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Citrus College Holds 54th Academic Achievement Awards

GLENDORA - Citrus College has a proud history of celebrating the successes of its exceptional student body.

On June 1, the college hosted its 54th annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony in the Haugh Performing Arts Center. This event honors the academic, athletic and leadership contributions of more than 100 students.

"This distinct group of students embodies the hallmarks of exceptionalism," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. "We are proud of their accomplishments, and know that they will make a difference in the world."

Among the recognitions presented were the prestigious Keys of Knowledge awards, which constitute the highest academic honor granted by the college. Keys of Knowledge are given to the 10 students who have the best overall academic performance as determined by GPA.

This year's recipients were:

- Johnny Elie Baradii, math-



The Citrus Singers perform during the 54th annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony in the Haugh Performing Arts Center at Citrus College on June 1. This event honors the academic, athletic and leadership contributions of more than 100 students. (Photo courtesy Citrus College.)

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- Eric Wayne Burgess, recording technology
- Jeffry Humberto Lazo Casanave, mathematics
- Samantha Lynn Clifton, business
- Mark Foo Si Xiang, busi-

- ness
- Ciaran Donagh Gray, physics
- Sydney Marie Lujan, political science
- Krista Michelle Myles, biology
- Celine Nicole Spathias,

- computer science
 - Tony Mark Zarza, nursing
- Additionally, Distinguished Student awards - also known as the Top 100 or Department Awards - were presented during the ceremony. This special

recognition is given to students whose academic successes place them at the top of their classes.

Jade Nua (softball) and Kenneth Cyprian (men's basketball) received the Athletes of the Year award based on their academic records and all-around accomplishments as athletes. Most athletes who receive this award transfer to a four-year college or university to continue to pursue their educational and athletic goals.

Finally, Alex Bazaar and Adriana Mendez were granted the Service Leaders of the Year award. They were nominated for their academic achievement and volunteer service to the college and community.

"On behalf of the entire Citrus College community, I congratulate these remarkable students who have achieved such outstanding success both in and out of the classroom," said Dr. Perri. "They have earned an important place in our college's legacy."

Duarte High School Scholarship Winners Receive Checks



Duarte Kiwanis Board Member, Aida Torres, Jonathan Galicia, Sarah Bouza, Kalina Gittens and Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds.

DUARTE - It's always a pleasure to help Duarte youth. Three scholarship recipients from Duarte High School received their checks from Duarte Kiwanis Club. Jonathan Galicia is headed to UC Irvine and is studying Bio Chemistry. He participated in the partnership DHS has with the City of Hope. He was

inspired to learn more and hopes to eventually join the research folks at City of Hope. Sarah Bouza is headed to San Francisco State University and is majoring in Apparel Design and Merchandising. After two years, she needs to decide which path to take - Design or Merchandising. Right now her plan is Merchandising

since it will include Marketing. Kalina Gittens is starting her adventure at PCC and hopes to finish her General Ed Requirements there before heading to a four year institution to study Toxicology. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@dihermandezoptometry.com

Duarte Unified Partners with APU to offer Guaranteed Admission and \$10,000 Scholarships

AZUSA - Azusa Pacific University and Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) are joining together to create a pathway to college for Duarte High School students. Duarte High School students who meet admissions requirements will receive guaranteed admittance to APU, a \$10,000 renewable scholarship, application fee waiver, and support with the application process.

"On behalf of our Board of Education, staff, students and their families, we look forward to this exciting opportunity with APU," said Mucerino. "Along

with our recent partnership with the California School of the Arts, this agreement with APU demonstrates Duarte's commitment to advance its school district and increase the success of its students while promoting a college bound culture."

The agreement begins fall 2017 and also includes this year's graduates who met the program's academic requirements. Incoming high school freshmen who successfully follow the academic pathway all four years will be eligible. In

addition, current sophomores and juniors, who meet the requirements, may pursue this educational option.

"For a great number of students across the San Gabriel Valley, Azusa Pacific University is their first choice, yet private college can seem out of reach for many families," said Wallace. "We are committed to making college more accessible and affordable for our neighbors and we look forward to welcoming many Duarte High School graduates into our APU family."

Two Azusa Unified Elementary Schools Dedicate Drought-Tolerant Gardens



Mountain View Elementary School dedicated its new drought-tolerant garden, made possible by a \$70,000 grant provided by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. The grant allowed Mountain View to enhance its student-maintained gardens. In May, the Mountain View Environmental Club broke ground on its new Sensory Garden.

AZUSA - Azusa Unified School District recently took a step forward in promoting environmental sustainability with the dedication of drought-tolerant gardens at two elementary school campuses. Serving as a model for the community, the completion of the Paramount and Mountain View Landscaping Water Conservation Project marks a new beginning in Azusa's continuous efforts to enhance student learning environments.

The Water Conservation Project was made possible by a \$70,000 grant provided by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) in August 2015.

District administrators and members of the AUSD Board of Education joined Paramount and Mountain View students, faculty and staff to greet representatives from SGVMWD, Amigos de los Rios and Plant Goddess Landscaping to debut the gardens.

"The new gardens at Mountain View and Paramount bring aesthetic beauty to our schools, while providing students a wonderful lesson on the benefits of sustainable living," AUSD Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. "We are grateful for the support of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the expert guidance of Plant Goddess

Landscaping and Amigos de los Rios."

The \$70,000 grant was designed to create model drought-tolerant gardens in public places as part of a campaign to increase awareness of water conservation efforts in cities served by the SGVMWD.

Paramount Elementary was chosen for the visibility of its prominent street-facing landscape, replacing an extensive lawn with a variety of water-wise flora. With its share of the grant, Mountain View Elementary beautified an area near the cafeteria and enhanced its student-maintained gardens.

"Mountain View students had the opportunity to learn more about the importance of caring for our environment, what they can do to preserve and protect the planet and creating drought resistant spaces," Mountain View Principal Jenny Le said. "The hands-on involvement in the project has also helped promote a positive attitude among the students, and pride toward our school."

Plant Goddess Landscaping and Amigos de los Rios worked in tandem on the project, with Plant Goddess consulting on the plant selections and garden blueprints for each school. Amigos de los Rios purchased the plants and

enlisted students, faculty and Azusa residents for a community ground-breaking at the schools on Jan. 21.

The renovations became an opportunity for the Paramount and Mountain View students and their families to study environmental issues and learn the nature and importance of conserving precious resources. Students learned how California native plants save water and support native birds and insects.

"I like the garden because it helps me learn about plants," Paramount fifth-grader and ASB President Bryan Ramirez said. "It brings in butterflies and hummingbirds and other good insects that help the environment."

The garden project used California native plants, as well as other drought-tolerant species, including: California redbud, blueblossom, fragrant sage, California brittlebush, superstition mallow, alum root, salvia "Hot Lips," Sesleria "Greenlee" and varieties of aloes.

"Azusa Unified is committed to providing a safe and sustainable learning environment for all students," AUSD Board President Helen Jaramillo said. "The District is fulfilling its obligation to the community to enhance and beautify our schools."

Seventeen Students Graduate From The Leadership Academy



Helping the needy. Students enrolled in the Kiwanianne's Leadership Academy raised \$100 for Shepherd's Pantry by collecting pennies. Pictured is President of the Glendora Kiwanianne, Mary Jane Bettfreund, presenting a check to Craig Cerro, Director of the Pantry along with the "Blue Group" who collected nearly 6,000 pennies.

GLENDORA - Seventeen Glendora youth graduated June 9 from the Leadership Academy, a week-long camp that teaches leadership skills. The program is sponsored by the Glendora Kiwanianne. The program has graduated over 151 students since its inception seven years ago.

Throughout the week, students study lessons in courage, vision, integrity, conflict resolution, decision-making, and how to counter bullies. They participated in team building exercises to learn to work together in a group environment. During the week, representatives came to talk to the students about leadership including Glendora City Councilperson Judy Nelson, and

Glendora's new police chief, Lisa Rosales.

Students also interacted with Key Club members from Glendora High School, learned about leadership opportunities at middle and high school, and practiced writing and delivering a campaign speech. They also collected pennies and amassed \$100 to donate to Shepherd's Pantry in Glendora.

"We hope this program plants a seed in these young people to run for an office and get involved with their school, church, club or community," said Mary Jane Bettfreund, president of the Kiwanianne. The group is a non-profit service organization founded in 1984. It meets twice monthly at the Glendora Conti-

mental Restaurant September through June.

"The Kiwanianne do an exceptional job at teaching lessons that will set these young people on a path to leadership by giving them the tools they need to be great leaders. We expect to see them do wonderful things in the future," said Pat Rasmussen, who chairs the Leadership Academy.

For photos and to view the video of this year's Leadership Academy, or for more information about the Glendora Kiwanianne, go to www.glendorakiwanianne.org.

Four High School Graduates At Haynes Family Of Programs



Maydeck, Schumm, La Verne City Councilmember Robin Carder, graduates Julian Larsuel, Auscani Rodriguez (who will attend Chaffey College in the fall), Brian Munoz (who will attend Mt. SAC in the fall), Adrian Castillo and La Verne City Councilmember Charlie Rosales.

LA VERNE - Four seniors graduated high school this month at the Haynes Family of Programs in La Verne -- and fifty percent of the graduating class was heading off to college in the fall! All four are clients of the California Department of Rehabilitation, which will provide assistance to the college-bound students in the area of tuition fees and transportation. The Department of Rehabilitation will assist the other graduates in the areas of job placement, interview clothes and tools. Haynes President and CEO Dan Maydeck told the students their graduation was a wonderful accomplishment. "You'll realize as life goes on and time goes on how important this accomplishment is," he said. "High school from the standpoint of getting that diploma, it opens

the door, a door that you'll realize how important it is as you go on to the next level." Haynes Director of Education C.C. Schumm said the four graduates "have met more challenges than anyone their age should ever have to face -- from neighborhood issues to mental health issues to a cancer fight." "They have not only stood up to their challenges but they have conquered every single one of them," she added.

The Haynes Family of Programs 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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Fourth Of July Community Tradition Continues

Queen tribute band to champion entertainment for family event

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park officials invite residents, along with family and friends, to a celebration of national independence, community comradery, and entertainment at the annual 4th of July Spectacular next month.

The event will be held at Sierra Vista High School's athletic field, 3600 Frazier Avenue, on Tuesday, July 4, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Event organizers said the 4th of July Spectacular offers something for the entire family. For example, several vendors and youth organizations will be on site to sell food, offer giveaways and share information about their services. A free "fun zone" complete with a strolling stilt walker, an inflatable slide, small carnival-style rides and other attractions will also be set up for younger visitors.

Beginning at 6:45 p.m., "Queen Nation" a tribute to the

music of Queen, will reprise the classic rock band's musical genius and pay homage to the golden age of vintage Queen. The tribute band was recognized in 2013 as the "World's Greatest Queen Tribute," according to organizers. The band is noted for its accuracy of Queen songs including "We Will Rock You," "We Are The Champions," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," and "Another One Bites The Dust," among many other specialties.

As the sunlight fades away on Independence Day, city officials will prepare the crowds for a professional, over-the-top fireworks showcase.

Officials with Pyro Spectacular by Souza have been hired to take the helm of the fireworks extravaganza, set to synchronized music, beginning at about 9 p.m. The Riverside-based group has spearheaded the Fourth of July fireworks showcase in Baldwin Park for years. Pyro Spectacular also facilitates Southern California's popular fireworks shows at Dodgers and Angels stadiums, as well as the Rose Bowl.

"We are glad to bring the high-quality spectacular show to our hometown," said Armando Nava,

program coordinator with the Department of Recreation and Community Services.

Baldwin Park's 4th of July Spectacular has been part of the city's summer specialties for many years, officials noted. The event is a family-friendly celebration, officials said; therefore, alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Event organizers recognize that the highlight of the Independence Day celebration will be the fireworks showcase, but they encourage the community to join in the festivities early on as well. The 4th of July Spectacular traditionally draws as many as 6,000 people throughout the evening, with another 3,000 visitors to culminating on the Sierra Vista High field by the time the fireworks show begins.

"This event marks the start of our Summer Spectacular season and kicks off the celebration of Parks and Recreation Month festivities," said Manuel Carrillo, the city's Recreation and Community Services director.

For more information about the upcoming 4th of July Spectacular, contact Nava at (626) 813-5270, Ext. 330, or visit www.baldwinpark.com.

New Medical Examiner-Coroner named by L.A. County Board of Supervisors

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed Dr. Jonathan Lucas as the County's new Medical Examiner-Coroner to lead one of the busiest and most high profile offices of its kind in the nation.

Dr. Lucas, 49, has worked for more than 15 years for the County of San Diego, where he first served as deputy medical examiner and then as chief deputy medical examiner. Prior to that, he was a medical examiner in New York City.

Dr. Lucas has distinguished himself as an expert on a range of issues, including illicit drug-related fatalities. During his career, he has personally performed more than 4,000 autopsies.

"I am honored that the Board of Supervisors has selected me to direct the profoundly impor-

tant work of the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner," Dr. Lucas said. "The appointment provides me with an exciting opportunity to build on the department's successes and confront its challenges.

"I look forward to collaborating with the department's dedicated, hard-working staff in bringing fresh approaches to the operation, while maintaining the exacting standards of service, accountability and compassion that the public expects and deserves."

During the past year, the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner has made significant strides in addressing key operational issues. The Board is committed to maintaining the momentum.

"It is clear to us that Dr. Lucas has the right experience, exper-

tise and professionalism to keep this vital department moving forward and serving the people of Los Angeles County," said Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas. "We cannot overstate the importance of this appointment."

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner is mandated by law to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner and cause of all violent, sudden or unusual deaths occurring within Los Angeles County. This includes all homicides, suicides, accidental deaths and natural deaths in which the deceased had not seen a physician within 20 days prior to death.

The department has a budget of nearly \$40 million that includes 248 positions. The Board approved an annual salary of \$350,000 for Dr. Lucas.

Innovative County Programs Honored For Combating Homelessness

County Receives Awards For Helping Homeless Individuals and Families

ALHAMBRA - The National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded the Community Development Commission (CDC) and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) two 2017 Achievement Awards, and recognized HACoLA as part of NACo's 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work.

The CDC's South Los Angeles Recuperative Care Center (Center) received an Achievement Award in the Health category. The 38-bed Center provides an environment for homeless patients to recover after major surgery, following discharge from County hospitals. The Center's goal is to stabilize patients recovering from acute illness, injuries, or conditions that would be recu-

perative care exacerbated by living on the streets or in a shelter. HACoLA's "Combating Homelessness: An Incentive-Based Approach" received an Achievement Award, and was selected by NACo as one of the

100 Brilliant Ideas at Work, which are programs that showcase the best innovations in county government. To help combat homelessness, HACoLA established two programs, the Landlord Veteran Incentive Program (VIP) and the Homeless Incentive Program (HIP), that offer incentives to landlords in order to help homeless veterans, individuals, and families compete against the tight rental housing market and non-subsidized renters.

Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC and HACoLA, shared, "It's an honor to be recognized by NACo for our efforts in combating homelessness. We are committed to developing and implementing programs that will improve the lives of homeless and low-income individuals, veterans, and families in Los Angeles County."

NACo President Bryan Desloge said, "Counties over-

come complex challenges, provide essential services and constantly do more with less. We applaud these Achievement Award-winning counties for outstanding efforts to improve residents' quality of life."

Started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Award Program is designed to recognize innovative county government programs. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement, and many more.

NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2017 Annual Conference and Exposition from July 21 through July 24, 2017 in Franklin County, Ohio.

Los Angeles County 2017 Free Summer Food Service Program

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, the California Department of Education and the Department of Public Health, will provide approximately 225,000 free snacks and lunches this summer to children at 50 county parks in 20 school districts, county libraries, churches and the YWCA. The 2017 free Summer Food Service Program kicked off on Monday, June 12, 2017, and concludes Friday, August 4, 2017. Lunch and snacks will be served between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Exact times vary depending on location.

Created to help reduce the growing percentage of young people in the United States challenged by obesity or lack of consistent access to wholesome meals, the program aims to provide a healthy alternative for children when school is out for the summer.

Monday through Friday during

each week of the program, children 18 years of age and under are invited to receive a nutritious lunch and snack that include vegetables, fruits, seeds and healthy dairy products like milk, string cheese and yogurt.

In order for participating parks to qualify for the program, they must service areas within the geographical boundaries of elementary, middle or high school attendance areas with at least 50 percent of their students being eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

"Healthy eating is essential to healthy recreation, so we are very proud to take the lead on this program," said Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Director John Wicker. "It is always wonderful to welcome young people to our parks, and we hope they will come for a healthy lunch and snack and stay for all of the great programs, facilities and other amenities that our parks offer in their communities."

City of Duarte To Enforce Fireworks Restrictions

DUARTE - The City of Duarte will be enforcing restrictions on fireworks usage for the Fourth of July holiday. Fireworks may only be discharged on the day of July 4th between the hours of noon and 11 p.m. They are not allowed to be discharged on the days leading up to the holiday.

The only type of fireworks allowed in Duarte are the "Safe & Sane" type and those that have been purchased in California. These types of fireworks are legally sold in Duarte at five different locations starting June 30th. Remember, discharging fireworks north of Royal Oaks Drive is prohibited at any time,

with the exception of Royal Oaks Park.

Duarte Public Safety and the LASD will have extra patrols out on the holiday to ensure that restrictions are enforced. Violators of the City's fireworks restrictions may be prosecuted and receive up to a \$1000 fine and/or six months in jail. The California State Fire Marshall has decreed a zero tolerance against illegal fireworks due to drought conditions. For additional information or if you see someone discharging fireworks, contact Duarte Public Safety by calling (626) 357-7938.

Republican Women Meeting

WEST COVINA - The June 24 meeting for the Republican women is a breakfast meeting at the Holiday Inn in West Covina. Our speaker-/entertainer is Michael Chain. Michael is an Emmy nominated TV writer, comic, actor, public speaker, communications coach and plain ole "rabble-rouser." He has gone

into hell holes around the world (Bob Hope style) to bring a little bit of home to the troops. Check in at 9:00, breakfast at 9:30 and speaker at 10:00. A business meeting will follow for nominations for next year. For reservations call (626) 378-7244 or (626) 332-4341. Guests are invited and welcome.

Monrovia Unified Confers Diplomas to More than 400 Graduates



Monrovia High School conferred 381 diplomas during the graduation ceremony at Wildcat Stadium.

MONROVIA - More than 400 Monrovia Unified seniors eagerly stepped on stage to receive their diplomas during two days of graduation ceremonies honoring Canyon Oaks High School, Mountain Park School and Monrovia High School graduates.

The graduating seniors from all three schools will attend prestigious colleges across the country, including

UCLA, Colorado State University, UC Berkeley and Iowa State University.

"While the class of 2017's time at Monrovia Unified is over, we know that the lessons they learned and the skills they've acquired will serve them in their future endeavors," Monrovia Unified Board President Bryan Wong said. "These commencement ceremonies are a yearly reminder that we can expect great things from graduating seniors."

A ceremony for Canyon Oaks High and Mountain Park School recognized the academic

achievement of 45 graduating seniors and Monrovia High School conferred 381 diplomas. Four Canyon Oaks/Mountain park seniors have received more than \$8,000 in scholarships, while some 75 of Monrovia High's seniors have received more than \$88,000 in scholarships.

"I wanted all our students to remember where they come from and to always represent their community at the highest level," Canyon Oaks/Mountain Park Principal Flint Fertig said. "I know our graduates are more than ready to excel in their next ventures - they have already shown us their immense capacity for success."

Ivan Alvarado, Monrovia High's valedictorian with a 4.46 GPA, plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall while Monrovia High salutatorian Frances Montemayor, 4.43 GPA, will attend UCLA.

"Our students and staff have worked so hard to achieve this

excellence, and our Class of 2017 is a true testament to that," Monrovia High Principal Kirk McGinnis said. "I am honored to be Monrovia High's principal, because I get to see students with exciting and diverse talents flourish on our campus and make their way out into the professional world."

Monrovia High School also honored 82 seniors who are graduates of the school's Math and Science Academy, 97 seniors for receiving the Golden State Seal Merit diploma for academic excellence and 31 students for achieving the Seal of Biliteracy, which recognizes fluency in two or more languages.

"Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors," Monrovia Unified Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian said. "We are proud to have emboldened such exceptional individuals through their educational journeys and know that their achievements will inspire future generations for years to come."



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Senator Newman Critical to Super-Majority Rule

"Shockingly emboldened and a disgrace to the democratic process" was the comment Saturday made by Sen. Pat Bates (R-SD-36) referring to the policy issue inserted into the California Budget bill. The policy issue Bates was referring to was the amended statutes on recalling a member of the assembly or senate in California and targeted at delaying the Josh Newman (D-SD-29) recall. "Policy bills have no place in a budget bill ... this one [policy] makes it virtually impossible to recall a senator or assemblyman", Bates said.

The new recall process dictates the Secretary of State notify county elections officials a petition has been received, has sufficient signatures and then allows 30 days for voters who signed the petition to withdraw their signature. County election officials have 10 days to send an updated list of signatures to the Secretary of State. The Department of Finance then directs the State Controller to figure costs of conducting the recall election, which then are posted on Secretary of State web site, and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee would review the information.

If a majority of the Budget Committee is opposed, how long do you think it would take for them to perform that review?

From my perspective: I've read nothing prohibiting an adversary to any recall from banging on my door "requesting" me to withdraw my signature or prohibiting phone calls making that same "request". This opens the door to a little "unofficial campaigning" before the actual campaign 'for' or 'against' the recall hits the streets.

Estimates to implement a recall and taking it to a vote of the people is seven months or longer depending on how incentivized the authorities are to get all the hoops implemented. It also allows the Democrats, in the Josh Newman case, to hold off this threat to their super-majority for an extended period of time creating an impediment to a speedy and fair evaluation by the taxpayers at the ballot box.

The super-majority is critical to Gov. Brown and Democrats for a successful agenda allowing them to pass taxes, amend spending laws, place constitutional amendments on the ballot and implement legislation in the blink



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

of an eye with no effective challenges from other parties including Republicans. In online publications, Democrats state:

"His seat [Josh Newman SD-29] is critical to the State Senate because he gives Democrats the 2/3 super-majority to approve taxes without any Republican support." 1

Or how about:

"Senator Newman cares about Californians as evidenced by him voting for California's single-payer health care (SB 562), voting to make California a Sanctuary State (SB 54), and voting to raise taxes in order to pay for desperately needed road repairs and public transportation." 2

Regardless of which side of the aisle you sit on, the lower and middle class and small businesses should be deeply concerned with actions taking place in Sacramento because they are the real victims of personal agendas for self-promotion. We need to scrutinize each procedure and bill and ask what are the consequences and, better yet, does this benefit the promoter of the bill more than the average taxpayer?

Super-majority is dipping big time right into your pocketbook with three bills:

SB 231 (Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys) is a Democrat solution to the \$20 billion L.A. County experimental mandate by U.S. EPA called MS4 requiring all cities in L.A. county to create a system to guarantee adequate storm-water storage without using existing infrastructure. Each city is faced with an approximately \$200 million bill to implement MS4 and rather than fight US EPA on behalf of cities or fund the requirement out of Prop 1 water bond money, Hertzberg and the Democrats focused on finding ways to pass the bill on to L.A. County cities and the taxpayer.

Legislative Staff said: "This

bill directly contradicts Prop. 218 and the 2002 court decision saying this issue must be voted on by the people. Should the Legislature override the courts, and potentially the will of the people, by allowing local governments to raise fees [taxes] for storm water cleanup projects without a vote?" Arrogantly, the super-majority Democrats passed SB 231 and will hand the bill to local government who will pay it, go bankrupt or be forced to hand it to property owners with an additional \$1,200 a year on their property tax bill.

Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee has authored SB 562, universal health care for all Californians, and requested Democrats pass the bill with his promise he will share the total costs and how it will be paid for when a special study comes back. Estimated cost right now is \$400 billion with no determination how this will be paid for other than perhaps a 15% payroll tax. That is your base pay with 15% taken off the top that goes to the state who will be the only insurer allowed in California with an appointed board to administer health care decisions. How does that affect Kaiser, one of the largest health care companies in this state? Lara has also announced he is running for insurance commissioner. Who benefits the most in this situation?

The Gas Tax bill, SB 1, will raise gas taxes in November to 12 cents a gallon on gasoline and 20 cents a gallon on diesel with 4% sales tax on top of that. Next year, vehicle registration will go up \$25 to \$175 a year depending on the value of the vehicle. The lengths to pass Gov. Brown's gas tax were incredibly horrifying and a sad page in Sacramento politics. A Democrat honored his pledge to his constituents - no new taxes - and lost his chairmanships on committees; and a Republican who sold his soul, voted yes to get a \$500 million check to extend a rail line in his district which coincidentally, connects to Gov. Brown's favorite project and one he hopes will come his legacy, the Bullet Train. Do we really need to ask who benefits here?

1 *California Latino Guide Publication*

2 *California Veterans Guide News Publication (Chef Basil)*

"TIME JOCKEY" - Sylmar Quake

By Joe Castillo

Recollections... On a recent drive on the Golden State Freeway, at the intersection of the 14 Freeway, it occurred to me that this was the location of a historical event in Southern California. So I went home and dug up some old newspapers from 1971 and sure enough on February 9th, an earthquake measuring 6.5 struck the area at 41 seconds past the early morning hour of 6:00AM.

The epicenter of the quake was at the intersection of the Golden State 5 and Antelope 14 Freeways, a location which I had passed by earlier in the week. It was the worst earthquake since the 1933 Long Beach earthquake and caused more damage than any previous Southern California earthquake. Thirty-three persons were killed, over 1,000 injured and at least 48 persons were still missing at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sylmar. The hospital was severely damaged and crumbled into a pile of concrete with damage expected to be in the millions of dollars.

But other types of damages occurred as a result of the quake. Twelve overpasses collapsed into freeway lanes including two men who were killed while driving in their truck. Four main freeway arteries were shutdown from collapsed bridges. A portion of the 1,100 foot Van Norman Dam

had broken threatening a dozen largely populated communities and a quarter-million people residing in the area below the dam.

The earthquake was the worst since 120 people were killed in the 1933 Long Beach quake and was so frightening that 8 of the victims died of a heart attack. Its epicenter was at the junction of the San Gabriel and Soledad Canyon faults causing the most intense shaking since the 7.7 Tehachapi quake in 1952. Governor Reagan and President Nixon both declared Los Angeles a disaster area and made emergency funds available for those impacted by the damage.

The southland has experienced a number of significant earthquakes including the Sylmar quake of 1972 but for me this was my first experience with a major earthquake. It was so strong that

in my upstairs bedroom I rolled off my bed and strained my left knee, an injury which crops up in the cool winter nights. I remember all the street lights either turned off or blinking red, and the schools being closed for the day. Even though the Sylmar quake occurred just over 45 years ago, I still recalled what happened at the intersection of the 5 and 14 Freeways back in 1971. I'm sure you have your own memories of February 9, 1971 and the Sylmar Earthquake. Historic events tend to remain significant for years into the future as long as someone continues to recall, write or read about them from time to time. That's what history is all about.....

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An American Embarrassment

Donald Trump is an American embarrassment! There are far more reasons for this conclusion on my part than I could fit into a dozen columns. Let me boil them down into just two categories.

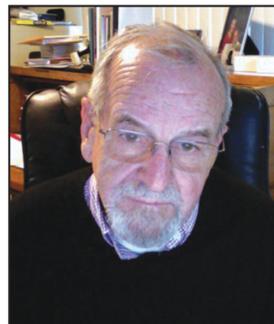
1 - HIS POLICIES

From the outset of our experience as a free and independent people, our leaders and those who have supported them have worked tirelessly to make the United States a nation of compassion and concern for every citizen, as well as for those who have come here lured by the hope that has marked us and for which the Statue of Liberty is a symbol.

It started with a Constitution immediately augmented by a Bill of Rights--- human rights. Over the ensuing two and a half centuries we have struggled to make those rights applicable to all within our borders. For our forced laborers, slaves brought in chains from Africa, it took a brutal civil war followed by a century of struggle before civil rights for them became a reality.

With FDR and his "New Deal," America enshrined in law a fairer society for workers, women, the elderly, children, the disabled and others who had been left behind. The goal was to offer everyone a share in the opportunities inherent in the American dream. In recent years the natural world-the only one we have been included in our vision of the possible. We are currently struggling to see health care as a human right, not a privilege reserved for the affluent. All of these advances have been or are being codified in our nation's laws and regulations.

There are many reasons why the United States has until re-



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cently consistently moved in this direction. Substantial to this commitment is an ethic that religions have planted in the good soil of American morality.

The religious fervor that currently supports and is embodied in Trumpism is committed to dismantling every one of these humanizing policies and programs. He prides himself as the ultimate deal-maker, but looking at his policies and appointments he seeks to turn the new deal back into a raw deal for all except his elite cohort. Not a single one of his announced policies advances the compassion which we have been building in this nation during these centuries of slow but steady progress.

He is even taking on the commitment of the world's nations which in the Paris Accords have begun to counter the disastrous effects of climate change. For Trump, saving the planet gets in the way of his America First agenda. As the seas continue to rise and the earth becomes less habitable every year, the science describing the issue is ridiculed as a fake for the sake of profits for the fossil fuel industry

Reversing the Robin Hood image, his policies take from the poor and give to the already rich

what has been stolen. Look at his tax plan and see what is cut and who is further enriched. He and his party's most recent health plan drops 23 million Americans from coverage.. What is enshrined is a multi-billion dollar wall across our southern border, and billions more for the arms industry. I cannot think of a single one of his proposals that makes America a more compassionate just nation.

2 - HIS PERSONA

Trump continues to demonstrate that he is at core an obnoxious, self-centered, egotistical buffoon. Perhaps America saw just who he was early in his campaign as he exited a bus with Billy Bush bragging about his sexual domination of any woman he chose to humiliate.

Of all the examples that might be cited, I choose just one that occurred within the past month. Trump was attending his first meeting with America's NATO partners at the new headquarters in Brussels. He was meeting with twenty other heads of state. A photo op was scheduled to take place. Without a word he rudely pushed to the front of the group, shoved aside Dusko Markovic, the Prime Minister of Montenegro, stuck out his chest and pursued his lips ala Benito Mussolini, humiliating the other heads of state, and embarrassing the millions of Americans who observed the incident on television. This arrogant display was hardly an isolated event, but typifies who this person really is. America can do better than that-much better. Finding a way to bring Trump down will relieve our humiliation and that of our world partners.

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Works and Wonders

I think I may have been in library school when someone introduced me to the idea that the whole identity of a work - be it a book or a sound recording or even a live performance - includes not only the work itself, but the experiencing of it.

The human act of reading or listening or watching is as much a part of Gone With the Wind, Lemonade, or The Nutcracker as the printed pages, sound files, and matinees are themselves.

The concept goes one step further to say that the sharing of the work and the sharing of the experience - through recommendation, conversation, discussion - are also part of the work, in its largest sense.

Some are works of art, some of creativity, some of research. Some are pop culture fads, some are mainstream productions, some are classic masterpieces. And all have the potential to be bigger than their physical, electronic, or onstage content because of our very experience of them - and because of the ways we share that experience.

This idea is woven throughout the science of libraries.

On one hand, libraries organize things, which means we have to identify what those things are. And in some of the most cerebral library work, identifying the thing can mean identifying the varied parts of human experience that have sprung from it.

On another hand, libraries - especially public libraries - provide access to things. Most people know that's traditionally access to books. Many now know



By Janet Stone

it's also access to articles and sound recordings and video recordings and online resources.

But we also provide access to the wholeness of those things - to the experience of them, to the sharing of them, to recommendations and conversations and discussions that are part of them.

In this day and age, when we don't have to warehouse as much physical stuff to be able to provide access to it, public libraries are freer to open their doors not only to what the works of the world are, but what the works of the world do.

We are making a home for your very experience of books and audiovisual materials ... your experience of being in an audience ... your experience of art, creativity, and research ... and your experience of things faddish, mainstream, and classic.

We are making a home for

what happens because of that experience, so you have ways to get and make recommendations, have conversations, take part in discussions.

Some of it has a home online.

Some of it has a home inside the Library walls, or out on the Library Plaza.

Some of it has a home where you live, work, and play every day, at schools and City centers and community events and places you gather.

Part of that book you just read is how much you loved (or hated) it - and whom you told at a discussion group. Part of that song you heard is how you hum it all day - and how your child dances to it, with new friends at a Summer Reading program. Part of studying about DNA is learning you can extract it from strawberries - and then volunteering to teach other kids how to do it. Part of looking up beer and food pairings is trying them the next time you go out - and then getting a "factory tour" of how those beers are made.

As human beings, we create our world not just through our works, but through the ways we respond to them, and the ways others respond to us in turn.

So when you make use of your public library, you are making your world.

Stop By Glendora Library And Check Out Their Featured Collection!

GLENDORA - Do you feel overwhelmed by all the books and materials in the library and don't know where to start? We can help!

Starting the last week of June, we will take a whole subject area out of the dark stacks and up to the front of the Library, starting with our gardening books (the 635 area for all you Dewey nerds).

Thinking about growing your own vegetables, or maybe bonsai or bromeliads? Come and

have a look at our great selection! As always, if you need suggestions, stop by and ask Library Staff for assistance - we are happy to help!

For more information regarding this and other Library services and programs, please contact us at (626) 852-4891 or visit www.glendora-library.org.

The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 South Glendora Ave, Glendora.



Letters to the Editor

Opinions Are The Writer's



Charles Bayers comments about Republicans

As a free thinking senior and lifelong voter I'm appalled at Mr Bayers comments about we Republicans and President Trump.. Its obvious he has a serious dislike for him. Rather than accepting and supporting him as our President, he offers nothing but

criticism-what a shame. I hope he read Mr Ken Hermans comments,"An Expanding Economy" on the opposite page about all the good things the Trump admin is doing for we citizens ie, less regulations, more energy independence ,controlling immi-

gration, improving our infrastructure, improving Obamacare, reducing spending and lowering our taxes plus creating more jobs and wealth for all of us.Thank you.

Karl W. Hoff
Glendora

Slow Growth Is More Sustainable Than Rapid Growth

Back in 2010, when the recovery (and bull market) was very young, 2% was considered "stall speed," since previous expansions tended to enter a recession after real growth slowed to 2%. Not this time.

We should always be wary when someone says, "It's different this time," unless there are some logical reasons for the difference. This time around, part of the reason why slower growth isn't "stall speed" is due to the natural limits to growth for a larger entity - "the law of large numbers." It's much harder for a \$20 trillion economy to grow 5% (\$1 trillion) than for a \$5 trillion economy to grow \$250 billion (+5%).

Another difference is the lack of a "bubble" mentality in the stock market or in business spending. Most past recessions and bull market peaks resulted from a runaway sense of euphoria, including borrowing large amounts of money at high interest rates to fund business expansion. That has not happened this time around. Banks have buried their cash (putting it on deposit at Federal Reserve banks) rather than lending it out to businesses. There has been no huge building boom or borrowing for business expansion loans.

In the May 18 Wall Street

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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Economic Analyst
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Journal ("The Economic Headwinds Obama Set in Motion"), former Senator and lifelong economist Phil Gramm and economist Thomas Saving wrote that "every significant postwar recovery" had "the same driving force: a sustained rise in private investment and new home building, which increased borrowing and drove up interest rates." This time around, they say, housing starts have lagged past recoveries. Private investment has been lacking and housing starts have lagged past patterns.

The classic end to a business cycle is a "credit bubble" that drives prices and interest rates higher. But nobody would claim we're in a credit bubble now, or even on the way there. Banks don't seem to want to lend to even credit-worthy customers. They were burned too badly in the crisis of 2008, due to all

those kinky mortgage-backed securities, which fed a market panic. Bank credit standards are much higher now.

Another difference is the lower cost of servicing debt, due to the Fed's "zero interest rate policy" (ZIRP), in effect from late 2008 to late 2015. Even though the U.S. public debt has doubled since 2008, the cost of servicing that debt has not risen much. As a result of that and some spending cuts, real GDP excluding government spending has been growing much faster - at around 3.0% since 2010 (and 2.6% in 1Q 2017).

Stagnation ("stall speed") remains a greater risk than a classic credit bubble right now, but chronically low growth is a more constructive economic backdrop than the "boom and bust" cycle which dominated most of American economic history. As usual, we would be more successful investors, in my view, if we saw the positive side of reality (counting our blessings) rather than wishing for some alternative reality.

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How Some Of The Toughest Guys On The Planet Can Get Help Caring For The Ones They Love

Taking care of a family member who is aging or ill can be tough—but you don't have to do it alone. Just ask actor Danny Trejo, who stars in a new PSA (public service advertisements) campaign supporting male caregivers.

"I've helped care for a friend of mine who had cancer, so I know how hard it can be," explained Trejo.

The Facts: Men Are Providing Care, Too

Men represent 40 percent of the more than 40 million unpaid family caregivers in the U.S., representing 16 million sons, husbands and friends caring for an adult loved one in need.

Men are doing more than just managing finances or running errands. Sixty-three percent of male caregivers are the primary caregiver for their loved one, according to AARP, the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans age 50 and older. Many of these male caregivers help their loved ones with personal care such as eating, bathing and dressing, as well as medical and nursing tasks. More than half find it difficult to help loved ones with these intimate care

needs and feel unprepared.

To help family caregivers, AARP and the Ad Council launched the Caregiver Assistance Campaign, directing people to free caregiving resources at aarp.org/caregiving. The latest PSAs are specifically targeted to men, because they are less likely to see themselves as caregivers or to reach out for help.

Celebrating the inner strength of caregivers, the TV ads feature Danny Trejo, an actor known for his "tough guy" persona. While Trejo performs feats of strength and daring, a caregiver performs acts of care for his father, such as preparing dinner and helping him shave. In a twist, Trejo praises the caregiver as "the toughest guy on the planet." The PSAs feature the tagline "caregiving is tougher than tough" and remind caregivers that they can find help and support.

"Caring for someone else is one of the toughest jobs there is," said Danny Trejo. "There's no shame in getting some help if that's what you need to stay strong."

Tips for Caregivers

The majority of caregivers (60 percent) juggle their

caregiving responsibilities with a full- or part-time job, and that percentage is even higher for men. Juggling work and caregiving responsibilities can be highly stressful, putting caregivers at risk for depression, anxiety, and heart disease. A few quick tips to help caregivers in this role include:

- Falling victim to a scam could be a sign that a loved one needs support. Help them sort mail and throw out obvious scam threats.
- Create a daily caregiving checklist and check off items daily. You'll stay on-task and communicate more easily with others involved in your loved one's care.
- To ease stress and save time, do caregiving prep like selecting clothes or preparing food and medicines the night before.
- Caregiving brings many challenges but also many joys. Take time to savor the joyful, rewarding moments.

Learn More

For free caregiving resources, including practical Care Guides tailored to specific topics and challenges, visit www.aarp.org/caregiving or call (877) 333-5885. (NAPSI)

Making Informed Choices About Student Debt

Millions of students are pursuing a college degree in the hope that it leads to a successful career and a meaningful life. It can seem like the only way to a stable financial future. But is it really? The decision to go to college might seem like an easy choice for some high school graduates; for others it could be challenging, especially if they can't easily afford it.

There are many ways to pay for college, including student loans. In considering whether to take out a loan to invest in one's future and thereby capture financial gains, it's helpful to view the process like businesses that borrow funds to in-

vest in expanding their productive capacity. Details matter; how much borrowed can increase or decrease return on investment.

Many students don't understand how student loan debt will impact financial stability after graduation. According to the U.S. Department of Education, as of the end of August 2015, about 7 million Americans with student loans have not made a payment to the government in a year or more.

There are several ways to reduce the amount of money borrowed for higher education. Regardless of the approach, it's important to investigate the

cost of education for a given career choice and potential ability to pay off any student debt taken on. In the end, choosing a college or any post-high school institution is an intensely personal decision for individual students and their families.

Junior Achievement, the world's leading nonprofit economic education organization, has created a free guide that parents and teens can use to gain a better understanding of making the right choices when it comes to student loans. This guide, "Understanding the Student Loan Explosion," can be found at www.JA.org/Influencer. (NAPSI)

Your Money - Ask Julia

What is a Lease-Option?

A Lease Option is also known as a Lease with Option to Purchase. It is a lease containing an option which gives the lessee (the tenant) the right to purchase the property. The price and terms of that purchase must be stated in the lease option for the option to be valid. That option may run for the entire lease period, or only a portion.

What are the costs involved in selling our house and buying another?

Ask a Realtor for an Estimated Net Sheet. As the title infers, it is an estimate of what you will net from the sale of your home. A realtor, or a loan originator could give you a similar document with the estimated cost of buying another property. The Estimated Net Sheet shows the math to figure out the costs of paying off your current mortgage, Realtors fees, Title, Escrow, repairs, and other costs involved in selling. As a buyer, the math will include your down payment, loan fees, tax and/or insurance impounds (sometimes optional), appraisal, inspections, Title and Escrow fees, etc. Since you have purchased before, you're more familiar with those costs. Nowadays, when submitting an offer on a property, you are almost always required to include a pre-approval letter, (not just a pre-qualification letter), and/or proof of funds.

We waited through the last 8 years, and we're anxious to sell our home and move closer to our grandchildren. Is now the right time to sell?



Julia Yoder

Now is a great time to sell. It's currently a "seller's" market. Homes priced below \$400,000 are being snapped up, many with multiple offers. Homes priced above \$400,000 take a little longer to sell. Right now there are a lot more buyers than sellers. Buyers are anxious to take advantage of the still-low mortgage interest rates, but there's a shortage of homes for them to buy. With this supply-and-demand scenario, housing prices have been driven up. If you'd like me to recommend a Realtor, let me know.

A telemarketer called me and convinced me to make an appointment with a representative about my finances. I'm 69 years old, and would have saved us both time if I'd known that what he really wanted to do was sell me some life insurance. Isn't there some way to protect us seniors from salespeople like this?

California Insurance Code, section 798.8 requires a written advance notice to any person, age 65 or older, when offering to sell a life insurance or annuity prod-

uct. There's also a Medi-Cal disclosure requirement. That salesperson broke the law and could be reported. On the other hand, if you called an insurance agent and requested an appointment to discuss finances, an advance notice would not be required.

Is there a way to have good retirement income and still keep my taxes low?

Depending on your personal, individual circumstances, you might be able to put your money into a couple of different safe investments that are tax-advantaged. You should learn about different places to put your money based on it being taxed now, taxed later, or never taxed again. Some of these investments involve life insurance; others involve fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. You'll need to take a look at what you have now, think about what you want your money to do for you, and then make a plan to best suit your needs and desires.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Women and Car's Early Years

Women played a role in the history of the car. Here are a few facts that are interesting to know!

1903 - Mary Anderson was granted a patent for the windshield wiper in 1903. The first windshield wiper was a swinging arm with a rubber blade that could be operated manually from inside the car. She first tried to sell her idea to a Canadian firm in 1905 but they decided it was "not of such commercial use as would warrant the undertaking of its sale." Hmm...big mistake! Wipers became standard in cars by 1916.

1909 - Alice Huyler Ramsey, at age 22, drove cross country (3,800 miles) from New York to San Francisco. It took 59 days! Keep in mind that most of those miles were on unpaved roads and she didn't have

maps (those things we used before GPS!). Alice had to change 11 tires, repair a broken brake pedal, and clean spark plugs! She became the first woman inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame.

1913 - Can't imagine a car without turn signals or brake lights? Isn't it annoying to drive behind someone without them? Silent film star, Florence Lawrence certainly felt they were necessary. She invented an "auto signaling arm" which was activated by pressing a button. It would raise or lower an arm that had a sign, showing which way the driver was turning. When the driver wanted to stop, a "stop sign" would pop up.

1915 - Wilma K. Russey became the first female New York City taxi driver...on New Year's Day! She dressed very

elegantly as a taxi driver and was also an expert (and stylish) auto mechanic.

1943 - Helene Rother became the first female automotive designer. She was hired by General Motors to create stylish and glamorous interior designs for cars. Helene was the first woman to address the Society of Automotive Engineers and was awarded the Jackson Medal for excellence of design.

The next time you use your wiper blades, turn signals or brake lights...think of these innovative women!

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Glendora Chamber's Annual Installation and Awards Dinner

GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce will hold this year's Annual Installation and Awards Dinner "A Red Carpet Event" at the Glendora Country Club on June 28 starting at 5:30 pm. At this year's event, it will be a fun filled retrospective on a great year and we will thank our outgoing Board of Directors including our Board Chair, Fawn Imboden of America's Christian Credit Union for all their tireless work to help make the Glendora Chamber what it is

today. We will then welcome the incoming 2017-2018 Board including our new Board Chair, Gary Clifford of Athens Services.

The dinner will also include the presentation of awards for Business of the Year, New Member of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, Ambassador of the Year and others to celebrate the great work our local business owners and employees do on a daily basis.

The recipients of these are:
♦ Glendora Business of the

- Year: Dance Street West
- ♦ Glendora Non-Profit of the Year: Foothill Christian School
- ♦ Glendora Chamber New Member of the Year: Spin 360 Core Fitness
- ♦ Glendora Chamber's Ambassador of the Year: Deidre Charles Young, Juice Plus



Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

AUSD Free Meals to Children

Azusa Unified School District will offer free lunches this summer to children ages 18 and under through the federal Summer Food Service program. Lunches will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 28 at school campuses and public parks. Meals are available to any child residing within Azusa Unified boundaries. Call Nutrition Services at 626-732-8057 for specific locations and times.

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 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

ARCADIA

Tennis Anyone, Classes and Camps

Tennis Anyone has been teaching successful tennis classes for the Arcadia community since 2012. Tennis Anyone believes in the development of tennis players from beginning through competitive tournament levels. Their goal is to run a comprehensive program of classes that will suit the needs of all ages and levels of players. Coaches are energetic, dynamic, friendly, fun, and passionate about the game.

This summer, Tennis Anyone is offering Pee Wee, Beginner Junior Tennis, Intermediate/Advance Junior Tennis, Small Group, and Adult classes, as well as weeklong camps. Don't miss out and sign-up today! For more information, please visit our website at www.arcadiaCA.gov or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

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

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 at tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the application process.

DUARTE

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Meals on Wheels

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

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 appointment.

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 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,

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, 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.

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 ad-

ditional 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 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.

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880

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 Finkbinder 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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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.

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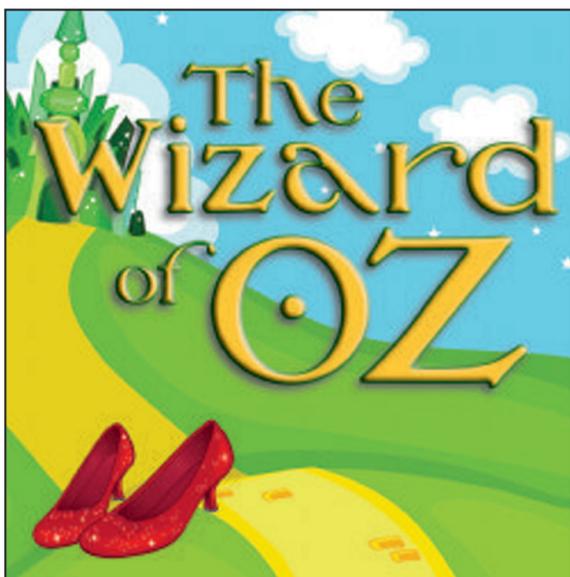
There's no place like home. And now there's no place like the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater presenting The Wizard of Oz! Join Dorothy, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and Scarecrow as they follow the Yellow Brick Road to the enchanted Land of OZ.

This adaptation of L. Frank Baum's book, with music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg is directed by John LaLonde with choreography by Kim Eberhardt and musical direction by Marius Beltran.

Sydney Dawn stars as Dorothy. She brings a youthful vibrancy and enthusiasm to the role. She interacts endearingly well with Toto, her little dog, played by Annie, a border terrier. She is ably supported by Andrew Lopez as Tin Man, Austin Rhea as the Cowardly Lion, and Jesse Ashton as Scarecrow. Sami Nye delivers a truly exceptional performance as Glinda, the Witch of the North.

A vivacious and enthusiastic ensemble keeps the excitement of Dorothy's adventure alive at all times." The choreography is impressive and the children in the audience began to dance along with the ensemble especially in Munchkin Land numbers.

Fans of the Movie will find



most of the familiar songs in this performance, but will also be delighted by additional musical numbers including: "Poppies," "Winkies March," and "Jitterbug". These are lively tunes with impeccable choreography.

The audience left humming, whistling, and singing songs from this musical. The children in the audience, totaling 40, left not only singing, but dancing as well. "I loved Dorothy", "Glenda is beautiful", "The Wicked Witch is scary" were a few of the spontaneous comments from the youth in the audience who were en-

thralled with the performance, as were their parents and grandparents.

The 'Wizard of OZ' runs through July 29, 2017 at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater 455 West Foothill Boulevard Claremont. 909.626.1254 ext.1

Friday and Saturday evening performances at 6pm, Sunday evenings at 5pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 11am.

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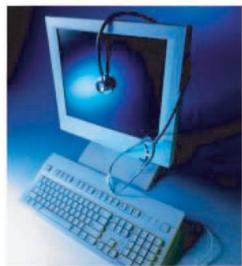
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