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# **Baldwin Park Unified Celebrates** Sierra Vista High's Class of 2017

BALDWIN PARK - Sierra Vista High School valedictorian Jeronimo Reyes, speaking to classmates at the school's June 1 commencement, detailed the importance of improving the world through education lessons learned and forgotten, the impact of helpful teachers and the philosophy of friendship delivered by the high school comedy "Mean Girls."

The event recognized the academic achievement of the school's 408 graduating seniors, who were adorned with colorful leis, elaborately decorated caps and cheerful smiles as they earned their long-awaited diplomas to the roaring applause of more than 1,000 attendees.

"High school was a blur – a stressful, surreal blur," Reves said. "Here, at the end of all things when that blur is at a halt and we can begin to see clearly, I don't want to say it because I know that will make it all real – but goodbye and good luck."

Reyes is the recipient of a QuestBridge scholarship that will cover the full cost of his attendance at Washington and Lee University, a \$264,000 value. He



Instructional aide Amber January (right) smiles as Baldwin Park Mayor Manuel Lozano congratulates Virginia Rangel, one of the 408 graduating seniors in Sierra Vista High School's graduating class.

earned a 4.71 GPA and plans to become a doctor, a surgeon and eventually surgeon general of the United States.

Salutatorian Danica Dulay, who will attend UCLA with the help of a \$12,630 Cal Grant, commended her classmates on how their determination and perseverance against myriad challenges, including family tragedies, mental illness and financial struggles, have readied them

"Sitting among us right now are future doctors, lawyers, filmmakers, teachers, animators,

for the real world.

writers, actors, engineers or even millionaires," Dulay said. "Here is the truth about yourself, you can do anything – talent makes you great, but hard work takes you

all the way." Sierra Vista High's seniors

will attend prestigious colleges across the U.S., including UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UC Davis and California State University, Fullerton. Some 82 students received 128 scholarships totaling more than \$700,000 from community groups and colleges.

Fifteen seniors received departmental medals for excellence while 27 received the Seal of Biliteracy, which recognizes fluency in two or more languages.

"Congratulations to Sierra Vista High's class of 2017," Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "We are proud of the success our students have achieved and we know they will continue to use the lessons they learned here at Sierra Vista High to thrive in college and beyond."

Following the awarding of diplomas, graduating seniors were met with hugs and tearful smiles from friends and family members as the night ended with a hail of fireworks, punctuating the conclusion of high school.

# **Andrews Inc. Celebrates** 45 Years in Business



Connie and Gary Andrews, Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer, Glendora Council Members, Karen Davis, **Judy Nelson and Michael Allawos** 

By Jayam Rutnam **GLENDORA** - There were speeches, cocktails, songs and tears at the 45th Anniversary bash at Andrews Inc., clothiers on Glendora Avenue. It was on Sunday, the 4th of June that Gary and Connie Andrews celebrated the day that they first opened their clothing establishment in 1972. Andrews Inc. has now become one of the leading icons in the City of Glendora.

The always well decorated and tastefully set up clothing store was filled to capacity with dignitaries, friends, customers, well wishers and relatives who visited Gary and Connie to wish them many more years in business. Other than the Glendora Council Members, Glendora City Manager Chris Jeffers, Assistant to the City Manager Valerie Escalante and Sonia Jones attended the celebration. Many of those who attended were sporting colorful and patriotic shirts designed by "Reyn Spooner."

Also at the function were Kris and Kim Darney. Kris, we understand, used to work as a salesman at Andrews Inc., when he was very young. Connie and Gary's daugh-

ter Jennifer and son in law Justin were seen mingling with the well wishers and friends who have crossed their lives during the many years in business, as was niece Laura with husband Vince Mc Kay of Wrightwood. There were many people who had worked for Andrews Inc. in years past. Pat Berry was there with his wife Hannah, Pat worked for Andrews Inc. for 9 years. Steve Johnson also worked for Andrews, and was there with his wife Andrea. Dahuit Wheeler who also worked for Andrews Inc., was also there.

There were many "reps" from the apparel lines that Andrews Inc. carries. Richard Bybee was seen selling the Reyn Spooner shirts. David Herman represented Hart Schaffner Marx, and the Brighton Jewelry line was represented by Eric Hepner.

Gary and Connie have created one of the finest traditional clothier stores in the San Gabriel Valley. Celebrating over 45 years, they are always looking for new ways to better serve their customers. At Andrews, Inc. they pride themselves in offering the very best in custom tailoring.

Their unique Made-To-Measure programs ensures the best fit and look possible. They also have an in-house tailor for alterations.

The Andrews have been long time supporters of the Glendora Village District area. Gary is a member of the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board for the City of Glendora and is one of the driving forces behind efforts to market and promote the village dis-

Gary and Connie are always available to invite you into their beautiful store with their tastefully displayed clothes and accessories. Their dog Miss Lily enjoys being petted and makes an unusual but pleasant addition to the quaintness and allure of Andrews, Inc.

At Andrews, Inc., the displays are tastefully changed according to the holidays and especially at Christmas when it is one of the best decorated stores on "The Avenue."

We at the San Gabriel Valley Examiner, congratulate Gary and Connie on the 45th Anniversary of Andrews, Inc. and wish them many more years of success.



# Laker Girls Support Haynes Golf Classic



Pictured, from left, are Starkesha; Julianne; Haynes Board Treasurer Kevin Hardy, President of Hardy Insurance & Risk Management and golf tournament chairman for the second year; Mikayla; Haynes President and CEO Dan Maydeck; and Taylor.

**LA VERNE** - A total of eight members of the 2016-2017 Los Angeles Laker Girls turned out to support the 20th annual Haynes Family of Programs Golf Classic, held again this year at the Glendora Country Club. Guest speaker at the evening's awards banquet was James Estavillo, who lived at Haynes for nine years beginning in the early 1990s. He told golfers and guests he believes the Haynes

educational program contributed to the opportunities and success he has achieved today. He said that was made possible because of so many generous people supporting the organization who, in turn, allowed him to be able to give back in recent years as well. Estavillo owns and operates Blue Line Protection Services in Rancho Cucamonga.

The Haynes Family of Pro-

grams provides specialized treatment and educational services to children with special needs relating to emotional development, autism, Asperger's Disorder, learning disabilities, neglect and abandonment. The facility serves more than 2,000 clients, family members and caregivers annually. For more information, contact (909) 593-2581 or visit www.leroyhaynes.org.

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# **America's Christian Credit Union** And Local Church: A Force For **Foster Care Awareness**

Fellowship, Dave Johnson.

Glendora's Mayor Pro Tem,

also President/CEO of ACCU,

Mendell L. Thompson be-

stowed this proclamation for

the foster and adoption work

being done throughout the

community, as he has grown

increasingly aware of the need.

Believing that every child de-

serves a forever family, through

Thompson's advocacy leader-

ship, ACCU has worked tire-

lessly to help remove financial

barriers to adoption for over

The entire Johnson family

was in attendance, in addition

1,500 families since 2009.



Glendora Mayor Pro Tem & President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson joined by Pastor Dave and his family.

**GLENDORA** - Glendora City Council met on Tuesday evening as the calendar allocated, but the focus was greatly shifted in the opening forum. A nontraditionally packed room gathered with foster care advocates from around the community; from Serenity Inc, America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU), and local church members, to witness the Proclamation establishing May as Foster Care Awareness month, was presented to Pastor of Neighborhood Christian

# Volunteer **Your Gift** Of Music

**COVINA** - Volunteer Services of Citrus Valley Health Partners is looking for volunteers to share the gift of music with the patients, families and staff. If you sing or play an instrument and have a passion for bringing peace, comfort and joy to others please call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email her at tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the application process.

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to other foster adoptive families from Neighborhood Christian Fellowship. After receiving the Proclamation, Pastor Dave took to the podium to thank the Council for recognizing this sacred work. "'I will restore the years the locusts destroyed'," quoted Pastor Dave, a reference to Joel 2:25 to demonstrate that while one can't change the past of an orphan, foster adopting redeems a child's life and future. This was the theme of his brief comments that encapsulated the Christian duty to serve the "least" among us. Pastor Dave was so bold as to assure the audience that "you don't have to feel called to this type of work...Biblically, it's just one of the charges you have as a

The room was moved both by the Proclamation's affirming words and also by the deep love seen between the Johnson family. After remarks concluded, Mayor Gary Boyer commented from the dais, "Thank you, Dave, for everything you do and all the foster parents. It's apparent that the love you've given is a special gift, but I can see in your eyes the gift he's given back to you."

Christian."

## Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary 2017 Scholarship Winners



Back row, left to right: Melissa Mendoza, Monique Sierra, Dominic Allaf, Jo Ann Sun, Tarvn Passarini, Elizabeth Carter, Sophia Allaf Shahin, Front row: Emily Rodriquez, Gabriella Allaf, Cheska Milana

**Bundalian, Natalie Taby GLENDORA** - The Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary held its annual scholarship awards dinner on May 17th to recognize deserving students who are planning to further their studies in a medically related field. Thanks to the fundraising of the Hospital Auxiliary and the Junior Volunteers, along with the generosity of Citrus Valley Health Partners Foundation, individuals, and families, 19 scholarships were presented that evening.

The scholarship recipients and their families were invited to the traditional chili and cornbread dinner provided by the hospital. The highlight of the evening came when Paul Christensen, scholarship committee chairman, called the award winners to the podium where each gave a short speech about themselves and their plans for the future. Mr. Christensen also commented that this is the first time FPH has given scholarships to two sets of siblings, Abbigael and Isaac Aday along with Gabriella and Sophia Allaf Shahin. All of this year's winners should be very proud of what they have accomplished thus far and should look forward to even more success as they go forward towards their goals.

2017 Scholarship Recipients are Elizabeth Carter, nia Levitski, Patricia Elyse Canoy, Gabriella Allaf, Cheska Milana Bundalian, Melissa Mendoza, Monique Sierra, Isaac Aday, Dominic Allaf, Emily Rodriquez, Jennifer Lu, Natalie Taby, Abbigael Aday, Taryn Passarini, Austin Nguyen, Jo Ann Sun, Sophia Allaf Shahin, Matthew Christensen and Christine War-

We encourage you to help your local hospital and the scholarship program by purchasing raffle tickets for the 2017 hybrid Ford Fusion donated by Colley Ford. For more information about this dream car give away and where to purchase the tickets, please call (626)857-3102. We would also like to invite you to find our more about joining the hospital auxiliary by calling the volunteer office at (626) 857-3103.



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# Glendora Police To Participate In 7-Eleven Stores' Operation Chill

Glendora Police Officers and Community Services Officers will be dispensing well-deserved Slurpee® justice to good kids in Glendora. For the 22nd year, 7-Eleven® is working with local police and sheriff's departments to distribute free Slurpee® drink coupons to children and youth through its popular Operation Chill® community-service pro-

During 2017, 7-Eleven will issue up to 1.33 million Slurpee coupons to almost 1,000 law enforcement agencies; 300 of those will be distributed in Glendora, mostly during the summer months and back-to-school sea-

"We strive to continue supporting ways to help our officers build strong relationships in the community," said Lisa Rosales, Chief of Police. "Operation Chill makes it easy to interact with youth in a positive way. This is a great investment for 7-Eleven and for us; we are pleased that this partnership enables us to

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Big-city departments and small-town forces alike use the Slurpee coupons to enhance relationships with the young people of their cities by rewarding them for good deeds, constructive activities and acts of kindness. Appropriate "offenses" might include helping another person, deterring crime or participating in a community- or police-sponsored event. Although the reasons for being "ticketed" are varied, the end result is the same for every youngster: a free Slurpee drink and a smile for being a good kid. Each coupon can be redeemed for a small Slurpee drink at participat-

ing 7-Eleven stores. Begun in Philadelphia to give law enforcement officers a positive reason to interact with children and teens, Operation Chill has expanded to cities across the country. Since the program's inception in 1995, more than 19 million Operation Chill coupons of law enforcement agencies across the country in areas where 7-Eleven operates stores.

"Year after year, Operation Chill is our most popular community service program," said Mark Stinde, vice president of asset protection for 7-Eleven. "Kids love Slurpee drinks, and police officers love having a reason to approach kids and surprise them with a Slurpee coupon as a reward for doing something good. And we, at 7-Eleven, love helping them make those important connections in the community."

proprietary 7-Eleven's Slurpee semi-frozen carbonated beverage has generational appeal with slurpers both young and old. More than a half-million Slurpee drinks are purchased each day during the summer at 7-Eleven stores across the country. This summer's flavors include Chrome Cotton Candy and, for Slurpee Lite, sugar-free Watermelon Lime made with all natu-

# have been distributed to hundreds **Democrats Attacks**

The Sacramento Bee reported yesterday that a new twist to the recall attempt on Josh Newman, D-Fullerton. SB 96, created by the Assembly Budget Committee would add months to the existing timeline of certifying a recall election for the ballot. The measure would virtually assure that any recall election would be held at the regularly scheduled June 5, 2018 legislative primary elec-

Democrats are obviously targeting the Republican recall against Josh Newman D-Fullerton, for his vote on Gov. Brown's gas tax increase. Regular elec-

■ Light refreshments will be provided

tion turnout historically is much higher than turnout for special elections, which helps Demo-

Carl DeMaio, a former San Diego councilman and talk radio host who initiated the recall effort, called the move legally suspect and threatened a lawsuit if legislative Democrats and Gov. Jerry Brown move ahead with the measure. "This is a craven attempt to take away a constitutional right from California citizens," he said. "The Democratic Party should be ashamed of itself. This is an illegal use of power, and it can't stand."

## **Cannabis Development** Meetings organized to address potential concerns, questions

**BALDWIN PARK** - Months after California voters passed legislation regarding the use of cannabis, local officials are exploring economic development opportunities pertaining to the indoor cultivation, testing or manufacture of medical cannabis products in Baldwin Park. City officials conceded that no purchase or sale of medical cannabis or cannabis products will be done in Baldwin Park. The new ordinance will only allow for growing or the cultivation of cannabis in industrial, commercial areas of the city, not the sale of any cannabis in Baldwin Park.

Before moving forward with the proposed cannabis growing ordinance, however, community informational meetings have been scheduled for residents and business members. The first two workshops are slated for June 19 at 11 a.m., and again at 7 p.m., at the Julia McNeill Senior Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. The next meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on June 26 at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center (4640 North Maine Ave.). And on July 10, the Arts and Recreation Center, 14403-B East Pacific Ave., will be the venue for the final information gathering at 7 p.m. Additional meetings may be added if necessary.

"These meetings are designed to get input from the residents and business owners to incorporate into the potential ordinance, where appropriate, and to answer any questions the community has regarding the proposed new cannabis ordinance," stated the city's Chief Executive Officer Shannon

City Attorney Robert Tafoya added that the proposed new ordinance comes with strict regu-

lations.

"The proposed new ordinance will only allow the indoor growing or cultivation and manufacturing of cannabis products, but not the sale of cannabis products," Tafoya said. He stressed that, if the ordinance is passed, cannabis products that may be manufactured in Baldwin Park will be transported and sold in cities and states in which it is legal to do so.

City To Consider Medical

The topic of medical cannabis on a local level may be raise many brows, officials recognize. For the past decade, the state's cannabis laws have regulated medical cannabis. But in the recent November elections, a majority of California voters approved Proposition 64 regarding the use of recreational cannabis. The new law allows adults age 21 and over to purchase, possess, and consume a limited amount of cannabis within specific facili-

Industry experts say that the cannabis industry will be the new "gold rush" in California. Tafoya noted that other Southern California cities have already passed ordinances exactly like the one Baldwin Park is considering. If cities do not pass new laws to regulate the cannabis trade, the cities will miss out on the development revenue cannabis can generate, according to the city attorney.

Baldwin Park officials want to take advantage of the revenue possibilities that exist within the cannabis industry. If the ordinance passes, these new businesses could generate a tax revenue that may bring in as much as \$3.3 million to Baldwin Park each year, in addition to creating many new jobs for Baldwin Park residents. Tafoya added that officials plan to utilize part of the \$3.3 million in additional revenue for funding the Baldwin Park Police Department, which will be heavily involved in the surveillance and patrol of the premises in ques-

Specifically, the proposed ordinance will impact large companies and developers looking to set up an industrial workplace for the cultivation of cannabis. The new law calls on any cannabis operator in Baldwin Park to follow very strict licensing requirements and stringent safety requirements that may include, but are not be limited to, 24-hour security and 24-hour video feeds that will go directly to the police department, officials said.

Ordinance associates also want to ensure that all operations are safe and law-abiding. For example, the new ordinance will mandate that these new businesses be located within a safe distance away from schools, residences, churches and other sensitive-use facilities.

City planner Amy Harbin ensured that project associates are also accounting for various considerations as they prepare the upcoming proposal.

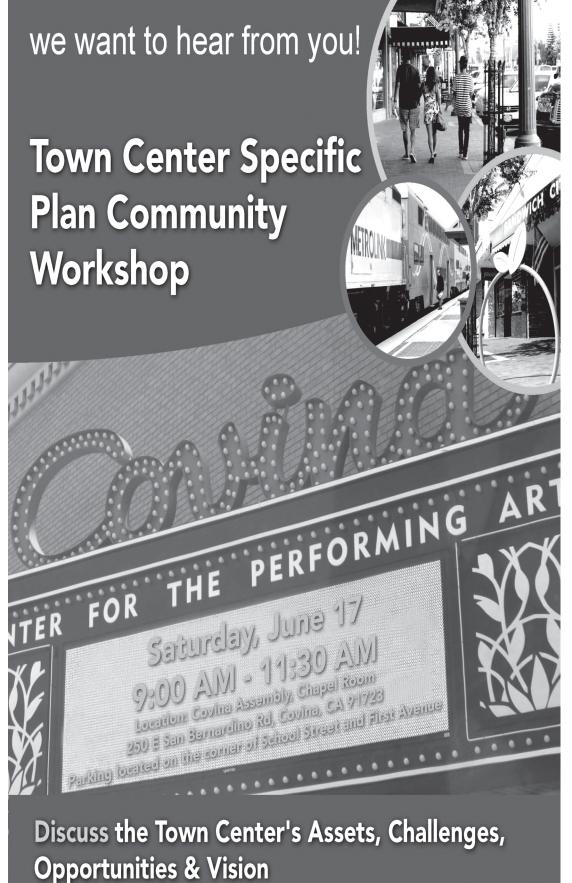
"We're looking at different types of security measures, including the type of signage on these businesses," she said. "We don't want it to intentionally give the impression that this is something that can have an impact on the surrounding community."

Workshop organizers urge residents to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the proposed new cultivation ordinance. The Baldwin Park Police Department, the city attorney and elected officials will be on-hand to address the public's inquiries. Workshop speakers said they intend to outline related safety measures, as well as the "trials and tribulations," that other communities have experienced as they allow this new type of business.

Police Chief Michael Taylor added, "I am comfortable with this new ordinance if it is done in a safe way. I would not be in favor of this new ordinance if it was not going to be safe.'

# **Recall Institution**

By Lois M. Shade



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## LA County Supervisors Proclaims June 'Refugee **Awareness Month'**

LOS ANGELES – Home to 10.4 million residents, 140 cultures, and as many as 224 languages, Los Angeles County is the most populated and culturally diverse county in America. To celebrate the numerous contributions that refugees have made to enhance the culture in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors has proclaimed June as "Refugee Awareness Month."

The United States is historically recognized around the world as a nation that welcomes refugees who pursue freedom, opportunity and integration. America offers refugees a chance for a new start and a better future for their families, free of religious and political persecution, war and civil turmoil.

"The decision to leave their country often involves unimaginable risks," says Sheryl L. Spiller, Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). "In choosing Los Angeles County as their newfound home, we are afforded the opportunity to serve and assist them in rebuilding their lives – free from the harm, oppression and the violence they left behind."

The annual observance serves as an opportunity to highlight the collaboration between DPSS' Greater Avenues for Independence Refugee Employment Program, the Department of Public Health, and community and faith-based partners to help refugee families and individuals begin their new lives in the county.

This partnership provides culturally and linguistically sensitive resettlement assistance, including specialized employment and training services to eligible refugees and asylees residing in the United States. The services are provided up to five years from date of entry in the U.S. or from the date asylum was granted to assist refugees in adapting to the American workplace and ultimately achieving self-sufficiency to end their dependence on public assistance.

The County's recognition coincides with the State of California's annual "Refugee Awareness Month" observance and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees declaration of "World Refugee Day" on June 20. DPSS will also join the Los Angeles Refugee Forum to host the organization's annual World Refugee Day Fair in the City of Glendale. The event will offer a wealth of information and resources regarding family reunification, how to apply for DPSS benefit assistance programs, where to find employment opportunities, and many other services to help refugees with their difficult transitions.

# Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Democrats Refuse SB 75 Support**

Have you noticed an increase in crime lately reported on the early morning TV programs? In your neighborhood? And, what about the string of police officer shootings?

Let's backtrack a bit and see if there are some answers and some things that need fixing. Let's start with Prop 57.

Prop. 57 passed on the November ballot with 64.46% of the vote and was a follow-up prison population reduction effort by Gov. Jerry Brown and supported by Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and Tom Steyer, both potential gubernatorial candidates in 2018.

We were told Prop 57 is only to "save money by reducing wasteful spending on prisons; stop the revolving door of crime by emphasizing rehabilitation..."

By way of background, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered California to reduce prison overcrowding and in the first round of reduction, instead of building more prisons, Brown and California Democrats enacted AB 109 that shifted non-violent, non-serious felons to county jails or were placed on felony probation now called Post - Release Community Supervision. And we called that public safety realignment. This reduced the prison population by 25,000 inmates.

The 2013 Fact Sheet from the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation says this shift of additional responsibility to local government would be paid for by a "dedicated and permanent" revenue stream using Vehicle License Fees and a portion of state sales tax. This temporary tax funding became constitutionally guaranteed by California voters under the passage of Proposition 30 in 2012.

(Prop 30 said:"Increases taxes on earnings over \$250,000 for7 years and sales taxes by 1/4 cent for 4 years, to fund schools. Guarantees public safety realignment funding. Fiscal Impact: Increased state tax revenues through 2018-19, averaging about \$6 billion annually over the next few years. Revenues available for funding



Lois M. Shade

**Former Mayor of Glendora** state budget. In 2012-13, planned spending reductions, primarily to education programs, would NOT occur."

*Ballotpedia*)

Prop 55 on the November 2016 ballot, extended the income tax portions of Prop 30 to 2030 of high earners in the state, but dropped the sales tax part. This income tax extended revenue source to fund K-12 and Community College Education, increased health care for low-income people and increased debt payments to maybe \$1.5 billion

The sales tax on Prop 30 went away, but came back on gas and that gas tax will fund, we are told, a pothole fix-it program.

When Prop 57 passed, it was to increase parole for non-violent offenders and allow good behavior credits to some to allow early release time. And, again that was for non-violent offenses.

Sen. Patricia Bates (R-SD-36) found the definition of "non-violent" to be out of context to her way of thinking. Offenses like inflicting injury on a child, rape, assaulting an officer with a deadly weapon ... all those and more she considered violent offenses. So she wrote SB 75 to address over 20 offenses as violent felonies that were not spelled out in Prop 57; and as the District Attorney's Association argued in their opposition report on Prop 57 ...

"... the language in the initiative is drafted in a manner that would incorporate into the California Constitution drastic changes to our sentencing laws, including eligibility for parole

that disregards enhancements such as use of a deadly weapon, commission of a crime to benefit a criminal street gang, or prior prison terms...'

In the Public Safety Committee, SB 75 was shot down on a 5 to 2 vote. Republicans voted to support SB 75 and Democrats voted in opposition. Checking on the legislation logs, it appears SB 75 might be brought back up for consideration once again, but probably not this year.

Michele Hanisee, Association of Deputy District Attorneys, reported a Torrance Police Department statement regarding a May 29th home invasion robbery saying:

"Torrance police arrested two suspects from Colorado late last month in a vicious home invasion robbery ... a private citizen began filming the incident. The citizen asked one of the suspects why he was there [from Colorado]. The suspect's response? 'Prop 57.'

The inference we must draw is that the thugs came to California to commit their crimes because they counted on lenient punishments under Prop 57 if they were caught."

In this incident, we are talking about two males - 17 and 18 years old attacking a 73-year old victim. The suspects were connected to another residential burglary and were driving a stolen vehicle from Colorado.

It appears California is doing everything but taking out an ad in the L.A. Times letting one and all know about the failure of our criminal justice system and our legislature's inability to stand up and protect the innocent in this state. It is time to consider my kind of rehabilitation - do the crime, do the time ... all of it. Within 3 walls with a set of bars on the 4th wall. That could be a life-changer for some and protect the innocent public. And, to Governor Brown and the Sacramento Democrats, you need to take some of those tax dollars you've been raking in and build a new prison or two instead of an over budget train.

# In the "New Normal" Society, We All Could Be First Responders

by Jane M. Orient, M.D.

Medical personnel have to have training in CPR, and many other citizens are signing up for classes. This is excellent and may help you save a life if somebody has a heart attack near you. It is, however, useless in situations like Manchester, or the Boston Marathon, or Orlando, or the Brussels Airport, or the one that might be on the news tonight.

Doctors need to check their backpacks. Do you have a proper tourniquet? (Belts don't work.) Dressing materials to pack a bleeding wound, or seal a sucking chest wound? Do you know how to improvise? These days civilians can get battlefield-type injuries, and bleed to death in minutes from a severed limb. Compact "Blow-Out" kits are available. Civilian training guidelines can be found at C-TECC.org.

We are very fortunate to live in a society with 9-1-1 responders, but they may not be able to get to victims in a crowded arena, or the police may have to block their entry because of ongoing mayhem. Somebody's life may depend on you.

Every time there is an incident, we have public mourning, flowers, candles, and exhortations to "come together" and pray for victims and their families. If the perpetrator turns out to be Muslim, as is almost invariable with suicide bombers, we are warned not to succumb to "Islamophobia." But if he was a white, non-hyphenated American, like the deranged individual who shot Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and a number of others in Tucson, we are warned about "right-wing extremists" alleged-

ly incited by conservative talkshow hosts.

Instead of displays of emotion and virtue signalling, we need seriousness. That includes buying life-saving medical gear and learning to use it. It includes selfdefense training, starting with situational awareness. Do you see an unattended bag? A person dressed in inappropriately bulky clothing? And it means demanding accountability from govern-

Why is nothing done about known jihadists? There may be 23,000 jihadists in Britain. The one who ran over pedestrian near Westminster Palace and stabbed a police constable to death had been reported as suspicious but was not under active surveillance. Two Muslim suspects were arrested in Minnesota with an arsenal in their car, including bomb-making devices; one has already been released. We know that some Islamic nations fund terrorists, but Western taxpayers might also be contributing. The Manchester bomber may have been using his student loans to fund his terror plot, including trips to Libya to study bomb-mak-

With their vast surveillance powers to track every phone conversation and every financial transaction, Western governments have the power to defeat an Islamist invasion whose foot soldiers kill children at concerts. Is it fear of Islamophobia that stops them? A deep respect for religious faith, even if it calls for murdering nonbelievers? (This respect does not carry over to Christian believers who just want to preach and live by the Bible.) Genuine humanitarian concern

for refugees fleeing warfare (Muslims but not Christians, and predominantly men of military age)? Or is it something else?

The U.S. court system is a barrier to certain types of law enforcement. Judges are barring President Trump's attempts to prevent entry of potential terrorists. The Fourth Circuit Court is even creating a right for Muslims not to feel stigmatized—a right that overrides national security considerations.

While jihadists may have faith so strong that it causes them to embrace death, the vast majority of judges and government officials who are enabling and even inviting Islamist terror, and their media allies, do not believe in Allah—or God. They just share a common enemy with the jihadists: Western civilization and American sovereignty. The enemies of America throughout the establishment share a common goal: overturning the American system and seizing the reins of power. They also fund and instigate student riots in protest of free speech, assassinations of police officers, and other types of civil disorder.

American values need CPR. And as American liberty and resources are increasingly bled away by Progressive government policy, more Americans will literally hemorrhage to death in the civil unrest. We need tourniquets both literal and figurative.

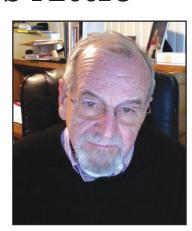
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# In Nana's Attic

I stay amazed at the places and events of my childhood that now invade my consciousness: songs from my Sunday School kindergarten, persons I have not thought about for three-quarters of a century. The other day I was re-reading Steinbeck's The Winter of our Discontent, and came upon the scene in which Ethan, the novel's main character, climbs the stairs leading to the seldom-used attic in the house that had been in his family for generations. I was immediately transported to my grandparents' house on Marthart Ave, where as a little child I had spent hours each week.

I was able to visit my mother's mother and my father's father at the same time, because when my mother's father died, and my father's mother died, the remaining grandparents married. So Nana and Pop-pop covered both sides of the family. Part of the attraction was that their house sat across the street from the Haverford High School athletic field, and even though the surrounding chain link fence was draped with tarps, I discovered a small hole through which I could witness the football games without having to pay. Ah, the little joys of childhood.

My memories of the attic in that house are sharp and clear. The stairs to it from the second floor were quite steep and emitted a distinctive stuffy smell I can still call up. It was neither a foul odor or a pleasant aroma, but what you get when an enclosed stairwell has been neglected for decades. The attic was illuminated by a single naked bulb suspended from a twisted yellowish



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cord. But it was the mysteries within the attic that I can now vividly recall.

My grandparents had two sets of rugs, ones for Fall and Summer and the other heavier ones for Winter and Spring. When the time came for the rugs to be rotated, they were hung over backyard clotheslines and beaten with a wire device manufactured for that purpose. After the dust had been whacked out, they disappeared, and I didn't know what happen to them until I encountered the unused set in Nana's attic.

I had learned that the attic had formerly served as the man-cave for cousin Fred. Fred was not really a cousin but was a teenager my grandmother had come across and taken in. I got access to his hideaway when he was drafted at the beginning of the Second World War, and subsequently spent two years as German POW. After the war he returned home with horribly mangled feet, having been made, he said, "to walk clear across Europe." He also came back with a lovely Welsh bride named Marian, who was happily added to the clan.

countered in Nana's attic. Fred had secured a full-sized Victrola; the kind you had to crank, and would spin the old 78s until it growled to a long, slow, dying stop. I remember finding two or three records on one of the machine's shelves. "Stardust" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" were songs I would play over and over.

But the real find in the attic for this twelve-year-old boy, was a stack of paperback novels. The one that fascinated me was Lady Chatterley's Lover, which I reread at least ten times. I wasn't sure what all the underlined passages meant, but it was clear that I was never to mention anything about the book below the attic's stairs. There were also scores of boxes on the un-floored areas under the eves, but I never managed to explore what might have been in them.

While I was a Seminary student a decade later, Pop-pop had a fatal heart attack. His was for me the first male death in the family. Since then I have stood at the graves of my father, my brother, my son and my greatgrandson. I am still occasionally confronted with the painful image of my son, John, who has now been joined in death by his sister, Carol.

Why have I told you this bit of family history? My guess is the telling has not been for you, but for me—so I beg your indulgence. Perhaps it is just another way to work out my grief over the deaths of my two children. How does the story of Nana's attic help? It does, but just how remains a mystery.

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# **Anti-Islamic Law Protesters Clash** with Muslim Sympathizers

National protests were organized by "ACT for America" (ACT stands for American Congress for Truth) against Islamic law being put into practice, basically being implemented in the U.S. There were rallies across the nation and marches against Sharia Law, which is a law that comes from the Quran and is the laws

of Islam. The marchers say the law oppresses women and is an open door for terrorism. It attacks the Constitution and American's way of life. Sharia condones, among other things, genital mutilation of women so they can't enjoy sexual pleasure, domestic violence and stoning of women. Women are treated less than 2nd class people.

So we have protesters, protesting protesters. Well that's a lot of protesting.

One of these rallies took place in San Bernardino near the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack in that city. The rally ended up at the corner of Waterman Avenue



George Ogden

That's just the way it is! and Orange Show Road in San Bernardino. The ACT for America group showed up with American flags and patriotic attire including shirts and caps depicting that there were American veterans in the group. As they congregated at the corners, another group protesting them gathered on the opposite corners. These protesters carried flags from foreign countries including what appeared to be an Isis flag and they had their faces covered up with bandannas and masks. There was a large presence of police on hand as the two groups verbally clashed with each other

and started throwing debris at each other such as water bottles and small objects.

At one point, it appeared that the American flag holders challenged the Islamic sympathizers by crossing the street and getting into a shoving match. Police quickly stepped in and prevented that confrontation from getting

out of hand. What I find interesting is the fact that those protesting the American flag holders at the rally had their faces covered up. It tells me that they do not want to be recognized and most likely they planned to escalate this confrontation. What surprised a lot of people was how many of the Islamic supporters showed up to confront those who were carrying American flags.

We have nobody to blame for these issues but our government, because the United States has an open door policy. Don't forget

"That's Just the Way it Is!"

#### TIME JOCKEY'' **Truckee**

By Joe Castillo

Sierra Tales... The Sierra Nevada's are filled with a wide variety of stories, some based on facts and others based on pure fantasy but the stories are always filled with special interest and excitement. John C. Fremont, even though not the first mountaineer to travel throughout the West and the Sierra's, was the first to extensively map most of the western territory and the primary routes over the Sierra Nevada mountain range. But Fremont didn't travel alone and his party included seasoned and experienced mountaineers who brought their own specialties to the group. One of the members of the group was a Piute Indian who served as a guide for Fremont's party and led the way

through remote mountain paths. In 1843, the Chiles-Walker Party arrived in the Owens Valley with their wagons and sought a way to get over the Eastern Si-

erra's. Finding the way too diffi-

cult they decided to abandon their wagons and crossed on horseback at a suitable location which later became known as Walker Pass.

In May 1844, the Stephens-Townsend-Murphy party was the first wagon train party to cross the Sierra's. Dr. John Townsend was one of the leaders of the party and his arrival marked the first licensed physician to arrive in California. Once the party arrived on the eastern slopes of the Sierra, they were uncertain which way to proceed. Caleb Greenwood, known as the "Old Man", was acting as the trail guide and seeking help in reaching their destination, called upon a Piute Indian tribe who claimed have an Indian which knew the best way to California. The Indian was none other than the Chief of the Piute tribe and just also happened to be the same Piute Indian who traveled with J.C. Fremont.

Unable to understand the language the Chief was speaking, the party named him "Chief Truckee",

probably after the Piute term for 'very well'. Chief Truckee led them over a path by a lake which eventually would be named Truckee and then Donner Lake until they came across a much larger lake which became known as Lake Tahoe. It marked the first time that non-Natives had stepped on the shores of the lake with deep blue water and even though Fremont had viewed it several years earlier, he never reached its shores. It was already November and more than a foot of snow was piled on the ground. The party quickened its pace and led by Chief Truckee reached Sutter's Fort on December 10, 1844 and escaped the dangers of a Sierra Nevada winter. The Sierra's are filled with stories but it's the place names that still exist today that keep the stories of the Sierra's alive and well......

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# First Half 2017 GDP Could Be Up Over 2%

The U.S. Gross Domestic Product is rising, although slowly. On Friday, the Bureau of Economic Analysis revised its firstquarter GDP estimate up to a 1.2% annual pace, from 0.7% initially estimated. Meanwhile, second-quarter GDP estimates have been reduced from a robust 3.3% to a revised 3.0% due to a rising trade deficit in April. Put those two numbers together and first-half growth looks to be about 2.1%.

The economy is probably growing fast enough for the Fed to go ahead with their next interest rate increase scheduled for the next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee in mid-June. The minutes of their last (May 2-3) meeting, released last Wednesday, confirmed that the Fed is leaning toward raising rates by 0.25% in June. However, the surprise in the FOMC minutes was that the Fed does not want to sell any assets from its \$4.5 trillion balance sheet, preferring to let their balance sheet shrink from "attrition," by letting the securities mature. This "dovish" statement caused Treasury bond yields to remain near their 2017 lows, which is very bullish for future stock prices. Essentially, even if the Fed raises shortterm rates, Wall Street does not seem to care, since long-term Treasury bond yields remain near 2017 lows.

The Fed's revealed gradual approach to unwinding its massive balance sheet eliminates con-



**Economic Analyst** 

cerns of many economists. Reducing the balance sheet could have become a de facto tightening by the Fed. The Fed's willingness to discuss the issue showed that the central bank has a high level of confidence in the U.S.

After a cautious beginning last week, the FOMC minutes from the May 2-3 meeting became the catalyst for a midweek move that got the benchmark index up and through the 2,400 resistance level to new record highs on three straight days. The S&P 500 added 1.43% for the week, closing at 2,415.82.

That was what the market was waiting for, and the Fed gave the market something to celebrate. There is now widespread optimism supporting the viewpoint that the Fed wouldn't be considering normalizing its balance sheet if the outlook for corporate earnings weren't materially improving.

It's quite possible that the Fed had advance information regarding the late week upward revision for first-quarter GDP from 0.7%

to 1.2%. However, even with the more positive revised reading, 1.2% growth was the weakest gain since the first quarter of 2016, and well off the 2.1% gain in the prior fourth quarter.

The sluggish pace of growth last quarter is very likely not a true reflection of the health of the economy, given the strong data from labor markets, home sales, and planned business investment for factories and equip-

Consumer spending, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the GDP, was revised from 0.3% up to 0.5%, but it was still way down from the strong 3.5% rate registered for the fourth quarter. The upward adjustment in all the data now has the fed funds futures market pointing to the June 14 FOMC meeting as the most likely time for the next rate-hike announcement (with an implied probability of 83.1%, up from last week's 78.5%).

A rate increase in June would raise the Effective Federal Funds Rate (now 0.91%) to a new target range of 1.00% to 1.25%. The economy is in a better place than three months ago and it is gaining momentum, so a rate increase seems to be the right decision and that, in turn, is why stocks are still rising.

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# **Your Money - Ask Julia**

Happy Father's Day!

Some dads might want expensive gifts, but most are very happy to be acknowledged and thanked for their role in your life. Make it personal by sharing some childhood memories that were special between you two. You might even be able to reenact an experience like going fishing, or going out for ice cream. Dad's, grandpa's, great-grandpa's - enjoy letting your family cele-

#### brate you on Father's Day. What is an FHA Streamline?

It is a refinance loan especially for those who already have an FHA mortgage. It has simplified qualification guidelines and minimal required documentation. If you qualify, it's a really good time to inquire about an FHA Streamline refi. OR, look into refinancing your FHA mortgage, (that probably has monthly Mortgage Insurance premiums), into a conventional mortgage loan.

Several financial analysts have tried to get me to invest my money with them. I feel like they talk down to me and act like they are there to be my hero and take control for me. They don't want to take the time to explain so that I can make educated decisions about my own financial planning. It seems like you and Suzy Orman are the only female financial professionals in the public eye. I cannot afford her; how much do you charge?

More and more women are showing an interest in their own financial future, wanting to learn, plan, and feel confident when it comes to money. Always in your best interest, my passion is to



Julia Yoder

share financial knowledge, educate clients on their choices, determine whether or not it is even suitable for a client to invest in certain product lines, and then give the client time to decide whether or not to invest or insure. At this time, I still don't charge.

I have \$150,000 in a CD that's about to mature. Although I don't anticipate needing any of this money for quite a while, if I put it into a 5-year CD (to get the highest returns), I can't touch it without a penalty. Is there somewhere to invest this money that's safe, will earn a little better returns, and I could get to some of it, just in case a need arises?

Yes, you have a couple of choices. One product line offers a start-up bonus, a guarantee that you cannot lose your principal, automatic lock-in of gains annually, gives you access to up to 10% of your money annually, and (usually for a small fee) sends you payments for your lifetime, with any remaining money in your accumulation account going to your heirs. Or, you might be

interested in a product that offers no bonus, but potentially higher returns, with all the same guarantees. (Disclaimer: Guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance co.)

Regarding "terrorist" attacks and your finances:

At this time in America, the majority of us observe, but cannot even image the intensity of the horror and destruction in the lives of those who are involved in a personal way by terrorist attacks. What's this got to do with finances? These people did not plan to be victims any more than we plan on a car accident, a home-invasion robbery, an earthquake, or a wildfire. How many of those individuals had their finances in order? Did they have life insurance? Did they have designated beneficiaries of their bank and investment accounts? Did they have a trust? Do the injured have medical insurance, and the savings to pay the high deductibles and co-payments? How prepared are you?

#### Ask Julia by email: juliayoder@yahoo.com

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# **County Credit Rating Upgrade** Points To The Need To Maintain **Strong Fiscal Discipline**

Supervisor Kathryn Barger called the credit rating upgrade announced by Moody's from Aa2 to Aa1, a testament to the County's fiscally prudent management and budget practices. Saying that the County was very creditworthy and unlikely to default on its financial obligations, Moody's cited its strong and stable financial position and commended its the recent economic downturn management team who had positioned the County well to address ongoing challenges.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - County and the people we serve, and illustrates well why we must continue to follow strict budgetary guidelines and fiscally responsible spending practices in order to maintain a healthy municipality that can meet its obligations while operating efficiently and effectively," she said. "These fiscally responsible practices helped the County survive without substantial service cutbacks or any lavoffs.

Additionally, because of our "This is great news for the good credit rating, we avoid high

interest payments - money that can be used to fund services and programs to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Chairman of Board, along with County CEO Sachi Hamai and Treasurer/Tax Collector Joe Kelly, deserve credit for working with credit agency representatives to discuss the County determination to build reserves, address long-term liabilities, and manage other challenges associated with the Affordable Care Act.

# The Basics

Summer has arrived and that means most of us put more miles on our vehicles. We want you to arrive at your destination, near or far, and here is a list of the basics to make sure you do!

1) Call Certified Auto Specialists to schedule a checkup for your car! Our experts know what to look for!

2) Oil is the lifeblood of your car and it needs to be clean to keep all your car's engine parts running well. A new filter is a must with each oil change. If it isn't clean, it can't do its job of trapping contaminates.

3) Hoses and belts also work hard to keep your car's engine cool and if working properly, it can prevent an overheated radiator as well. We check them out to make sure they don't crack or snap and all the connections are as they should be.

4) Under-inflated or over-inflated tires can cause a blowout and certainly prematurely ages your tires. We will make sure the tire pressures are just right!

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By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

5) Windshield wipers are often overlooked ... until you need them! They can crack and should be changed every 6 months or so.

6) Air filters catch debris so we make sure they are clean so they can do their job properly.

7) Brakes need to be in proper working order so you can stop when you need to...on a dime if necessary. Leaks and aging brake pads need to be maintained or changed before they become a problem.

8) The coolant allows all the moving metal parts to work properly. When coolant gets old or is depleted those parts can fuse together, and this causes major problems. It is very preventable with the proper maintenance. We will check this out for you so you don't find yourself stranded on the side of the road with steam coming from underneath the

9) Batteries do not like heat. Hot weather can actually cause a battery to become overcharged and that shortens its life. We will clean the cables and the terminals and make sure all connections are secure.

10) Air conditioning is something we take for granted...until we don't have it! Today's AC systems are very complex and certainly the maintenance and repair of this system is best left to the professionals. We will assess the situation and let you know if there is a problem and how best to fix it.

#### Call us today and enjoy your

summer!! Certified Auto Specialists wants to be your GO-TO place! Feel free to call 626-963-0814 with any questions and we will be glad to help, or visit our website at CertifiedAutoCa.com.

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# Don't Let Kids Drown: **Teach Them To Swim**

ocean can be a refreshing idea but only if you know how to avoid the dangers.

The Problem

Drowning is a leading cause of death in children under 14. One reason is that 70 percent of African-American and 60 percent of Hispanic children don't know how to swim, the USA Swimming Foundation reports. Minority children are also less involved in competitive swimming when compared to their white peers, comprising only 1 percent of USA Swimming membership.

Some of the reasons include:

- Lack of Swimming Access. Facilities in traditionally underserved communities are few and far between and tend to be expen-
- Cultural Constraints. Data shows there may be a legacy of fear, perpetuated through gener-
- Parental Perceptions. Adults who don't swim may not know what needs to be done so that their children learn to swim safe-

An Answer

To help close the gap in swimming safety, the YMCA created Safety Around Water, a program that teaches children of all ages and backgrounds—and their parents—that water should be fun,

Cooling off in a pool, lake or not feared, as long as you know how to stay safe. This year, the Y awarded over 27,000 scholarships for free water safety lessons to children in underserved communities. The children learn fundamental water safety skills that include what to look for in a safe place to swim, what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly, and how to swim a short distance on their front, roll over onto their back to rest, and then roll on their front to continue swimming to safety.

"The Y teaches more than 1 million children from all backgrounds invaluable water-safety and swim skills every year, and the disturbing statistics about youth drownings underscore the significance of this work," said Kevin Washington, president and CEO of Y-USA. "We are giving swim scholarships to children in underserved communities who statistically are at greatest risk of drowning so they can learn to be safe in and around the water. The Y is committed to reaching more kids, saving more lives and changing the statistics."

Water Safety

If you know how to stay safe in and around water, swimming can be a lifelong source of fun and exercise. Here are six things

you should know: 1. Never swim alone. Swim

only when a lifeguard is on duty. 2. Supervise children whenever they are in or near water. Whether it's a bath, the ocean or anything in between, stay within arm's reach of the child at all

3. Don't hold your breath. When swimming, children should avoid holding their breath for any length of time. This can lead directly to drowning and other severe physical side effects.

4. Wear a life jacket. Novice and nonswimmers should wear Coast Guard-approved life jack-

5. Don't jump in to save someone struggling in deep water. Even if you're a great swimmer, you can be overpowered by a panicked person, pulling you underwater. The Y teaches the "reach, throw, don't go" concept of using a long object to reach for the swimmer and pull him or her to safety.

6. Enroll in water safety classes. The Y teaches fundamental water safety skills and how to react if you find yourself in water unexpectedly.

Learn More

Families interested in further information about enrolling a child in Safety Around Water or Y Swim Lessons should visit www.ymca.net/watersafety. (NAPSI)

# **Investigators Bust 135 Abusers of** Disabled Parking Placards in May

**SACRAMENTO** – Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) caught 135 people fraudulently using Disabled Person Parking Placards (DPPP) during 16 enforcement operations that were

carried out in May 2017. Individuals who were issued misdemeanor citations must appear in court, face possible fines that range from \$250 to \$1,000, and will have the offense recorded on their driver record, if convicted. Investigators also confis-

cated the misused DPPP. The

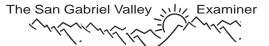
cases are forwarded to the local jurisdiction for prosecution.

The statewide crackdown is part of the DMV's continuous efforts to ensure handicap parking spots are used by individuals who have legitimately obtained disabled parking placards to assist them with their mobility. It is important to point out that not all disabilities are visible and allegations of abuse may be un-

Since April 2017, DMV investigators have issued 552 citations throughout the state.

To report suspected misuse of a Disabled Person Parking Placard or plate, please submit a Record of Complaint Form (INV 172A), which can be found at www.dmv.ca.gov.

You can also email DMV Investigations placard.misuse@dmv.ca.gov to report suspected misuse. Please include your contact information, the vehicle information associated with the suspected placard misuse, the placard number, date you observed the misuse and the location where it occurred.



# **Around the Valley & Senior News**

ALLEY/SENIOR

#### **AZUSA**

#### **Volunteer Drivers**

Needed

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

#### TOPS Meeting

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 exer-

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

#### ARCADIA

#### **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

#### **Volunteer Your Gift Of** Music

Valley Health Partners is looking for volunteers to share the gift of music with the patients, families and staff. If you sing or play an instrument and have a passion for bringing peace, comfort and joy to others please call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925email or tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the application process.

#### **DUARTE**

#### **Blood Pressure** Checks

Health Care Partners will pro-

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

#### Meals on Wheels

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

#### **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.

#### 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 ap-

#### **GLENDORA Regional Food Bank Distribution Program**

The La Fetra Center and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank invites SENIORS (Ages 60+) to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Current Food Bank participants can receive a FREE food kit once per month which contains items such as canned meats, canned Volunteer Services of Citrus fruits and vegetables, dry milk, cereals, and related products.

> Participants must meet the following income guidelines to be eligible: one person household income must not exceed \$1,211 per month and a two person household income must not exceed \$1,640 per month. You must provide income verification and a photo ID with birthdate at your first visit. The La Fetra Center distribution takes place on the Fourth Tuesday of Every **Month** from 1:00 p.m.3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

#### **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 6:30-8:30 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, 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 relearning (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.

#### Cars 4 the **Community**

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

This program helps our schools, community, country and the world. Call 626-963-0814 for more information.

#### **MONROVIA Tenth Annual Senior Blood Pressure Screenings**

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

#### **Caring Crafters**

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

#### Senior Stretch & **Exercise Class**

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

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

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#### San Dimas **Toastmasters Club**

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

#### **Go West Shuttle** Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.
- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The fare is only \$1.00 each way. · No Service on 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.

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.

# La Fetra Center **Annual Senior BBQ**

**GLENDORA** - It's that time of the year again! The La Fetra Center is hosting its Annual Senior BBQ on Friday, June 30th 11:00am to 1:00pm at Finkbiner Park in Glendora. Enjoy the sun, greet old friends and make new

ones as we eat lunch and listen to the sweet tunes of the 5 Star Band. Purchase your ticket at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$5 Partners Members \$6 Non Members.

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# **Duarte Historical Museum Features Depression Glass Exhibit**

**DUARTE**- Duartean Karleen Daughtery has collected Depression glass for more than 20 years and a portion of that collection is now on display at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway in Duarte.

It was a time when the economy hit a dangerous low. Companies were desperate to sell their products and consumers were short on money. Depression

glass, a subset of Uranium glass, was mostly made in the Ohio River Valley of the United States where access to the raw materials and power made manufacturing inexpensive during the first half of the twentieth century. Since the 1960s it has been a prized collectible. Entire dinner sets were made in some patterns However, during the Depression, this glassware came free in many food products such as cereal. It was also offered free for customers to merely visit a company.

This display will remain on exhibit through July. The museum is open Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday each month, 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

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# Glendora's First Responders Honored By The American Legion San Dimas-Glendora Post 475

GLENDORA - On the morning of May 18th, peace officers, community leaders and citizens gathered at the Glendora Police Department to honor National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Prior to this ceremony, officers and office staff of Glendora Police Department gathered to witness the presentation of the American Legion Post 475 Certificate of Commendation to Police Lieutenant Scott Strong. Lieutenant Strong has been a peace officer for thirty-one years, two as a school officer and twenty-nine with the Glendora Police Department.

On May 26th, officers of Post 475 met with firefighters of the Los Angeles County, Glendora Fire Station 151 for the purpose of presenting its Firefighter/ Paramedic Certificate of Commendation for 2017 to Sean Cusack. From left are David Whalen, First Vice Commander, Rick Leffler, Commander, Sean Cusack, Firefighter/Paramedic and Joe Mercier, Post Adjutant. Sean is a thirty-one-year member of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. It was a great honor presenting him with this commendation and a distinct pleasure being treated to a short ride in the department's fire truck.

The Post continues to pursue new members and to engage older members in order to revitalize itself and The American Legion as a whole. If you are a qualified veteran and would care to join your comrades in providing help and support to fellow veterans and their families please contact the Post Adjutant, Joe Mercier at 626-698-8153 or jnmaero@aol.com.



**Glendora Police Lieutenant Scott Strong** 



Legionnaires with Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Cusack".

# Glendora Woman's Club Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club's Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers, with Chris Lear scheduled to be installed as president, will be held as Tuesday, June 6, at the clubhouse, 424 N. Glendora Avenue, Glendora.

The club day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social time, followed by the Annual Meeting and the Installation of Offices at 11 a.m. The catered luncheon by Ritz Catering will follow at 11 a.m. The catered luncheon by Ritz Catering will follow at noontime.

The Annual Meeting will include year-end reports from the club's four departments, special events, and the club's philanthropies and service projects.

For the installation of officers for 2017-18, the president's gavel will be passed from outgoing president Carolyn Cunningham to incoming president Chris Lear. Service as installing officer for the special ceremony will be Chris Ohrmund.

Each club meeting features a Member's Participation Art Display. This month's display theme will be Celebrating Your Artistic Endeavors and members are encouraged to bring items from home to display, said project chairs Joy Martau and Loretta Salazar.





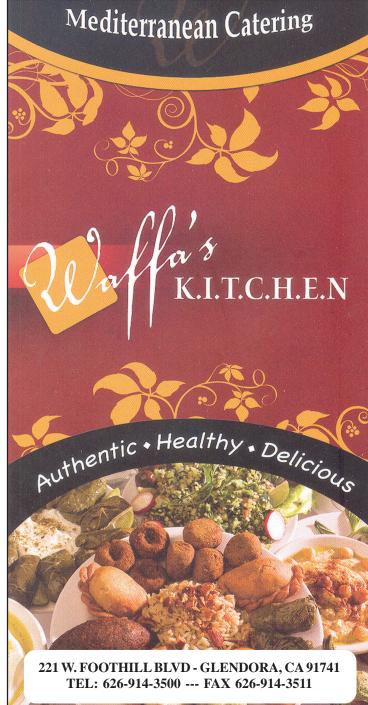
Discussing plans for the Glendora Woman's Club's June 6th Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers are. from left, incoming Club President Chris Lear and current Club President Carolyn Cunningham, pictured standing at the club's podium.

One of the club's ongoing service projects each month is Shepherd's Pantry located in Glendora. Clubmembers are asked at each meeting to donate non-perishable food items for the service project that serves those in need in 10 area cities, said project chair Glendora Little.

Another club project, one that helps raise funds for the club's philanthropies, is the club's special arrangement with the New Unto Others Thrift Shop at 167 N, Vermont Avenue in Glendora. When clubmembers and community residents purchase items at the

store or donate saleable items to the store and mention the Glendora Woman's Club name at that time, the club will receive credit. This arrangement replaces the club's annual Rummage Sales held previously at the clubhouse. Clubmembers are encouraged to help support the project said Club President Carolyn Cunningham.

For information about joining the Woman's Club, the club's service projects, and special events, call Karen at 626-375-5200; for information about renting the clubhouse or hall, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130.





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# Clifton Middle Robotics Team Prevails at Netherlands Competition as Sole American Team



Clifton Middle School Hippie Bots robotics team members (in tie-dye at right) realize they won the 2017 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Dutch Open in Eindhoven, Netherlands on May 20 during their final competition. As the only American team, the Hippie Bots maneuvered their way through the 45-team, 10-country field, completing the tournament undefeated, and captaining the three-team alliance that took first prize.

MONROVIA — Wearing American flag bandanas and tiedye shirts decorated in red, white and blue, the Clifton Middle School robotics team known competitively as the Hippie Bots stunned an international field of high school and college students by winning the 2017 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Dutch Open in Eindhoven, Netherlands on May 20 as the only competing American team.

Programming all the right moves and overcoming technical obstacles, the Hippie Bots maneuvered their way through the 45-team, 10-country field, completing the tournament undefeated and captaining the three-team alliance that took first prize.

"This win for our Clifton robotics team further demonstrates the commitment and dedication of our students and teachers to making their dreams a reality," Monrovia Unified Board President Bryan Wong said. "We are all immensely proud of the Hippie Bots and their mentors for representing Monrovia Unified and this entire country."

The Hippie Bots were also honored with the FIRST Tech Think Award, given to the team that best reflects the engineering design process, precisely detailing their strategies in an engineering notebook that included drawings documenting all stages of their robot design, and outlining what they have learned.

"The Hippie Bots win is merely the result of when talent meets hard, purposeful work," Clifton social science teacher and robotics coach Paul Flores said. "This group knows how to work hard, be productive and still have fun in the process. The manner in which they conducted themselves as ambassadors for our nation would make any American proud."

The Hippie Bots are one of 10 Monrovia Unified robotics teams that regularly compete in Southern California leagues sanctioned by FIRST Tech, a national nonprofit dedicated to inspiring young people to be leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

In 2016, the Hippie Bots traveled to Shanghai, China for an international competition and used that experience to inform their strategy at the Dutch Open, even though the 2017 Hippie Bots team is made up of all rookie competitors. The Hippie Bots' poise under pressure was a major factor in their victorious performances.

"We had lots of challenges at

the competition," Clifton eighthgrader and team designer Zachary Szmkowski said. "Our phones were having connection issues and one side panel on the robot was too big, so we had to cut it down at the last minute with a hacksaw. But we overcame those obstacles and won the championship."

The European trip was made possible with the tremendous support of the Monrovia community through a GoFundMe page supplementing a number of corporate sponsors who together raised more than \$27,000 to assist the middle schoolers in making the journey, spotlighting the hard work and dedication of MUSD STEM instructors and their students.

"Congratulations to Paul Flores and his robotics students for their inspiring victory in the Netherlands," Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "Monrovia Unified is committed to fostering innovation in the classroom and making learning fun for every student. Through our District-wide participation in FTC robotics competitions, Monrovia is leading the way in the implementation of 21st-century technology."



Clifton Middle School's Hippie Bots robotics team receives the Think Award during the 2017 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Dutch Open in Eindhoven, Netherlands on May 20 for best reflecting the engineering design process through its engineering notebooks.

# Officer Louie Pompei Remembered



**GLENDORA** - Several people who attended the 22nd Anniversary of the death of Glendora Police Officer Louie

Pompei participated in a "Memories Take Flight" balloon release. The annual event took place at the Officer Louie Pompei Memo-

rial, located across from Via Verde Park in San Dimas. WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

#### **Available Resources for Local Businesses**

DUARTE - Joumana Barakat is a wealth of knowledge. In her role as Business Liaison and Management Analyst at the Foothill Workforce Development Board, she specializes in helping businesses identify the "unmet needs" her organization can help support ranging from layoff avoidance to On-the-Job training support. She shared that knowledge at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Club meeting.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhemandezoptometry.com.



Journana Barakat, FWDB and Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds.

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