistent misperceptions.

Several threads running through the analysis are dubious in hindsight:
1. Headwinds, particularly related to oil and the dollar, are always diminishing. The only exception is when the meeting happens to be in the midst of a flare up, in which case they are expected to diminish soon. For example, oil prices have a seasonal component and are less likely to fall in the first half of the year when gasoline demand is strongest. Nevertheless, the Fed took heart in the rise in oil prices in the first half of last year and again in the first half of this year. And, of course, China has lurched between optimistic and pessimistic data for years in part because policy has fluctuated between efforts to reduce debt in a quest for long-term health and hopes of a short-term economic bounce.

2. The economy is always either growing at a satisfactory rate or expected to soon be growing at a satisfactory rate. In the Fed's view, slowdowns are always anomalous, rapid growth never is.

3. Consumers repeatedly get the benefit of the doubt. When consumption slows, it is either ignored or explained away. Yet, in the past 18 months, only two months stand out as strong. The rest were mediocre at best.

4. There's a blind faith inflation will return to 2%, usually within 2 years. Deflationary factors are routinely dismissed; inflationary factors are quickly acknowledged.

All these themes lean in the same direction. The FOMC's growth, employment and inflation forecasts support higher interest rates. No wonder the Fed has forecast faster tightening than necessary since 2012.

Only one theme runs the other way, offsetting the push toward hikes. Risk factors, while sometimes downplayed in an effort to inspire confidence or avoid panic, usually ran against tightening. In the past year, headwinds were almost always international. At all but one meeting they determined the policy decision. The FOMC does not forecast risks, though there is an implicit forecast in the policy guidance, because it consistently stresses gradual tightening. They didn't say it outright, but the FOMC consistently expected international headwinds to abate.

It is increasingly apparent global headwinds are not external. Nor are they cyclical. Rather, they result from structural challenges, including the need to recapitalize Europe's banking system and reduce excess raw-materials capacity. They will not fade in weeks or months. Because quickly fading global headwinds are an unspoken constant in the FOMC's forecast, it is entirely reasonable to assume something unforeseen will prevent tightening at most FOMC meetings, limiting rate hikes to the rare occasions of calm.

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I welcome your questions and comments : kenherman46@hotmail.com

Financial - Ask Julia

About five years ago, I left my employment, and my 401k. You say I can move that money - how? And, will I have to pay all the taxes on it?

It is possible to move the money to another qualified (pre-tax) investment product without triggering a taxable event. (Qualified funds are tax-deferred - you pay taxes when you take the money out.) "Moving" the money is not considered accessing the money.

I'm really concerned that I'm going to run out of money when I retire. Help!

According to the Employee Benefit Research Institute, nearly half of the boomers between the ages of 56 and 62 will not have enough funds to cover basic expenses and uninsured health costs in retirement. What can you do now? Max out your 401k contributions, but only up to your employer match. Invest in your own IRA, or Roth IRA. Keep about 25-percent of your investments 'liquid' - accessible within six months without penalties. Pay off whatever you can. Plan ahead for potential health issues with appropriate insurance.

My banker wants me to move my CD money into a variable annuity so that I have a greater chance of higher returns. He says I cannot lose my money. Is that right?

In a variable annuity, your money can be at risk, and you are charged fees. I recommend fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. Your money is not in the



Julia Yoder

stock market; it only 'mirrors' the index. Some of these policies offer bonuses, others credit your account with a good percentage of growth even if the stock market has even a fraction of growth, offers no loss to you if the stock market loses, gives accelerated benefits for specific needs, and guarantees lifetime income. (All guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.)

I've heard about long-term care insurance, but won't MediCal take care of my needs when the time comes?

If you qualify for MediCal, (aka MediCare) it will take care of some of your needs, but possibly not in a facility where you'd like to spend your final years. Then, there's the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, signed by the President on February 8, 2006, which includes ways for the government to get paid back for the money they spend taking care of you. This includes putting a lien against your home and making you

name them as beneficiary on your insurance and investments. To control seniors from 'spending down' their investment dollars, this law also lengthened the look-back period to 5 years (it used to be 3 years). This means that any transfer of assets in the past five years could disqualify the individual for nursing home care for a period of time. Keep in mind that many long-term care insurance claims are a result of long-recovery time for injuries suffered in auto or personal accidents which can happen at any age.

We're retired and want to downsize from our large home in the San Gabriel Valley to a much smaller residence closer to the beach, but we'll lose our Prop. 13 property tax status. What can we do?

If you are 55 years old or older, you could sell your home and buy that beach house (of equal or higher value) and transfer your Prop. 13 property tax status with you!

Got a question? Ask Julia by email:

Email questions and comments to: juliayoder@yahoo.com

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Uber/Lyft Drivers Saved from New Red Tape under Bill Approved by Senate Committee

SACRAMENTO - Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) announced that legislation she is jointly authoring with Assemblyman Evan Low (D-Campbell) to ensure rideshare drivers (Uber, Lyft, etc.) are not subject to commercial vehicle registration, was approved by the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities & Communications. AB 828 came in response to a legal interpretation by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requiring rideshare drivers to register their cars as commercial vehicles.

Drawing on statutes from as far back as 1935, DMV announced last year that any passenger vehicle used for the transportation of persons for hire or profit is a commercial vehicle. Even occasional use of a ride-sharing in this manner would require the vehicle to be registered commercially. In response, Assemblywoman Chang penned a letter to the department, urging them to reconsider the decision. The DMV quickly retracted the new policy but made it clear that legislative guidance is needed.

"It just doesn't make sense for a single Mom driving a few hours a week to pay her bills, to register her Honda Civic as a commercial vehicle," said

Assemblywoman Chang. "We have to be more thoughtful about how we regulate emerging technologies and markets."

Many rideshare drivers are part-time or occasional drivers -- working an average of 22.69 hours per month -- trying to supplement their income. Mandating these drivers to register their personal cars as a com-

mercial vehicle needlessly increases business costs and curtails economic growth and innovation.

"Eighty years ago this interpretation was likely sound," Chang added. "However today this simply makes no sense. It would subject thousands of rideshare drivers to more red tape."

THE CAR GURU
WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW
By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Most People Assume Auto Shops are Certified

In a recent study of several hundred people, the question was asked, "Does the auto shop you use have certified technicians?" The vast majority said they assumed that they were.

The shop you use may have certified people, but the reality is there is no mandatory certification required to own or operate an auto repair shop in California. To be an auto shop owner, you must have a state license issued by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) which any person can apply for and receive with no automotive experience at all.

To apply and receive an automotive repair dealer's license (ARD), just show up to the Bureau of Auto Repair (BAR) with \$200.00, a name for the company and a tax ID. While you're in the automotive repair business, no proof of insurance, no tools and no experience are necessary.

This is one part of our industry that I would like to see reviewed. A professional that cuts hair or finger nails is required to be state certified, but a mechanic who works on tires, engines or brakes doesn't need a single day of training or any tools to do so.

The only certification system we have is voluntary, other than

being a smog station. Smog technicians are licensed by the state and require continuing education.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers a series of tests that a technician can take to be certified in many different areas of the car. All tests are voluntary, not required. At my shop, I require all staff to be ASE certified and I know many other shops do as well. ASE tests are all written tests and does not necessarily mean a person is competent to work on a car.

AAA approved auto shops must have ASE certified technicians employed as well as have a minimum set of tools for the cars they work on. I recommend using a AAA approved shop due to their tough standards and you have a voice through the arbitration system,

if you have a concern with the service or repair.

In these uncertain times, saving a few dollars is always something to consider. But don't get caught up with a low price that will cost you more later. Have a knowledgeable certified technician perform the service or repairs on your car; it will save you time and money in the long run. Before you agree to have any work performed, ask if the technician working on your car is certified.

If you wonder sometimes why someone is lower in price than everyone else, there's usually a reason.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

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.

ARCADIA Luau Bunco

Arcadia Senior Services is hosting a Luau Bunco afternoon featuring a light lunch and refreshments on Friday, **July 15** at 12:30pm at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Gift cards will be awarded to the individuals with the following accolades: Most wins, most losses, most Buncos and most baby Buncos. In addition to these rewards, there will be a chance to win raffle prizes. Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased at the Arcadia Community Center for an all-inclusive price of \$10. For questions and more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

Free Summer Concert

Surfs Up (Beach Boys Tribute) - July 14

"Just like the real thing but Younger" ... Surf's up is one of the first true Beach Boys tribute bands in the world. They have been perfecting & recreating the Beach Boys sound for 25 years, literally since they were kids. Keeping it in the family - the band consists of 2 brothers Donny & Danny Goldberg, their father Don Goldberg Sr. who founded the group and close cousin Denny Hardwick. Their sibling harmonies capture the authentic blend of the Beach Boys like no other. Not just another "tribute band", these veterans naturally bring the magical "Sound of Summer" to your event.

Surfs Up also goes beyond Beach Boys, they have a huge variety of music to play for all ages and genres. Classic Rock, 60's 70's and 80's Pop Rock - Top 40. So they will keep the party rockin to fit the venue.

The summer concerts are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive).

Movies in the Park

The Movies in the Park are held on Friday evenings with activities starting at 7:30pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Movies in the Park provided in partnership with CHOICISS Arcadia.

The Good Dinosaur (PG) - The Good Dinosaur (PG) will be showing Friday, **July 15**. In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinochle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

The group is open to men and women 50 or older. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information call 626-281-6771.

COVINA

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.

DUARTE

Youth Boxing Program

Youth Boxing is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable coaches are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing, while developing footwork, speed and upper body strength. The training program will also help children gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

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 \$2. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

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.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provides food to low-income elderly, 60 years and older. Please bring a picture identification and proof of income: Social Security, SSI or pension (bank statement, check stub, benefit award letter.) Every 4th Thursday of every month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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.

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Glendora Public Library launches e-magazines!

GLENDORA - Visit the Glendora Public Library website, www.glendoralibrary.org, to download the latest copies (and back issues, too) of your favorite magazines. Titles available include: Consumer Reports, Cooking Light, Men's Health, People, Sports Illustrated, Lonely Planet Traveller and more! For more information, please contact the Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit us at www.glendoralibrary.org.

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-9:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Crochet Class Instructor Wanted

Needles, Hooks, And Yarn in Glendora is seeking an experienced crochet teacher. Preferably you would have expertise in basic crocheting as well as

more advanced crocheting, how to fix mistakes, a class list of projects, lesson plans, samples of class projects, and patience. Please call Nancy at (626)824-4101 or come to my store, Needles, Hooks, And Yarn at 205 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora.

MONROVIA

Senior Movies & Munchies

The Department of Community Services invites you to attend the **FREE Movies and Munchies** program open to all active adults and seniors 50 years and older. Enjoy an afternoon movie and then browse the Library's collection of movies available for rent. For additional information and future movie titles, please contact (626) 256-8246. **Movies & Munchies** is at the Library Community Room, 321 South Myrtle Avenue on the **Last Friday of the month** at 12:00 p.m.

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 &

Afternoon of Antiquity Appraisal Fair

GLENDORA - An antique buffet, porcelain collectibles, a favorite painting, glittering costume jewelry ... are your treasures and family heirlooms worth more than you think? Come to the 1st Annual Visual Aides Booster Club of the Eye-Das Foundation's Afternoon of Antiquity Appraisal Fair to find out. This enlightening and fun event will be held on Saturday, **July 23** from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Glendora Library's Bidwell Forum, 140 South Glendora Avenue, Glendora.

Now is your chance to clean out your garages and attics and find out if those collectables, baskets, paintings books, or

Exercise Class

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

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

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

Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos and news and event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExamier@aol.com. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

family heirlooms that are stored away are really treasures that may be worth some money. Besides being a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon, it's really fun and interesting to see all the things people bring and to find out the history behind these items.

Niles Grace, formerly The Instant Appraiser on A&E's "The Incurable Collector", will be evaluating all items brought to the event. No firearms, coins or fine jewelry, please. This adult only event will also include wine and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be several Special Gift

route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

• The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

• The fare is only \$1.00 each way.

• No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center is 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.

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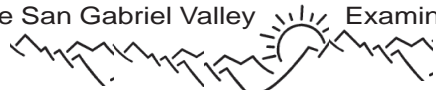
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Citrus College Ranks #12 Among the Nation's Top Community Colleges

By Stacy Armstrong
GLENORA - Citrus College has ranked 12th out of more than 1,100 community colleges in the United States in awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students.

The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, a biweekly publication that reaches more than 50,000 readers, recognized Citrus College in their annual “Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics” issue. While this is the ninth consecutive year the college has been included on the magazine’s Top 50 list, this is its highest ranking to date. Last year, the college was ranked number 22.

“It is always an honor to be recognized as one of the nation’s top degree producers by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, but this year we are especially pleased with our advanced ranking,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. “The faculty and staff of Citrus College are committed to increasing college completion rates, and being ranked 12th in

the nation demonstrates that we are making excellent progress. This achievement is one for which the entire college community can be proud.”

Citrus College’s inclusion in The Hispanic Outlook’s “Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics” issue is the most recent addition to an ever-growing list of institutional accomplishments. In recent months, the college has also been named one of the nation’s top degree and certificate producing two-year institutions by Community College Week and was one of 150 community colleges in the United States to be invited to compete for the prestigious \$1 million Aspen Prize for Excellence. At the same time, institutional records were broken during the 2014-2015 academic year when more than 2,500 associate degrees and 1,200 certificates were awarded and nearly 1,300 students transferred to four-year colleges and universities.

These remarkable achievements affirm Citrus College’s ongoing commitment to sup-

porting the successful completion of transfer, career/technical education, and basic skills development. This commitment was solidified in 2012 when all segments of the college community stepped forward to sign a pledge to make Citrus College a “College of Completion.” Since that time, the college community has studied best practices and implemented proven strategies that have had impressive results.

“Citrus College strives to foster a diverse educational community in which academic excellence and student success thrive. Being recognized as a top community college by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education underscores our institutional growth in these areas,” said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “I extend my sincere gratitude to the faculty, staff, and students who make accomplishments such as this one possible.”

Mt. SAC Health Career Students Win 10 Medals at Nationals

WALNUT - Mt. San Antonio College health career students recently won 10 medals—seven gold and three silver—at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) national competition held at Anaheim Hilton. More than 6,640 secondary and post-secondary students competed in 56 different health-related events at the national leadership event held June 22-26 in Nashville, TN.

Remington Cole (Pomona), Rebecca Cruz (Rancho Cucamonga), Sue Mass (Chino Hills), and Felicia Ngo

(Alhambra) all won gold medals in the creative problem solving competition.

Maria Jauregui (Covina), Kirk Loualhadi (Covina), and Jose Montiel-Flores won gold medals in the biomedical debate competition.

Yessenia Campos (El Monte), Keili Hiniker (Walnut), and La Tonya McDaniel (Perris) all won silver medals in creative problem solving.

“We had 10 competitors this year, and all 10 were either gold or silver medalists. That

is quite an achievement,” said Mt. SAC psychiatric technician professor and HOSA advisor Mary Ellen Reyes. “Being involved in and competing in HOSA is a life-changing experience for students.”

HOSA, established in 1976 by the U.S. Department of Education, is the national organization for secondary and post-secondary health career students. The organization provides students in 40 states with skills, leadership development, and career development.

California Interscholastic Federation Honors AUSD High Schools with Champions for Character Awards

AZUSA - The California Interscholastic Federation - Southern Section (CIF-SS) has recognized two Azusa Unified School District high schools as recipients of their 2015-16 Champions for Character awards, accorded to students, coaches, administrators and schools for “Pursuing Victory with Honor.”

Gladstone High has the distinction of two honorees - athletic director Chuck Shore and student-athlete Irma Ramos - while Azusa High was cited in the schools division, the only public high school to be selected in 2016.

The awards will be officially presented at the 12th annual Jim Staunton Champions for Character awards ceremony on Sept. 26 at the Grand Conference Center in Long Beach. Recipients will receive banners to hang in their school gymnasiums.

“Azusa and Gladstone high schools set a high bar for the

ideals of integrity and sportsmanship, and demonstrate unequivocally that athletics is just as much about fair play, dignity and grace as it is victory,” AUSD Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. “Congratulations to our high-achieving schools for being recognized for their outstanding leadership.”

Ramos, a junior, plays three sports - volleyball, basketball and track - and has been nominated for the award three years in a row by Shore.

“Irma’s character is flawless. She is so deserving of the award. In three years, no one has ever said anything negative about her,” said Shore, who expressed appreciation to his peers for his selection. “This is one of the most prestigious awards you can get. I am deeply honored and humbled at the same time.”

This is the third year that Azusa High has been acknowledged by the CIF-SS. Prior re-

ipients include Azusa High student-athlete Destiny Tellez and principal Ramiro Rubalcaba in 2015, Azusa High cross-country coach Patricia Dorsey in 2014 and Gladstone High assistant principal Jacalyn Littrel in 2012.

“This is a tremendous honor to receive a Champions for Character award,” Azusa High athletic director Sandy Gahring said. “These awards are presented to only the most extremely dedicated and hard-working individuals, those who display the six pillars of character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. I am so proud of our school and so happy for my colleague Coach Shore and Irma Ramos.”

The Champions for Character awards are presented in honor of former CIF-SS commissioner Jim Staunton, who helped develop the criteria for the six pillars of character. A golf tournament is held every year to help fund scholarships for Champions for Character student-athletes. This year’s tournament will be held June 21 at Rio Hondo Golf Course in Downey.

“Our mission at Azusa Unified is to teach our children to be not just outstanding achievers,” AUSD Board President Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena said. “Thank you to the CIF for continuing to recognize the efforts of our students, coaches and administrators.”

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California School Of The Arts - San Gabriel Valley To Open In Duarte Unified School District

DUARTE - The Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) Board of Education voted 5-0 at the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, June 30, 2016, to approve a partnership with Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), which will bring the highly successful public charter school to the San Gabriel Valley starting the 2017-18 school year.

At the June 30 meeting, the Board of Education approved a proposal to license the Northview Intermediate School campus for five years to OCSA, who will be launching a public charter high school for 9-12 grade students. It will be called the California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley (CSArts-SGV) and will offer aspiring young artists from all over the region an opportunity to refine their skills and flourish in one of their trademark five schools of study, in addition to their nationally recognized rigorous college preparatory academic experience.

The five schools are as follows: School of Dance: Classical & Contemporary Dance, Commercial Dance, and International Dance; School of Fine & Media Arts: Creative Writing, Digital Media Arts, Film & Television, Integrated Arts, and Visual Arts; School of Music: Classical Voice and Instrumental Music; and School of Theatre: Acting, Musical Theatre, and Production & Design.

OCSA's fifth school, The School of Applied Arts, which focuses on culinary arts and hospitality at their Orange County location, will be offered through Duarte High School in a unique branding arrangement as part of the partnership. The partnership developed between DUSD and OCSA is the first of its kind between a charter and public school district with measures taken by the district to ensure the students of Duarte Unified and community of Duarte benefit from the venture. This partnership is one of seven strategies outlined in the district's new five-year strategic plan, known as the Competitive Advantage Plan, which was spearheaded by Superintendent Mucerino. It is the result of a comprehensive study of the impact of 14 years of declining enrollment and the feedback of over 4,500 stakeholders through surveys and focus groups conducted this year. This is one step in moving Duarte towards its ultimate goal of becoming a destination district for students, families, and staff.

As part of the arrangement, the partners agree to act in good faith to ensure that up to 10% of the new CSArts-SGV enrollment is comprised of Duarte Unified students at any given time, and that 3% of CSArts-SGV's revenue collected from the State will be paid annually to the district. In addition, CSArts-SGV will assume all operating costs to run and maintain the Northview property which is an estimated savings to the district of approximately \$800,000 in General Funds each year. Because it is a shared-used agreement, the district retains ownership of all property used by CSArts-SGV and the rights to use the Performing Arts Center, Gymnasium and Cafeteria Complex during set hours.

OCSA also has agreed to invest over 5 million to remodel the Performing Arts Center and to build a state-of-the-art conservatory/studio on the Northview campus. DUSD will own that building. By agreement, that building will be owned by the district too.

The CSArts-SGV will operate in collaboration with Duarte High School, not in isolation as many charter schools are known to do. The leadership teams of both schools have been collaborating all year and are in the process of developing plans to provide classes on both campuses that will be taken by CSArts-SGV and DHS students together, and the faculties of both schools will work closely to offer all students an opportunity to participate in an arts-rich environment and comprehensive high school experience.

Not only will Duarte High School students benefit from this forward thinking enterprise, but students attending DUSD in grades PK-8 will also reap the rewards. OCSA has agreed to dedicate the staff to create and teach a custom K-8 arts curriculum in collaboration with DUSD teachers. It's expected that the 7-8 conservatory element of the program, serving only students attending DUSD schools, will be offered on the CSArts campus.

Another one of the seven strategies outlined in the district's five-year strategic plan is the reconfiguration from PK-6 elementary schools to PK-8 magnet schools focused on STEM and arts. Based on a comprehensive review of the district's enrollment trends, it was clear that 70% of all students transferring out of DUSD exited at the transition point from elementary to middle school. To address this issue, DUSD elementary schools will house students PK-8 beginning in 2017-18.

The transition from Northview being a 7-8 Intermediate School to the CSArts-SGV Public Charter High School, will also take place at the start of the 2017-18 school year. At that time, incoming 7th grade students will remain at their current elementary school. For 8th grade students in 2017-18, a secure satellite campus has been designed between the current Northview site and Duarte High School. The 8th grade students will remain in a self-contained setting, separate from the high school students, taught by 8th grade staff, and led by Dr. Mark Newell, a veteran principal with K-8, Middle School, and Comprehensive High School experience, who begins his tenure in 2016-17. Though separated, 8th grade students will have many opportunities as a result of being part of Duarte High School, such as curricular and extra-curricular opportunities currently not afforded them as a result of low enrollment at Northview.

The California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley at Duarte Unified will be the second campus for OCSA, established in 1987. Currently headquartered in Santa Ana, it serves over 2,200 students in grades 7 to 12 and is credited with leading the revitalization of the Santa Ana downtown area. OCSA's current campus operates under a charter authorized by the Santa Ana Unified School District and draws students from 121 cities throughout Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Approximately 4,000 students apply annually for its 400 openings. The charter from Duarte USD is expected to have similar widespread appeal.

On a visit to OCSA earlier this year, Duarte Board members, administrators, faculty, students and parents got an opportunity to see the school in action and came

away impressed. The academic results reflect a commitment to excellence: Academic Performance Index (API) of 914, math proficiency of 93 percent, English proficiency of 97 percent, graduate rate of 100 percent. The current student body reflects the diversity of the artistic world, with 51 percent minority representation.

OCSA Founder, President, and Executive Director, Dr. Ralph Opacic, stated, "Our team is very excited to partner with DUSD. I can assure you that our team will work in collaboration with the entire district to create a meaningful partnership and experience for the students of Duarte and the greater Duarte community."

One of the many attractions of DUSD to OCSA was the proximity to the recently opened Gold Line, which should allow potential students from a number of Foothill and San Gabriel Valley communities easy access to the city and the campus. Additional advantages include the close relationship the district has built with Citrus College, also a leader of arts education in the region, as well as the backing of the Duarte City Council and the support of many in the Duarte community.

With a projected enrollment of 1,000-1,600 students, depending on eventual capacity, CSArts-SGV expects to create over a 100 new jobs within the city of Duarte and an increase in patronage of local businesses by the many families whose students will be either commuting or moving to the area to attend the new school.

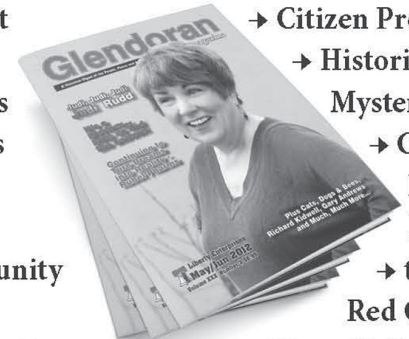
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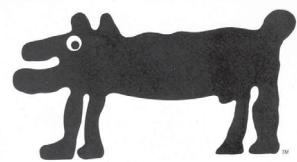
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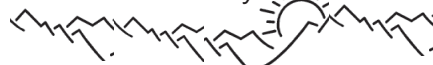
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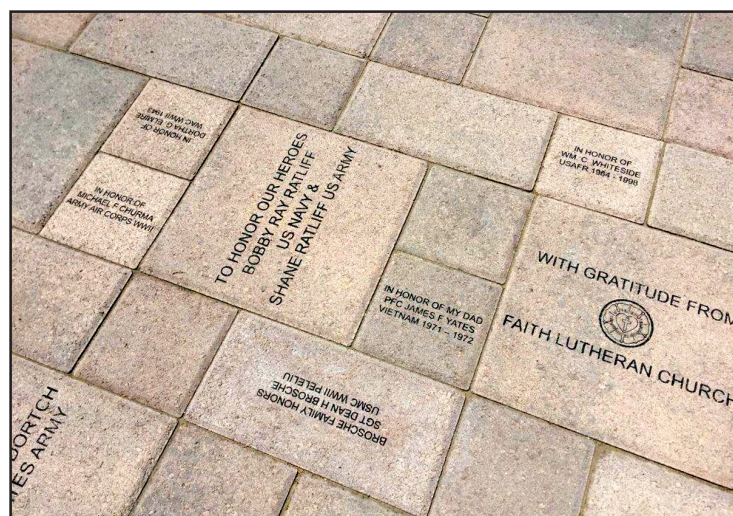
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