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**BALDWIN PARK** – Broken glass and car parts littered the hot concrete and the motionless body of a student lay half-ejected on the hood of a vehicle – his feet caught where the windshield once was. The Grim Reaper paced the scene of the two-car crash, marking the start of the "Every 15 Minutes" program at Sierra Vista High School.

The two-day program on April 26-27 presented the brutal and unforgiving consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs by displaying a trio of scenarios, beginning with a simulated car crash presented to juniors and seniors.

The simulated crash included a mock student arrest, emergency responders accessing the scene and firefighters cutting open totaled vehicles to retrieve survivors. Two student fatalities were declared by a medical examiner, and parents of one of the victims mourned over her body.

"It was very impactful to see the consequence of drunk driving, and even though we know it's fake it is still scary and emotionally haunting," Sierra Vista senior Fabiola Gonzalez said.

The simulated crash, held April 26, was staged in collaboration with Baldwin Park Unified's School Police Department, City of Baldwin Park Police Department, California Highway Patrol (CHP), American Medical Re-

**25 Arcadia High Students Named** 

**National Merit Scholarship Finalists** 



The Grim Reaper surveys the destruction at the "Every 15 Minutes" program's drunk driving crash simulation at Sierra Vista High School on April 26. Juniors and seniors watch as medical and law enforcement responders deal with the dramatization as if it were a real-life call.

sponse, and the Los Angeles County Fire and Coroner's departments.

Throughout the day, the Grim Reaper pulled 12 selected students from classes to become the "living dead," representing lives lost to drunk driving. Faces painted white and eyes blacked out, the students gathered by the simulation and later participated in an overnight retreat to reflect on the event and to write letters to family and friends.

"I can see and hear the shock from my friends when they notice my face," said Krisnor Carrillo, a senior and one of the "living dead." "I hope today can affect at least one person because it will be one less person making a deadly mistake."

On April 27, students gathered in the gym to watch a short film that began with Sierra Vista High students talking about college acceptances, and their hopes and excitement for the future. The scene took a quick turn when the celebrating included underage drinking.

The screen went black amid the sounds of cars colliding, followed by flashing images of the simulated crash. The dramatization continued at Kaiser Permanente Hospital with one of the injured students dying and the other becoming paralyzed. The film concluded with the arrest emnly walked through the gymnasium, a white casket in tow.

Two student participants and their parents read letters of loss and regret, as they imagined the impact of being involved or affected by drunk driving-related crashes.

Guest speaker Joshua Jahn



said he wanted to share his personal story of loss to give life to the people behind the statistics. Jahn's wife, 3-year-old son and 11-month-old daughter were killed when a drunk driver going more than 70 miles an hour hit his family's car. He now works to bring meaning to their deaths and to prevent similar devastations in the future. "As law enforcement officers

"As law enforcement officers, we respond to the aftermath of a tragedy, with this program we try to prevent these tragedies from ever taking place," Baldwin Park police spokesman Rodrigo Jimenez said. "There is no better program to affect and influence new and future drivers to keep them safe and smart."

"Every 15 Minutes" is sponsored and funded by CHP and the California Office of Traffic Safety. Other sponsors and partners involved in presenting the program included: Royal Coaches Towing, Baldwin Park Adult School-Cosmetology, Kaiser Permanente of Baldwin Park, Forest Lawn, Liberty Tax, Razor Graphics, the Courtyard Marriott of Baldwin Park and Adriana's Traffic School.



Arcadia High School National Merit Scholarship Finalists: (Alphabetical order by last name) Janine S. Chan, Simone Claire Chu, Samuel X. Cui, Daniel A. Harnanto, Cathleen Huang, Cecilia Lee, Wendy W. Lee, Yue Liang, Yi Hsuan Lin, Kimberly Lo, Donna A. Sayphraraj, Nora Sebeca Sharp, Brianna M. Sun, Yanxi Tang, Justin K. Tay, Tiffany M. Tsui, Nicholas K. Ung, William X. Wang, Charles Xu, Cathleen Yang, Isabell Yang, Pearl Yang, Keerthana Yogananthan, Stanley Yu, and Lucy Y. Zhang

ARCADIA - Arcadia High School made another exceptional showing in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program, with 25 Apaches named as National Merit Scholarship Finalists. This is the 24th consecutive year that Arcadia High School has had over 85 percent of its students advance from semifinalists to finalists in this renowned program.

Students honored each year by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) represent less than one percent of high school seniors in the United States. The 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program had approximately 1.6 million juniors from more than 22,000 high schools to consider at the onset of this year's program. From these entrants, the NMSC recognized about 50,000 academically talented

ARCADIA - Arcadia High shool made another exceponal showing in this year's round of recognition.

> In the next round of applicant evaluation, nearly 16,000 student scholars were selected as semifinalists. This figure was further refined to a finalist pool comprised of 15,000 students. Among these finalists are 25 Apaches who are currently in the running to receive one of about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships whose combined total reaches nearly \$33 million.

"AHS students have received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Program each year for well over 20 years now," reflected Arcadia Unified School District Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdall. "Most of our Arcadia High students are products of Arcadia Unified's K-8 schools. Our consistently strong showing in this program is a true testament to the un-wavering dedication shown by all of our students, teachers, and staff to creating a foundation of success that will serve our students beyond high school graduation."

Merit Scholarship winners will be selected by a committee comprised of seasoned college admission officers and high school counselors. Students selected as Merit Scholarship recipients are judged to have the most distinguished credentials and highest potential for academic success, without consideration of financial need, college choice or major and career plans. Scholarship winners will begin receiving offers this month. and booking of the drunk driver and the words "choose to live."

A mock funeral was held for students killed in the simulated crash. Participating students sol-

Los Angeles County firefighters demonstrate the dark reality of removing victims from automobiles totaled on impact for a simulated crash during Sierra Vista High School's "Every 15 Minutes" program on April 26. Equipped with saws and the Jaws of Life, firefighters remove doors to retrieve injured students.

# **Glendora Police Officers Wear Denim**



Chief Lisa Rosales, Cpl Lee, CSO Wiggins, Dispatcher Ayers, Det. Farino, Cdt Cyr, Det. Houser and Sgt Mike Henderson pose in their denims at the Glendora Police Department.

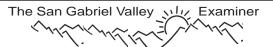
By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - To observe April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month, the Glendora Police Department participated in the Denim Day campaign on Wednesday April 26, 2017. All department members were authorized to wear jeans to work on this day. Officers and civilian staff who participated in the cause also wore a red Denim Day button, showing support for this cause.

The Denim Day campaign began 18 years ago when Peace Over Violence began wearing jeans on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Since 1999, wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitude about sexual assault. One out of every six women in the U.S. has been the victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. One in six men has experienced abusive sexual experiences before their 18th birthday. Almost 2/3 of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim.

This campaign was originally triggered after a ruling by the

Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Peace Over Violence, an organization committed to social service, social change and social justice, developed the Denim Day campaign in response to this case and the activism surrounding it.



# **Options For Youth Public Charter Schools Holds Second Annual College** & Career Fair In San Gabriel Valley



**IRWINDALE** – The San Gabriel Valley region of Options for Youth Public Charter Schools (OFY) held their second annual College and Career Fair on April 14th at the Irwindale school site. Students had the opportunity to gather information, meet with representatives one-on-one, ask questions about transitioning from high school to college, and explore careers they might be interested in pursuing.

Glendale Community College, Pathways College, Pasadena City College, and Platt College were on hand to talk to the students about obtaining an Associate or Bachelor's Degree after graduation. Representatives were available from law enforcement, emergency services, entertainment, health, and real estate to talk about the career opportunities in their companies and industries. Participants included California Highway Patrol, L.A. County Fire Department (Walnut Station 61), L.A. County Probation Department, L.A. County Metro, Irwindale Police Department, American Red Cross, Southern California Laborers Apprenticeship Program, KTLA, PetSmart, COPE Health Solutions, COPE Health Scholars, Citrus Valley Health Partners, Healthworthy, and Keller Will-

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OFY strives to provide students with meaningful experiences that will enhance their college and career readiness by providing them with tools and pathways for their future. Students participated in a resume building workshop and a career identifying survey to help prepare them for life after high school. "Our vision for OFY is to continue providing these valuable opportunities to help our students feel confident and informed about their future options," said Student Advisor Sarai Acosta-Alonzo.

This year, more career industries participated and introduced the students to fields and employment opportunities that many knew nothing about. "Helping our students gain knowledge and access to an array of possibilities is the goal of the fair and we are excited to see how our event has grown this second year," Acosta-Alonzo continued. "The fair was a great way to engage our students who might not otherwise have exposure to local colleges and businesses, and make them aware of the many options they will have upon graduating."

# **Two Baldwin Park Unified Schools** Named to California Honor Roll

Santa Fe School earns seventh recognition for test score success

BALDWIN PARK – Two Baldwin Park Unified schools were named this week to the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) Honor Roll in recognition of their overall performance and narrowing of the achievement gap on California standardized tests.

Santa Fe School – which spans grades three through eight – and Kenmore Elementary School were named Star Schools, a category honoring higher-performing schools that have a third or more students from high-poverty households.

This is Santa Fe's seventh consecutive time on the list, which debuted in 2008, and Kenmore's third appearance. Ten Baldwin Park Unified campuses have been listed a combined 25 times on the Honor Roll, with at least one school recognized every year since 2010.

"We are extraordinarily proud of this accomplishment by Santa Fe and Kenmore schools," Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "The Honor Roll sends out a message to our community that Baldwin Park Unified schools are succeeding in our essential mission of preparing students for college and careers."

The Honor Roll, released on April 17, is designed to shine a light on bright spots in education by identifying schools that generate strong student outcomes and provide a model of best practices which other schools can replicate.

The Honor Roll is created for CBEE by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP), which analyzes 12 measures taken from California Department of Education data, including performance on state math, English language arts and science standardized tests.

ERP looks at equity among students with differing ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic status. Additionally, high

schools are judged on the percent of graduates who meet UC/CSU entrance course requirements, average SAT scores, percent of passing Advanced Placement exam scores, graduation rate and dropout rate.



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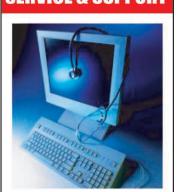
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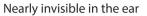
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#### Improving Motorcycle Safety Aim of Baldwin Park Police Department Operation

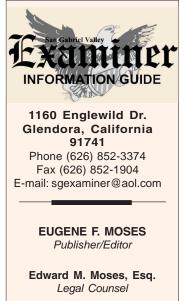
Impaired Driving Enforcement Operations Planned this Weekend tinely.

a Designated Sober Driver

BALDWIN PARK - Cinco de Mayo has become a deadly holiday due to drunk and drugged driving. Forty people were killed in impaired driving crashes across the nation during the Cinco de Mayo holiday period in 20 15.

Officers from the Baldwin Park Police Department's DUI Enforcement Team will be deploying this weekend to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers. DUI Saturation Patrols will deploy on May 5th and May 6th between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

High Visibility Enforcement using DUI Saturation Patrols has proven to lower the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug impaired crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized proactive DUI operations are conducted rou-



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From 2011-2015, 270 people were killed nationwide in impaired driving crashes during the Cinco de Mayo holiday period. In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1, 155 deaths and nearly 24,000 injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Over the course of the past three years, officers have investigated several DUI collisions which have

in another numerous injuries. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

claimed many lives and resulted

In recent years, California has seen a disturbing increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. Baldwin Park Police Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

Plan your sober ride home before the party begins this Cinco de Mayo. Drivers are encouraged to download the Designated Driver VIP, or "DDVIP," free mobile app for Android or iPhone. The DDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The featurepacked app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.

The cost of a ride home is cheap! Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this DUI operation is provided to the Baldwin Park Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver - Call 9-1-1.

BALDWIN PARK - The Baldwin Park Police Department is joining law enforcement statewide and across the United States in the National Motorcycle safety awareness month special enforcement operations. In addition, the California Motorcyclist Safety Program is offering special, low cost rider training classes during the month of May.

Baldwin Park PD will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on May 21, 2017 in an effort to lower deaths and injuries. Extra officers will be patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur.

Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle crashes. They will be erating regular vehicles and motorcycles who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, making illegal turns, or any other dangerous violation. The California Motorcyclist

cracking down on both those op-

Safety Program (CMSP) training program is offering a "Total Control Refresher Training" course during the month of May. This four-hour riding class is for experienced riders with a current motorcycle license. Riders will use their own street-legal motorcycle during the class taught by CMSP-ce1tified Instructors at a cost of only \$95. Log onto the CMSP website (http:// cmsp.msi5.com) to register at a location near you.

California motorcycle fatalities saw a phenomenal drop of 37 percent from 2008 to 2010, but

then rose 31 percent by 2015. Efforts like these are aimed at curbing any more rises in motorcycle deaths and sending the numbers back downward. Over the course of the past 5 years in Baldwin Park, motorcycle involved collisions have resulted in I fatal and 34 injury crashes.

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News Riders are urged to get basic training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: share in the responsibility and do your part by safely "sharing the road."

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# **Unoccupied Residence Registration Ordinance** Adopted

**ARCADIA** - The Arcadia City Council adopted an Unoccupied Residence Registration Ordinance which will go into effect May 5, 2017. The Ordinance establishes regulations and registration requirements for unoccupied residences in the City of Arcadia.

The purpose of the registry is to protect neighborhoods from

# May Is "CalFresh Awareness Month"

Effort to prevent food insecurity in low-income households launches in los angeles county

LOSANGELES COUNTY -The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and its community partners today launched activities for the

May "CalFresh Awareness Month." This annual public awareness campaign collaboration is to increase access to food assistance for low-income families and individuals in the county.

The month-long effort highlights the critical role that Cal-Fresh, the federally-funded supplemental food benefit, plays in eliminating the threat of "food insecurity," or the lack of reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. The Department of Public Health's (DPH) most recent report on hunger, Rising Food Insecurity in Los Angeles County, described the problem as a "major public health issue that has reached crisis proportions" in diseases. Many families experiencing food insecurity in Los Angeles County are unaware that they may qualify for CalFresh.

"Hunger is an issue that affects us all. This collaboration represents an intense effort to serve those most vulnerable in the county," said DPSS Director Sheryl L. Spiller. "We all know someone who is experiencing difficulties purchasing food for themselves or their family."

To meet this challenge, DPSS has enlisted the support of DPH, local farmers' markets and food banks, school districts, community and faith-based organizations and the 88 cities that operate within the county. The pre-campaign planning provides an opportunity for the department and community stakeholders to develop and implement creative strategies to address food insecurity in the county. Events to publicize the effort will take place at various locations throughout the county, including the May 3rd CalFresh Awareness Month Community Kick-Off Event and Resource Fair at the Hubert Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center in South L.A.

Fears and Stigma

Another challenge the collaboration has addressed over the years is the issue of residents not enrolling for CalFresh, due to a misunderstanding that applying will hurt their opportunity to become a permanent U.S. citizen.

Local immigration rights advocates agree that "public charge," a term used to describe an individual who is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence for either public cash assistance or long-term care at the government's expense, is one of the leading reasons why those in desperate need of food assistance for themselves and their children do not apply. According to the U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services, public charge has been part of immigration law for more than 100 years as grounds for inadmissibility and deportation. On Saturday, May 6, DPSS and community partners will join federal, state, and local officials to host a community forum and resource fair at Clara Park in the City of Cudahy to clarify that receiving public benefits does not automatically make an individual a public charge.

the adverse effects of unoccupied residences that are not adequately maintained and to be able to directly communicate with property owners or their designated agents when issues at their properties occur. The registry will provide the City with a reliable contact when issues such as property maintenance or health and safety matters arise at the residence.

An unoccupied residence is a property that has not been occupied for at least 30 days. Houses that are actively under construction, are in escrow to be sold or transferred, or are being actively marketed by an identified listing agent, will not be considered unoccupied.

As part of the registration requirement, the property owner will be required to register his/ her contact information and at

# West Covina Officer Shot, **Friendly Fire Blamed**

#### By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On Tuesday, April 25, around 9:30 a.m., a West Covina Police officer responded to the 1500 block of

parking lot, and was hit in the chest by the gunfire he went down because of "friendly fire".

The officer who was hit was wearing a bulletproof vest which

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Studies suggest that household hunger negatively impacts the intellectual, physical and emotional development of children, placing them at greater risk for obesity, diabetes and other

# **Young Man Dies in DUI Crash**

#### By George Ogden

the county.

WEST COVINA - Early Saturday Morning, just before 4:00 a.m., first responders arrived at a single car crash near the intersection of Lark Ellen and Vine Avenues in West Covina. When they arrived, they found a Chevy Cobalt that appeared to have been traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Lark Ellen which went out of control and hit a light pole. They found 3 people trapped inside the vehicle and the driver, who was outside the vehicle, had been ejected at the time of the crash.

One young man was found dead in the car, he was a rear passenger in the car. The two other passengers were injured.

The driver was identified as Andrew James Gomez, 19, of La Puente. Gomez was arrested for murder and a DUI.

The deceased man's name was not released by police.

Lark Ellen was closed for most of the day from Merced

to Cameron while the investigation continued.

It appears that the four were out partying all night and Gomez drove while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or possibly both. The end result was a crash killing one, injuring 3 and being arrested for murder. Bail was set at \$1,000,000.

Anyone with information can reach the traffic unit at 626-939-8555.

Amar near Amar and Azusa to the shopping center on a report of a man acting crazy and on drugs. It was also said that this individual was on probation cut off his ankle monitor and went to the mall.

Two officers arrived, they saw a man matching the description with tattoos and a bald head. As the officers tried to contact the man, he ran from the officers and then turned and charged at the officers a number of times. During this time, he had his hand in his pants indicating that he may have a gun. Officers called for backup and another officer arrived, the subject ran aggressively at the officers with his hand still in the waistband of his pants. He failed to comply with the officers commands to stop and in fear of being shot, the officers shot at the suspect hitting him in the leg. At the same time of the shooting the backup officer ended up on the wrong side of the subject, as the suspect was running around in the

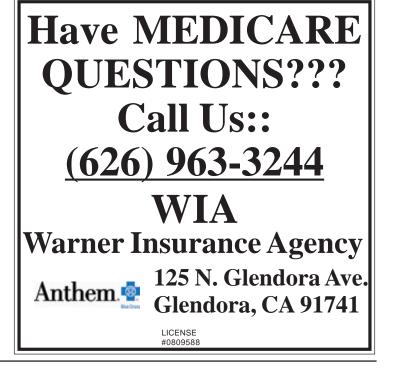
stopped the bullet. It is possible that the bullet ricocheted off the ground before hitting the officer, who was not identified. He was taken to the hospital and later released with a badly bruised chest.

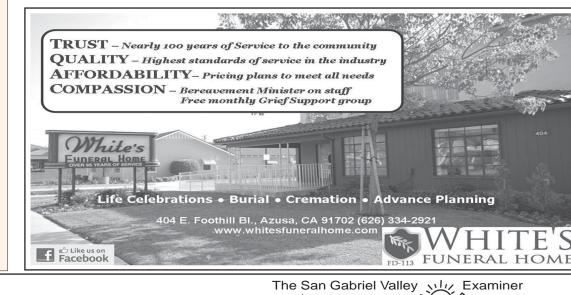
The suspect that was shot was not the subject the police was searching for. They have no idea why this person acted this way unless he was trying to commit "suicide by cop". No gun was found. He will also have a mental evaluation to determine what his state of mind was.

In the meantime, the original suspect was found hiding behind some stores and he was also taken into custody.

Witnesses stated that they saw the two men together at the mall earlier; however they belong to two different gangs. It is unknown if they are actually friends or not.

The names of the two gang members were not released.





# IMENTA

A chat with a friend, lead to a deeper conversation about the state of California. That is the State of California finances and eroding philosophy and how unappealing and unaffordable it is to the average middle class resident. Eventually my conclusion was we are suffering from those progressive Democrats in Sacramento who have no idea what a budget is and how much the average resident can continue to afford tax after tax and still live a decent life style and educate their children. Democrats' agenda seems to be a take-over of California-to have complete and total control of our lifestyles and what we are given to think, no matter what the cost.

When Senator Janet Nguyen, a legal Viet Nam refugee and citizen of this country, got up to talk about the history of Viet Nam on the Senate floor and it offended some, like Senator Ricardo Lara, presiding officer of the day in the Senate, she was shut down by make believe rules and ordered out of the room. It was never acknowledged Nguyen is elected and under our Constitution should be allowed to represent her constituency and speak.

Last week, we read about author and conservative Republican, Ann Coulter, being shut down and outed at the University of California at Berkeley. The college Republican Club had invited her to speak on illegal immigration on April 27th but University officials cancelled the engagement based on safety concerns for Coulter. They eventually offered a May 2nd date for her appearance, a time when students would be on break or studying for finals.

California Republican Party Chairman, Jim Brulte, in a letter to Governor Jerry Brown and Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom requesting intervention on behalf of free speech said, "The University is denying the First Amendment rights of the Berkeley College Republicans and other conservative students by prohibiting a speaking event featuring Ann Coulter, a prominent conservative commentator and multiple best-selling author. The University's decision violates fundamental principles of free speech, equal protection and due process guaranteed by the United States Constitution, and should not be tolerated by Californians." I haven't heard anything back about that situation so I'm guessing free speech at a taxpayer supported institution is not a priority for those two Democrats –Governor Brown and a gubernatorial candidate, Newsom. Listening to conservative Republican Assemblyman Vince Fong from Kern County a week ago on the new gas tax gave me a new perspective on how important it was to Governor Brown and Democrats and to what lengths they would go to achieve another new tax regardless of impact on low and moderate income families. Fong reported the yelling, cursing and gang-banging screaming matches to achieve the votes needed. As a last ditch effort to get that tax passed, they rolled in, on a stretcher, for the vote, one Democrat who had been hospitalized. One Democrat from Bakersfield, because he honored the promise he made to his constituents of no new taxes, lost his seat on one of his committees. Another vote was achieved by awarding a half a billion dollars



Lois M. Shade Former Mayor of Glendora

for rail construction in Modesto. That was achieved by writing a new piece of legislation creating that award for his vote so no one could say that vote was bought and paid for by the Democrats.

We've now got, by hook and crook, that new Democrat gas tax to deal with and up pops another proposed tax or what Sacramento Democrats are calling a "solution" to the \$20 billion L.A. County experimental mandate by U.S. EPA called MS4. MS4 requires all cities to create a system to guarantee when stormwater leaves their jurisdiction and gets to the ocean it is clean enough to drink. The first problem – it could bankrupt all cities in L.A. County. Cities asked Sacramento for help. That's when they got SB 231 (Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys) a proposal to circumvent Prop 218, the voter approved proposition to allow voters to vote on property tax increases and a 2002 court ruling that said stormwater runoff was not sewer water and a tax proposal would require a vote of the people.

In the Senate Floor Analysis of SB 231 the state staff said this bill directly contradicts Prop. 218 and the court decision and asked, "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?" That's a decision that could possibly cost homeowners \$1,200 to \$1,400 a year on their property tax bills. Cities asked Sacramento and our State Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina) for help and he and the other progressive Democrats are going to make local electeds the fall guys for a federal mandate that singles out and targets one community – the cities of Los Angeles County. SB 231 passed out of the Senate on a 23 to 10 vote, with 7 Senators not voting, and Senator Hernandez voting to support the proposal. It now goes to the Assembly. You still have some change left in your pocket at the end of the day? How about the Single Payer Plan proposed in SB 562, Ricardo Lara (D- Bell Gardens) that just passed out of the Senate Health Committee. Single Payer Plan is defined by one organization as ... " [a] system [that] finances health care for an entire population by using one public agency to collect all contributions and pay all bills." The plan would accept all "contributions" from individuals, employers, and government agencies then would be pooled and provide benefits to all equally after negotiating the price of services, supplies, equipment and prescriptions for life. The bill is new and not a lot of information is available yet but the L.A. Times provided:  $\cdot$  SB 562 (Lara) would cover all medical expenses for every resident regardless of their income or immigration status, including inpatient, outpatient,

emergency services, dental, vision, mental health and nursing home care.

· The bill would eliminate copays and deductibles

· Insurers [those who provide insurance on the open free market] would be prohibited from offering the same benefits covered by the state

· The system would be administered by an unpaid 9person board appointed by the governor and legislature.

Senator Jeff Stone (R-Murrieta) said in a communications I received:

My friends, this will NOT be FREE I guarantee you. It is estimated to cost the State to provide FREE healthcare for all (documented and undocumented residents) over \$100 **BILLION DOLLARS a year!** Our overall budget for last year was \$127 billion for the entirety of the state budget. How will this debacle be paid for?

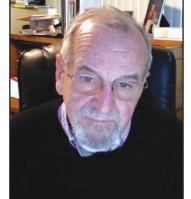
Stone suggests we might be looking at a new 9.5% payroll tax on everyone in California. Of course, that would be everyone that works if it is a payroll tax.

I will leave you with one last thought and hopefully the desire and commitment to become more outspoken in how your government operates: "If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the slaughter." - George Washington

last year's political campaign Trump bragging about his ability to dominate women? His boast was that if you are rich enough and powerful enough you can get away with whatever you want to do-whatever you want to grab. Whether one is talking about ego, a bank account, or any other agency, devise or physical attribute, size really matters. At least that is what Trump believes. The bigger the better.

In the drive to prove to the world that he has made America great again, he had taken the nation's mammoth military machine and fed it with another 54 billion dollars. So America's greatness will be further rooted in our power to destroy. Nobody will want to mess with us. He demonstrated this draconian thesis when we dropped the biggest non-nuclear bomb-20,000pounds of explosive power-on a remote facility that may or may not have been part of an ISIS deployment. We'll show them that size matters!

Now we are proving to the world how great we are in a very strange war where our definition of just who is the enemy changes every few days. It appears we are at war with ISIS. But we are also at war with the regime of Bassar-al Assad. But so is ISIS. Does that make ISIS our partner? Wait a minute. Russia is also at war with those forces attacking the government of Syria. But we are not at war with Russia. At the



**Charles H. Bayer** 

same time there is a collection of other military forces trying to overthrow Assad. Some of them are allies of ISIS and some of them are not. You just have to check out the daily news to discover who are our enemies and who are our allies. Anybody have an up-to-date scorecard?

Not only have we already dropped the most powerful nonnuclear bomb in the history of warfare, we have reserved the right to use our massive store of atomic weapons, unless the nations we want to control do not submit to our will. Really? Trump has already suggested the possibility, and this threat has been backed up by Vice President Pence during his recent visit to

Korea. Here is how he put it. Just in the past two weeks, the world witnessed the strength and resolve of our new president in actions taken in Syria and Afghanistan. The administration will encourage Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons through peaceful means, but all

If our adversaries think that the recently dropped big bomb limits the size of our threat, let them review what happened to two Japanese cities in 1945. What is more, we reserve the right to decide who can have nuclear weapons and who cannot. Israel is not only allowed to have them, but we will help pay for their production. On the other hand, Iran is prohibited under threat of total destruction even for pursuing a path to their development. Does anyone have the courage to suggest that a universal ban on the possession or development of these obscene weapons might make for a far safer world? We instigated the demise of stability throughout the Mideast when George W. Bush conned Congress into authorizing his invasion of Iraq. Since then life has been unbearable for tens of millions of people in that apart of the world-and terribly difficult for the rests of us. And all we seem to do is dig the grave deeper, hoping that somehow if it is deep enough, we can climb out.

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Has the greatest adventure is democracy in which we pledged to be the world's best hope for peace and universal stability, descended to this? Every day the straightjacket we designed grows tighter, and with the present Administration things are only getting worse. I believe America is better than that. Far better.

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# **Ask the Doctor**

Q: A couple of years ago, during flu season, I went to the **Emergency** Department and waited six hours before seeing a doctor. Why are the wait times in the Emergency Department so long?

A: This year's cold and flu season has been even more busy than past seasons, and emergency departments across the nation are struggling to keep their doors open for business. Fortunately Foothill Presbyterian Hospital doesn't get as crazy as seen in the program "Code Black" on CBS, but it's important to know what we are doing to make your visit, regardless of the time of year, as seamless as possible. Last year, the emergency departments of Citrus Valley Health Partners (Queen of the Valley Hospital, Inter-Community Hospital and Foothill Presbyterian) underwent a contract change, and are now run by the emergency physicians of CEPAmerica. With this change in provider groups, the hospital has approved more than 30 new emergency doctors on to hospital staff. These include many of the best and brightest physicians from the local area, as well as many of the same excellent emergency doctors that have faithfully served at Foothill for decades. The common perception is that there are not enough doctors to see the patients, but this is not true. The Emergency Department is staffed by a minimum of one board-certified emergency physician and at peak times has either a physician and two Advanced Practice Providers (APP) or two physicians and one APP. Longer waits during most busy times are more often due to a lack of space because all emergency department beds are full. During these periods at Foothill Presbyterian, the physician may actually see patients in a specially designed area to start the diagnostic workup before a bed is available. This new culture of seeing patients as quickly as possible incorporates a process called RME (trademark). This is a Rapid Medical Evaluation by an emergency provider, such as myself or an APP, where we evaluate a patient from triage and then order all testing needed. We also have a new faster triage process



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using an Emergency Severity Index (EIS) system, so if 10 people show up at once, the triage nurse quickly can assess everyone that presents to the emergency department within 10 to 20 minutes, ensuring the sickest people are seen first. Using the

sions process with alert level protocols. Depending on the alert level, available resources and personnel are used to safely and immediately move admitted patients from the emergency department to the main hospital. This frees up all available rooms and uses the hospital to maximum efficiency.

The overall effect of all of these processes is that when a patient walks into the emergency department they are seen quickly and the fears that their loved ones are getting sicker while waiting to see the doctor

rotated in the emergency room. While the experience level of the APPs range from seasoned decades long providers to fresh from training, you should know that they are well trained to handle all urgent care health problems and also many emergency situations. From the perspective of a patient, it is important to know you have the right to ask to speak with the supervising doctor if any problem in your care arises. I am happy to come and see any of my APP's patients. We work as a team, and they often present cases to me to ensure that every patient receives the best care. Sometimes if a patient is too sick, they will have me take over care. The most important thing for patients to realize is that the APP is always supervised by a board-certified emergency physician who is literally 10 meters away in the main Emergency Department. Our AP's are some of the best around, and I am sure you will be satisfied with their care!

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Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Medical Staff takes the problem of dangerous overcrowding very seriously and has been working to streamline the admis-

are eliminated.

#### Q: I was seen last year by a doctor, but came to find out they were not a doctor, they were an APP. What does this mean?

A: The term Advance Practice Providers (APPs) includes Physician Assistants (PAs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) who work under the license of the emergency doctor working at the same time you are in the emergency department. All AP's are required to introduce themselves as APPs, and should not be confused for the doctor. During my residency I trained with and also helped to train APPs while they

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# **TIME JOCKEY'' - Mission Center**

#### By Joe Castillo

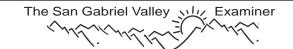
Still Standing .... The Mission San Gabriel de Arcangel has been the center of history for the San Gabriel Valley since the Spanish arrived in California in 1769 to build a string of missions throughout Alta California. For over 100 years the business of the Mission dominated life in the San Gabriel Valley. It was the center of agriculture, trade, farming, cattle, services, politics and religion. Its domination covered the shores of Santa Monica to the San Gabriel Mountains to San Bernardino and south to present day Orange County.

The beginnings of the Mission San Gabriel were as challenging as the new lands and people it was about to encounter. The Mission was the fourth of the Missions to be built in Alta California and in 1771 its original location was selected by Father Junipero Serra and his fellow Franciscan padres. Three sites were selected for the Mission with the first being inland along the Santa Ana River. But the Franciscans sought a better site and chose one closer to a river which was known for its constant shaking otherwise known as earthquakes. The Spanish gave the river the name of Rio de Nombre de Jesus de los Tremblores, the River of the Name of Jesus of the Earthquakes, but today it is known as the Rio Hondo or the Wild River. The site was in today's Whittier Narrows which had an abundance of water, resources, food and indigenous people to provide for a potentially excellent location. But the Rio Hondo kept changing direction and flooded the crops which were being grown and the first Mission structure sites. The constant flooding caused the adobe walls to crumble and soon the padres began to consider moving to a higher and better location. Five miles north a better site was identified and it became the third and final site for the Mission San Gabriel. The year was 1776, and

the site was in the heart of the Indian village Shibagna, which provided the much needed labor for the Mission construction and its surrounding lands.

It took a number of years to construct the Mission but by 1805, the Mission was finally completed. But the San Gabriel Valley has always been known for its unpredictable earthquakes and in 1806 a severe quake struck the Mission. It was so strong that the bell tower located at the northeast corner of the Mission collapsed and other extensive structure damage was done. It took another 22 years to complete repairs including a new bell tower structure which was built as a separate addition to the Mission building itself. It was a rough start for the Mission San Gabriel but after 246 years the San Gabriel Arcangel is the oldest structure in the San Gabriel Valley.....

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# **Brief Tax Plan Observations**

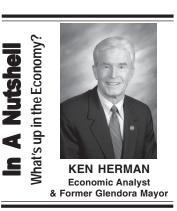
Trump's tax plan is specific on tax rates but light on details. Congress will be required to work those out. As the WSJ reports, Trump's suggested corporate rate would be 15%, but the plan does not specify whether the interest deduction will be eliminated or depreciation accelerated. The top personal tax rate might be 35%, and we don't know what will happen to personal tax exemptions beyond the state, local and property tax exemptions, which will be eliminated. If you live in a high tax state you may have already lost those exemptions due to AMT (which Trump wants eliminated).

One huge unanswered question involves the feasibility of such a large difference between personal and business income tax rates. Because corporate and pass through entity income would be taxed at a much lower rate than personal income, business owners could reduce their taxes by slashing their pay and taking profits instead. The IRS thinks behavior like this would be challenged. But what about all the sole proprietors and professional athletes who will want to incorporate to take advantage of so much lower corporate tax rates?

Can Trump's suggested tax cuts, with huge differences between personal and business rates, work in America? Why should the wealthiest entities and individuals benefit from almost all of Trump's proposed tax reductions? Why should the Estate tax, which impacts only couples worth over \$11 Million, be eliminated? Trump's proposal sounds great for the wealthy, but would not benefit average American's nearly as much.

Other fears range from sensible - lower tax collections will increase the deficit, for instance - to nonsensical, such as warnings against tax cuts because people might increase their savings. The Fed appears to believe the more people save and the less they spend the better!

Warning about the deficit is reasonable, however, and will be echoed by fiscal conservatives on both sides of the aisle. Explosive growth in entitlement spending has been ballooning the deficit anyway. Cutting taxes may make



one way to approach the problem. Congress could reform spending along with taxes, for instance.

Finally, like the Affordable Care Act, tax reform is too complicated to accurately predict its budget impact. There will be estimates and numbers that will be tossed around as if they are hard and fast, but in the end, a tax rate low enough to end some incentive for inversions and offshoring hopefully would result in a lower percentage collected on a lot more dollars. The corporate tax cuts could end up making money, as it did in Ireland and Germany, where corporate tax rates are 14% and 16%, respectively. The CBO and OMB are very unlikely to see it that way, however.

#### **THE FRENCH ELECTION**

European markets reacted positively after Emmanuel Macron, France's former-Socialist independent candidate finished first in last Sunday's preliminary Presidential vote. Marine Le Pen, the Euroskeptic National Front candidate finished second, beating scandal-plagued, somewhat mainstream Republican Francois Fillon and Communist euroskeptic Jean-Luc Melenchon. The other mainstream candidate, Socialist Benoit Hamon, finished in a distant fifth place.

A couple of months ago, the prospect of Le Pen in a runoff gave investors chills. But that was before they woke up to the possibility it could be a runoff against Melenchon, which would have been a choice between leaving Europe to the Right or leaving it to the Left. Now, there is at least a chance for France remaining in the euro.

Le Pen is courting the 19.6% who voted for Melenchon, telling them she too is a champion of working men and women, c o m m e n t s : while the 19.9% who voted for kenherman46@hotmail.com

Fillon are not as easily allocated. Fillon endorsed Macron, but many of those who chose to vote for Fillon's doomed candidacy did so because they could not pull the lever for Macron. The Sunday vote is seen as a repudiation of Nationalism. Now that it is a two-way race, however, it may not look that way when the next set of polls are published. The present tension in the EU

is simply an outgrowth of the Eurozone crisis from 2011, which was never really resolved. These tensions, catalyzed by Brexit, stem from the fact that there are divergent fiscal policies clashing with a common monetary policy. This is further exacerbated by a populist backlash, which partially is the result of sub-par economic performance.

It will not be easy for France to leave the EU even if Madame Le Pen becomes the French President as there are French parliamentary elections a month later. The French political establishment is largely pro-EU. France could have an anti-EU presidential candidate leading in the polls, but that candidate probably could not get a parliamentary majority to affect a Frexit. Still, there are elections in Germany in September and the Brexit negotiations are unlikely to be amicable, so the EU story is unfolding on several fronts.

Voters in developed country democracies are slowly trending further out on both sides of the political spectrum. In America, it was Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump; however, it is important not to equate "extreme" candidates across borders. Melenchon wore a Mao jacket on the campaign trail and wants to introduce a 100% tax on income above \$425,000. Not exactly a platform that you will hear in the US. With that said, if current trends remain in place, it seems to be a matter of time before an extremist party is elected to head a major EU nation. The chances that country is France in 2017 are low. Heard that recently?

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

The price of houses in my area has been going up over the last couple of years. I got my mortgage loan about eight years ago. Since prices are up, it makes sense that my house is worth more now, right? Is now a good time to refinance? My 30-year loan is down to 22 years. Can I get a new, 22-year loan?

Now is a good time to refinance. And, yes, some lenders a 22-year loan.

I'm ready to move my money. You've talked about safe investments; some with a bonus. Do you have any of those to offer now?

Yes. Of course, a high priority is determining which safe investment, with or without a bonus, is suitable for you. As always, these investment products include guarantees against the loss of principal and credited interest, and the reassurance of a death benefit for beneficiaries. Some carry the benefit of guaranteed lifetime income. These guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.

In the simplest way, please explain how inflation can hurt the value of the dollar?

Let's just say that inflation hits an estimated average rate of just 8-percent. A loaf of bread would double in price every 9 years. Now let's say that inflation hits double-digits like it did in the 1970's. At 18-percent, a loaf of bread would double in price every 4 years. Here's the formula for what is called the Rule of 72: 72 divided by \_\_\_\_ (percentage rate) equals the number of years



Julia Yoder

it takes to double. (For investments, you can use this to calculate how long, at a specific interest rate, it'll take to double your money.)

My husband puts the maximum amount allowed into a qualified plan with pre-tax dollars so that it grows tax-deferred. I'm thinking that we'd get a better tax advantage in the long run by paying the taxes now and being able to take our investment money in retirement with minimal taxes. Who's right?

If the money he's putting into a qualified plan is being matched by his employer at a high percentage, it's probably a good idea to put as much there as allowable. Review your allocation of funds. Many folks lost up to half of their retirement savings when the stock market took a dive in the early 2000's, when the dot-com's crashed. We are still recovering from the Great Recession. Some employee retirement plans allow you to take some money out, once a year, and transfer it to another IRA. Some of these IRA products offer a specific percent bonus credited immediately, ac-

companied with tax-deferred growth. Another option would be to put some post-tax money into an insurance product that grows a cash value, has funds that are accessible while the insured is alive, and which is tax-advantaged for you and your beneficiaries.

I'm a retired teacher, collecting my pension. My husband is also retired, collecting Social Security. If he dies, I will not get any of his Social Security. This will greatly impact the budget. Can you help me plan ahead for this possibility?

It might come as a surprise to readers of this column to find out that teachers, and others with a 403-b retirement savings plan, are not entitled to their spouse's Social Security benefits, but it's true. It will take some saving and safe investing now to plan ahead for the possibility of a drop in household income. There will be other options to consider, too, like downsizing your housing, or getting a reverse mortgage when the time comes.

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# Housing Rights Center To Host Free Workshop On Rent Increases, Evictions, **Discrimination, Foreclosure And More!**

Housing Rights Center (HRC), and the City of Baldwin Park, will be hosting a FREE 'Housing Rights Workshop' for Baldwin Park residents and community members on Monday, May 22 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Esther Snyder Community Center at 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park, CA 91706. HRC will present information and resources regarding housing discrimination and landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.

BALDWIN PARK - The dren, disability rights, sexual harassment, evictions, repairs, security deposits, rent increases, substandard conditions, and much more!

> Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the "Fair Housing Act," provides protection from discrimination in all housing related transactions based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status and disability. Furthermore, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act provides additional protections against hous-

ing discrimination based on marital status, ancestry, sexual orientation, and source of income. The California Unruh Civil Rights Act also provides protection from housing discrimination based on age and protects the right to freedom from violence and intimidation in housing.

For more information, or to RSVP for this FREE workshop, please call Francis Ramos at (800) 477-5977 extension #1102. TTY users please call (213) 201-0867. This location is handicap accessible.

# Miles Driven Update

Here is an interesting study of how many miles Americans are driving each year. The most interesting is the ages of those driving. This has changed a great deal over the last few years.

What is the average number of miles driven per year? According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration it is 13,476. Nearly 70 percent of states recorded an increase in vehicle miles traveled. It may be due to lower gas prices. Here are some interesting statistics:

• The average male driver puts in 16,550 miles a year -63 percent more than the average for women which is 10,142.

drivers' licenses has dipped significantly since the 1980s from 46 percent to 24 percent - for drivers aged 16.

• Motorists over age 65 are driving more miles and keeping their licenses longer.

• Drivers over 85 comprise the fastest growing age group -- and the trend is projected to continue.

Here are how many miles people drive per year by age group!

- Age 16 to 19 7,624
- Age 20 to 34 15,098
- Age 35 to 45 15,291
- Age 55 to 64 11,972
- Over age 65 7,646

Middle-aged drivers log the most miles. Senior motorists as a group have been increasingly driving more since 1990 and

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reminders of ways you can

help throughout the year. Learn

more about the pests of con-

cern in your area by visiting

www.HungryPests.com.

When it comes to protecting

this trend is expected to continue. Drivers over 85 comprise the fastest growing sector of motorists.

The FHWA show:

• Drivers over 50 years old reached almost 93.5 million an increase of 22 percent since 2003 - resulting in 44 percent of total licensed drivers.

• Drivers over 85 years old remain the fastest growing demographic group, nearly doubling from 1.76 million in 1998 to 3.48 million - the secondhighest amount ever recorded.

• Drivers age 60 and older represented almost 26 percent of all licensed drivers, up from 20 percent in 2004.

Teens are driving significantly less and fewer are getting licenses. The number of licensed teen drivers is at its lowest ever, and drivers age 16 are down significantly, according to the FHWA. Of the 8.5 million teen drivers with a license in 2014, just about 1 million were age 16.

However many miles you are driving, keep your car in good shape by getting it serviced regularly. One thing hasn't changed; the better shape your vehicle is in, the more it saves you money on fuel and maintenance.

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**Protect Our Environment Year-Round - Here's How** 

Invasive pests threaten to destroy the forests and crops that beautify our lives and put food on our tables. Fortunately, no matter the season, you can take simple steps to help stop the spread of these damaging, nonnative insects and other species.

The USDA has identified 19 destructive "Hungry Pests," the invasive species that people are most likely to spread accidentally. While Hungry Pests often arrive through commercial trade, members of the public can unknowingly spread them once they are here. But by learning a few simple actions, you help to protect so much that we value. In fact, you could decide to take just two

actions each season of the year and make a huge difference!

#### Spring

As you come out to enjoy the warming days, invasive pests are also becoming more active. April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month and a good time to learn the signs of these pests and how you can help stop their spread. When buying plants, buy from dealers-including those online or "pop-up" vendors-who follow USDA regulations to ensure plants are free of invasive pests. If you live in the northeast part of the country, look for gypsy moth egg masses on patio furniture and other outdoor items. Carefully

remove and dunk them in warm, soapy water.

#### Summer

Planning to travel this summer? Bring back happy memories but leave plants and produce-and the Hungry Pests that may be infesting thembehind. If traveling in the United States, be sure to wash trailers, campers and even bikes that you have kept outdoors, before taking them elsewhere. Also, clean camping gear free of dirt that may hide pests. In August, Tree Check Month, protect your trees from invasive, tree-killing beetles. Look for dime-sized, round holes in your trees. They could be signs of the invasive Asian

longhorned beetle. If you see any holes, report them to local agricultural officials.

Fall

Enjoy campfires and roasting s'mores in the crisp, cool weather. But remember: If you move firewood to another area, you may also move invasive pests on or inside the wood. So buy or responsibly gather firewood near the place you plan to burn it. If you bring in the harvest from your garden, but you live in an area known to have invasive pests, please keep your homegrown plants and produce at home.

#### Winter

Take your mind off the cold (NAPSI)

The San Gabriel Valley Straminer

Topics will include: discrimination against families with chil-• The number of teens with

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# **Around the Valley & Senior News**

#### **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 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 Senior Dances for Adults 50 years +!

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department - Senior Services Division offers a live band dance on the first, third, and fifth Monday of each month. May dances are scheduled on the 1st (Rhythm Kings), and the 15th (Elkjon Combo) from 1:30-3:30pm. Tickets are sold at the door for \$3 per person and include light refreshments. Dances are located at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive.

For specifics on future dance dates, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto the City of Arcadia Web-

#### site at www.arcadiaCa.gov. 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.

#### **Blood Pressure** Checks

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

#### DUARTE **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, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30-9:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

#### **Glendora** After **Stroke Center**

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers 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. 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 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 HS PTSA **Car Show May 6**

Drive into the 4th annual San Dimas High School PTSA Car Show, Saturday, May 6 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Food, vendors, community booths, live entertainment, DJ, K-5th grade bicycle decorating contest and parade, and e-waste event. For more information and sponsorship opportunities go to SanDimasHigh.com. Proceeds benefit: scholarships, teacher and department grants, positive behavior intervention program and school gift.

#### **WEST COVINA Go West Shuttle** Service

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

• For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and 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.

#### **America's Christian Credit Union** Mt. SAC to Host Health leads Golf Tournament for Shepherd's **Professions Conference**

WALNUT - More than 1,000 students are expected as Mt. San Antonio College hosts the 11th Annual Health Professions Conference complete with a MASH-style military field hospital on Friday, May **5**, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at various locations on campus. Sponsored by the Mt. SAC Caduceus Club, the Health Professions Conference is geared toward students interested in careers in the health and medical fields.

The conference will feature workshops, interactive demonstrations, focus groups, an education fair, and displays, including an entire military field hospital that will be set up on campus care of the U.S. Navy. Representatives from major medical research centers such as UC Irvine, UCLA, and USC will be on hand, and a wide range of health professions will

be covered, including surgery, dentistry, pharmacy, neurology, pediatric medicine, occupational therapy, and veterinary medicine. Hands-on demonstrations will showcase suturing and casting workshops. In all, over 150 speakers and exhibitors will participate.

The conference keynote speaker will be Dr. Judy Melinek, a forensic pathologist in Alameda County and author of the book "Working Stiff," which recounts her experience in New York as a medical examiner dealing with the victims of 9/11.

The Mt. SAC Caduceus Club is a student club that promotes careers in the health and medical fields.

Tickets for the conference are \$40 and advanced registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, visit http://www.mtsacpremed.org.

#### Pantry and Christian World Outreach

GLENDORA - The third annual Charity Golf Tournament for Shepherd's Pantry and Christian World Outreach is scheduled to tee off on Friday, May 19 at San Dimas Golf Course. "We are privileged to have the support of Mendell Thompson, President/ CEO of America's Christian Credit Union as the lead Event Sponsor this year", stated Craig Cerro, Director of Shepherd's Pantry. "His support demonstrates their commitment to help those in need both locally and across the globe", he shared.

"Those sponsoring and golfing at this event appreciate the diversity of the two organizations partnering to help those in need. With so many individual fund raising events around town, both groups felt that combining their efforts help those companies and friends in the community feel that their support is going furthest. Some funds stay local helping those in need, and others reach across the world to support

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"Older Americans Month" and, to celebrate, the Community Services Department will host the 8th Annual Health & Wellness Fair on Thursday, May 11 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The fair will take place in the Padillo Room of the Adult Recreation Center, 324 S. Mission Drive.

Participants can gather free information on health and wellness services available throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Services available on the day of

SAN GABRIEL - May is the event include blood pressure checks, glucose testing and hearing screenings.

**Annual Health & Wellness** 

**Fair For Older Adults** 

There is also the opportunity to have lunch at San Gabriel's older adult lunch program. The suggested donation for lunch is \$3 and participants will need to RSVP no later than May 4. Must be 60 years and older to receive a lunch.

To RSVP and to reserve a lunch, contact Recreation Supervisor James Lara at 626.308.2875 or jlara@sgch.org.

the educational needs of those in other continents" stated Michael Jeter, CFO at Christian World Outreach.

Christian World Outreach (CWO) is helping people in developing countries to improve their quality of life by reaching out to those who are shunned, forgotten, or marginalized by society. CWO is currently serving in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Zambia and Zimbabwe through medical clinics, vocational schools, feeding programs and leadership development programs. They strive to make a difference one life at a time.

The Shepherd's Pantry serves the East San Gabriel Valley by provide emergency food, clothing, resource assistance and educational programs to families in need during times of crisis. The Pantry aims to provide the necessary tools and resources to help clients become self-sufficient. They offer hope and a helping hand to those in need. The Shepherd's Pantry is located at 657 E. Arrow Highway in Glendora.

100% of the proceeds from the Charity Golf Tournament will be split between the two organizatons. For more information on the Golf Tournament, visit their website at www.shepherdspantry.com or call them at (626) 852-7630.

#### **Social Dance**

San Gabriel Valley Social Group will sponsor a dance, from 7:30 to 11:30pm Friday, May 12 at the West Covina Elks Lodge; 84 W. Merced Ave. Admission cost \$12. For more information call (626) 332-9530.



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# **Doors of Hope**

#### By Rachel Melikian

AZUSA - The unveiling of Khachkar, inscribed by UNESCO as intangible cultural heritage, revealed at Azusa Pacific University, Sat. April 22, by the Armenian Student Association, dedicating in remembrance of the Armenian Genocide 1.5 million martyrs.

Khachkar (cross-stone), a delicate crochetedcross engraved on rock with many intrinsic motifs, is unique to the Armenian culture and is a national treasure.

"In 301 AD, Armenia became the first country to establish Christianity as a national religion. Khachkars are used to consecrate new churches, holy ground, mark historical sites, and serve as tombstones," is engraved on the stele of this dedicated Khachkar.

"The Armenian Student Association dedicates this place to remember and learn from the genocide perpetrated against the Armenian people."

A Divine liturgical hymn was sang, Der Voghormia (God have mercy on us), which is a divine prayer for God to grant peace on this earth.

"Khachkar: ... sacrifice of Christ... symbol of Christianity. [Armenians] our Faith has been tested over and over again," said Reverend Joe Matossian. Yet Armenians have survived despite all odds and have stayed strong in their faith.

"When I arrived here [USA] in 1961 I attended Azusa College as an International student. We were three Armenians. One was born here ... "- Matossian said.

Now in 2017, the number of Armenian students at APU has been multiplied by 10, additionally APU erected a memorial stele in memory of our sanctified martyrs, while the movie theaters are featuring the film The Promise.

"But the truth must be told; justice must be pursued." said Matossian.

The Promise takes place during the Armenian Genocide that captures its tragedy. Oscar Isaac, Charlotte Le Bon and Christian Bale are starring in the film, which is produced by the "father of the mega resort" late billionaire, legendary mogul, Kirk Kerkorian.

Five books were mentioned: Murder of a Nation by Arnold Toynbee, Love Beyond Measure published by the grandmother of the APU President Dr. Wallace, Gohar Songbook, The Armenian Genocide News Account from the American Press: 1915-1922 by Richard D. Kloian, and United States



Khachkar dedicated at Azusa Pacific University. Official Records on The Armenian Genocide: 1915-1917 compiled by Are Sarafian. The later three were donated to APU.

The song Cilicia was sang too: As the doors of hope open, I yearn to see my Cilicia. We lost Armenia's Cilicia to the perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide. It was in Cilicia that Armenia's last kingdom, the Rubinides Dynasty, was established. And the precursor of April 24, 1915 genocide happened in Adana, Cilicia in 1909, known as the Adana Massacres.

Yes, we, Armenians, yearn to see both our Cilicia and Greater Wilsonian Armenia, when justice opens the doors of hope for truth to be told, when President Woodrow Wilson's legacy is enforced, and when justice is served.

# **Raining Hope Brings New Life**



# Six Students to Represent San Gabriel **Unified in State History Day Contest**



Del Mar High School will send six students to the National History Day-California contest after strong performances at the county-level competition. Del Mar students received top scores for the research paper and individual and group performances they presented, which provided perspectives on the 1968 East L.A. school walkouts.

**SAN GABRIEL** – Six Del

Mar High School continuation students will represent San Gabriel Unified School District in National History Day-California, a state competition that challenges students to examine history through extensive original research and creatively express their findings before a panel of historians and educators.

Del Mar students Christina Calderon, Michelle Vega, Sergio Landeros, Jio Blanco, Ciara Robledo and Kenneth French will compete in the state contest on May 6 and 7 at William Jessup University in Northern California.

History Day events challenge elementary-through high-school students to create individual and group research projects related to the 2016-17 theme, "Taking a Stand in History." Projects are submitted as performances, research papers, websites, exhibits or documentary films.

Del Mar students qualified for the state competition after being named finalists at the History Day L.A. contest on March 25 at Azusa Pacific University. Del Mar High was the only continuation school to compete.

"This competition gives us the

the grindstone and produce amazing results." Del Mar Principal Lon Sellers said. "This is a very taxing program, but the students who participate realize that they can achieve great heights if they are willing to put in the hard work and challenge themselves."

Sellers also said students are encouraged by the improvement upon last year's results, when Del Mar sent three students to the state competition; school leaders expect participation to increase further next year.

"We commend our Del Mar

High students for taking on the challenges of History Day L.A. and congratulate them on their positive results," SGUSD Superintendent John Pappalardo said. "The hard work these students demonstrated in this competition will lay a strong foundation for personal, academic and professional success in the future."

Winners from the state contest will advance to represent California at the National History Day competition, to be held in June at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Del Mar High School students Sergio Landeros and Jio Blanco took first place in the senior group performance category at History Day L.A. on March 25. Landeros and Blanco wrote and performed a passionate retelling of the 1968 East L.A. school walkouts.

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Pastor Doug Spriggs from Grace Fellowship, Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis Secretary, Evdie Miskel, Executive Director, Raining Hope and Stafford Barker, Duarte Kiwanis member.

unique organization planted in family by maintaining the comthe city of Jinja, Uganda. Their vision is to have a "deep" impact on a few young people. Executive Director, Eydie Miskel shared their current plans which include raising 27 children and young adults in a family environment. The vision is to create a

**DUARTE** - Raining Hope is a generation of leaders from this munity until the young adults are educated and ready to launch into their own careers. Their young adults are moving into college age with visions of becoming doctors, lawyers and broadcasters. Since the purpose of Kiwanis International is "to change the

world one child and one community at a time", this was a perfect match for the Duarte Kiwanis Club. They were honored to provide a donation to Eydie.

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

confidence as a continuation school and as students to take on anything," said Landeros, who took first in the senior group performance category with Blanco. "It's encouraging to know we can do well in a competition that many other schools are afraid of because it requires so much work."

Del Mar High students presented two group performances, one solo performance, one documentary film and one research paper, all of which presented different perspectives on the 1968 East L.A. school walkouts.

"National History Day encourages students who may have never received academic recognition before to put their nose to

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# **Glendora High School Jazz Band presents** - Jazz Under the Stars, Benefit Concert



GLENDORA - "Are you in search of a fun, relaxing evening filled with treats to pick at, a beautiful outdoor setting, and of course quality Jazz music? Come and join us at Glenkirk Church, located: 1700 Palopinto Av, Glendora, CA 91741, on Friday May 5, from 7 to 9 PM.

Every year, Our Glendora High School Jazz Band hosts a benefit concert/silent auction, known as "Jazz Under the Stars". Our very own high school students perform a wide arrangement of different genres of jazz, such as swing, funk, Latin, Blues and smooth ballads. While enjoying marvelous jazz melodies you as a member of the audience have the opportunity to set bids on a multitude of items set up for auctioning (i.e. dinner gift certificates, tickets to entertainment events, valuable collectible items, signature items with coordinated Scottish Royal Stewart plaid, accessories for men and women, home decoration and even a large high end BBQ grill).

Partake in tasting an array of various pastries and delicacies,

or even just simply sitting back enjoying the performance.

This event is an annual fundraiser for the Glendora High School Band Boosters. Tickets at the door \$15.00 each. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, you can contact Jazz Band parents: Stella Mora on (562) 500-6521, or Kristin Hagemeyer on (626) 419-7975, or Cathy Woodington on (626) 862-7457; you can also purchase tickets online by going to glendoraband.ludustickets.com"

# **Glendora Kiwaniannes Charter Night Dinner**



Distinguished Kiwaniannes: Mary Jane Bettfreund, president of the Glendora Kiwaniannes, and Doris Blum, 2016 Distinguished Kiwanianne Recipient, present this year's award for meritorious service to Janna Wells and Pam Richards for their efforts to establish a new fund raiser for the Kiwanianne Club. The two researched, organized and facilitated two Designer Bag Bingo events that raised significant funds for the club for student scholarships and other resources for children in the community. With them is past Lt. Governor of Division 35 and club member, Debbie Deal.

The Glendora Kiwaniannes marked the occasion of their 33rd year of serving the community at a Charter Night dinner held in Glendora on April 19. The nonprofit service club, affiliated with Kiwanis International, was founded in 1984 on April fool's Day to enable women to effectively carry out the objectives of Kiwanis, and to organize community service projects, programs and services. Nearly 50 local women are

members of the Glendora

Kiwanis Club of Glendora

Kiwaniannes and the club meets

tended the event and were hon- tary school teacher from the ored for their leadership were: Marlene McCormick, Cathy Napoli, Penni Reilley, Jo Cox, Debbie Deal, Tricia Gomer, Pat Rasmussen, Kandy Nunn, Becky Harris, Mary Jane Bettfreund and Janna Wells.

Glendora Unified School District, and 39-year resident of Glendora, was installed as a new member of the club that evening.

For more information about the Glendora Kiwaniannes, go to their website at www.glendorakiwaniannes.org.

Janet Dial, a retired elemen-

# Monterey Park Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

**MONTEREY PARK** - The Monterey Park Cinco de Mayo Committee will be conducting its 35th annual celebration of Mexican culture on Sunday, May 7, from 1-5 p.m. at the Barnes Park Amphitheater at 350 South McPherrin Avenue, Monterey Park.

As always, the event is free to the public. The community celebration will feature authentic Mexican food, a raffle, and performances by outstanding mariachi musicians, folklorico dancers, and special performances.

Entertainment Schedule 1:00 p.m. - Ballet Folklorico dignitaries.



Esperanza. 2:00 p.m. - Introduction of

It's All About Children's Health

2:15 p.m. - Lupita Infante. 3:10 p.m. - Grupo La Ilusion.

3:30 p.m. - Dance contest with prizes for the winners.

4:00 p.m. - Money hat raffle.

4:15 p.m. - Mariachi Relampago.

The committee invites you to bring your family, friends and neighbors to this unforgettable "Magic of Mexico: An afternoon of Mexican Culture" event. For more information on the event, visit the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov or contact the recreation department at 626-307-1388.

#### twice monthly. Each year the club sponsors two fund raising projects, the annual Community Tea in the spring, and Designer Bag Bingo in the fall. Proceeds are used to fund scholarships for local students, grants to teachers to bring the arts into the classroom, and to provide support to two local student service Key Clubs. The group also sponsors

a week-long Leadership Academy for fifth and sixth grade students. They have trained 130 students to date.

During the 33rd Anniversary celebration dinner, attended by nearly 50 people, charter members and past presidents were honored as well as the Distinguished Kiwaniannes. This year, Pam Richards and Janna Wells were presented with the Distinguished Kiwanianne Award for their work planning, organizing and initiating the Designer Bag

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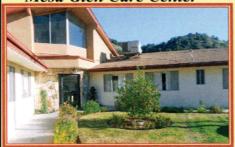
Three Charter Members, Cathy Napoli, Ida Fracasse, and Maureen McCormick, were honored for helping to found the club in 1984. Past presidents who at-



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