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Azusa Golden Days "Cruising Through Golden Days"

By Jorge V. Rosales



The parade itself started promptly at 10:00 a.m. after the evaluation of all bands at 9:00 a.m. north on Angelino Avenue at 6th Street. The new route took place mainly along San Gabriel Avenue south of Foothill Boulevard to Second Avenue west, to Angelino North to Memorial Park. The Bands and the rest of the parade participants merged together in their assigned order at the intersection of Angelino Avenue and eastbound Foothill Boulevard.

Foothill west of Angelino Av-

Azusa Golden Days is a weeklong celebration comprised of events sponsored by a variety of civic and business organizations. Annually it starts on the first Saturday in October and ends the second Sunday in October. This year it started on Satur-



Current and Past Azusa Golden Days Honored Citizens are celebrated annually with a lunch at the Azusa Woman's Club, this year catered by California Grill Express of Azusa.

day, October 7, the Azusa Woman's Club with their dinner/ dance, "Dancing Through The Decades."

Since its inception in 1949, this weeklong celebration has been designed to promote the organizations in the community and bring everybody together to celebrate Azusa. A good example was on Sunday, October 8 with the Azusa Golden Days 2K/5K Run/ Walk, which this year was preceded by the new Fun Bike Ride and it had a slightly modified starting at Palm Drive just north of Foothill Blvd. and ran through the Rosedale community, wherein over 300 participants

were on hand, including children under 12 and adults.

On Mondays, there are usually no Golden Days events because of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Since there was no meeting scheduled for October 9, the Golden Days committee was introduced at the October 2 City Council meeting, and the Grand Marshal, cycling legend Nelson Vails was introduced; the Civic Grand Marshall, a 36+ year City employee Joe Jacobs; and Honored Citizens Anne Moritz and Art Ramirez.

On Tuesday October 10 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., the Azusa Chamber of Commerce's Taste of the Town-"Cruising Through Cuisines" event was held at the California National Guard Armory. It featured 26 restaurants, 4 wineries, 3 breweries, a tequila importer and water donation by SGV Municipal Water District. There were live and silent auctions, raffles and door prizes.

On Wednesday, October 11, there was the 4th Annual Senior Golden days Picnic in the Park held at Veterans Freedom Park adjacent to the Gazebo behind City Hall. The lunch, provided by Chick-Fil -A of Azusa and activities were free to those 60 years and older. Music and entertainment was provided by "2 For The Show" and a photo booth rental which all seniors loved as pictures were instantaneously delivered to them with provided fun

outfits. The Annual Honored Citizens Luncheon to honor this year's Grand Marshall Vails, Civic Grand Marshall Jacobs and the two Honored Citizens, Moritz and Ramirez, was held on Thursday, October 12. The celebration is also highlighted with the attendance of past years honorees. That same evening, the Helping Hand of Azusa hosted its popular Bingo Night at Memorial Park's have joined the Azusa-Zacatecas sister city organization, and later were entertained with the music of DJ Andrew Rodas. That same evening, the weekend long Carnival started at Memorial Park with the entertainment highlight of "Balance" musical group.

by highlighting young adults who

Golden Days culmination, the Parade, took place on Saturday morning following the Azusa Elks Pancake Breakfast. The parade started on Angelino Avenue and Foothill Boulevard heading east and continued south along San Gabriel Avenue to Second Street, turning right to return to Angelino Avenue to end at Memorial Park where a luncheon for special guests, honorees, and Golden Days Executive took place before the Post Parade Awards Ceremony.

The carnival continued until Sunday, October 15 from 2:00-10:00 pm. On Saturday evening "Abbey Road" band (Beatles Tribute) performed on Saturday night. Closing musical entertainment on Sunday is Mariachi Camino Real.



North Recreation Center which

also included raffles and refresh-

A Dinner and Dance Reception

was hosted by the Azusa Sister

City Committee on Friday, Oc-

tober 13. Special guest was

Mariachi Camino Real which per-

formed during dinner and after a

brief ceremony addressing Sis-

ter City's 51 years of existence

An Azusa man who has devoted more than two decades his life to caring for foster children, many of them terminally ill participated in Azusa Golden Days 2K/5K run/walk. Mohamed Bzeek has helped over the years. Bzeek has taken in approximately 80 foster children over the past two decades, about half of them were terminally ill. Bzeek is currently looking after a bedridden 7-year-old girl who is blind, deaf, paralyzed and suffers daily seizures and who also participated in the race.



The Azusa Chamber of Commerce Golden Days Taste of the Town held at the Azusa National Guard Armory gathered nearly thirty restaurants, including Azusa's new Catering and Event Planning business, "Joy-Full Servings"

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Glendora Community Coordinating Council Presents October Awardees

GLENDORA - Kamron King was born and raised in Glendora and has the gift of giving of self and making those around him feel encouraged and special. As the owner and personal trainer of King's Fitness in Glendora since 1995 Kamron is always inspiring his clients with his professional and compassionate demeanor, helping them reach their full potential of fitness and weight loss. He carries this compassion and heart outside of the gym with his acts of service especially to the youth of Glendora. Kamron has assisted in developing weight lifting programs for Glendora High School, Covina High School, Charter Oak High School, San Dimas High School and Damien High School. He has coached over 10 soccer teams, 15 baseball teams, three All-Star baseball teams, district 20 champions, 8-10 youth basketball teams and All-Star basketball teams. Kamron is also a board member of the Glendora American Little League and a member of the Glendora Library Friend's Foundation. He has written fitness articles for the Glendora Community News and has supported local high school sports, the band and cheerleading. He also supports Glendora High School's special needs students by allowing them to use his gym. Kamron volunteers in his children's classrooms and loves to be a chaperone on their field trips. He is truly a volunteer at heart. It is with great honor that we recognize and honor Kamron with Glendora Community Coordinating Council's

October Humanitarian Award. Got News? Let us know at SGExaminer@aol.com



Gene Morrill, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President presents Kamron King with October's Humanitarian Award.



Peyton Alonso receiving the Tim Crowther Youth Recognition Award for October from Glendora Community Coordinating Council President Gene Morrill and Donna Crowther.

Peyton Alonso is a senior at Glendora High School. He has always worked hard in school, in our community and sports. In school Peyton established himself as a student teachers wanted to have in their classroom. He always challenged himself, worked hard to meet high standards and was an exemplary role model for his peers. Peyton has been active in the community volunteering for the Assistance League of Covina Valley and participates in cancer research fundraisers. He supports his neighbors who are in need and assists students with tutoring. Peyton also successfully competes in the athletic arena as well. He has been an active soccer player, on the

GHS baseball team and currently the captain on the GHS water polo team. Peyton is an individual who is self-motivated, organized and is keenly proficient at maintaining a healthy balance in life. We are very honored to recognize Peyton Alonso with October's Tim Crowther Youth Recognition Award.

The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank the Glendora Chamber of Commerce for being our meeting sponsor.

TOPS Group Celebrates 59 Years



(Back row) Becky Jones, Janet Reinhold, Beverly Robinett, John Scarsi, Maria Caballero, Joyce McDowell, Susan Muhlethaler (Front) Michelle Segovia, Nora Leonhardt, Sandy Winterer, Pat Scarsi, and Bobbie Snover.

WEST COVINA - The West Covina TOPS Group (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) celebrated 59 years on September 8, 2017. The local weight loss group was the 38th to form in 1958 and met in

Baldwin Park for many years before moving to the West Covina Senior Center on Cortez. Currently, the 22 members of this club come from area communities of West Covina, Azusa,

Covina, Charter Oak, La Puente, El Monte, Glendora, and Walnut. They meet at 6:00 p.m. Thursdays. For more info, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or ehernandez57@aol.com

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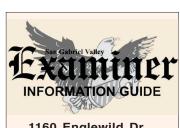


Homeless Outreach Teams Fan Out Across Los Angeles County

Calling it "Measure H at work," Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas announced that "street engagement teams" are fanning out across Los Angeles County to have face-to-face interactions with people experiencing homelessness, and to help them access housing, healthcare, and other supportive services.

"All over the County of Los Angeles, you'll find us working, doing what we need to do, lifting people up and restoring them to their full purpose and capacity," Board Chairman Ridley-Thomas said at a news conference near where one of the teams was preparing to reach out to a homeless encampment near the 110 freeway in South LA.

Measure H, a voter-approved quarter-cent sales tax, will enable the County to create more street engagement teams as well as fund other efforts to help the homeless population, currently estimated at 58,000. The County began collecting the sales tax on October 1st and is working with



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - nonprofit organizations such as outreach. I just want to thank the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOP-ICS) to build those teams.

> "This is one of the most innovative and impactful strategies within LA County's Homeless Initiative because it really allows us time to build rapport and trust with people on the street in order to encourage them to be willing to accept the services and resources that are offered," HOP-ICS Division Director Veronica Lewis said. "It provides a robust mix of quality-of-life resources and specialized services on site – right on the street – such as medical care, mental health treatment, addiction support."

Los Angeles City Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson said the homeless outreach teams' mission is to "meet our homeless brothers and sisters where they are, geographically, socially, emotionally and medically." The County's Health Agency Director, Dr. Mitch Katz, added, "We're so proud to be partners with so many great agencies, and we look forward to the great success that's going to occur now with the passage of Measure H."

Monica Potts said she is no longer living on the streets, thanks to HOPICS. "What they offered me was clothing, housing, shelter, food, hygiene and HOPICS for striving and never giving up. I'm currently housed since June 2017 - God bless

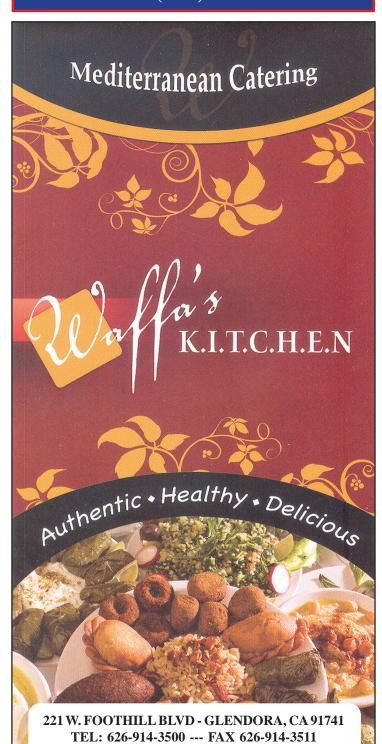
Immediately following the press conference, street outreach teams walked a few blocks to a homeless encampment and got to work. At least one person accepted their offer of shelter and other supportive services.

The County piloted street engagement teams in Skid Row back in January 2016, with each team consisting of a nurse, a substance use counselor, a mental health clinician, a social worker or outreach worker, and a person who has experienced homelessness. Together, they moved almost 300 people into permanent supportive housing, placed 600 people in interim housing, and matched 400 people to intensive

Encouraged by that success, the Board expanded the program countywide starting last spring. From May through September, street engagement teams have connected more than 1,000 people to services and are in the process of helping almost 400 people find permanent housing. To date, they have placed 363 people in interim housing, and helped 24 people move into housing with home-based services.



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Take Back Our Communit

By Lois M. Shade

Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer and City Manager Chris Jeffers talked to the Republican Koffee Klatchers group last Saturday about the League of California Cities Coalition, "Take Back Our Community", to reform the California criminal justice system and improve public safety. Cities and law enforcement agencies are climbing on board in this major effort to tackle the crime problem in California.

Boyer and Jeffers brought information to give background and details on this effort and the unfortunate circumstances this state once again finds itself in today.

The very determined dynamic duo told them... In 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled California would have to reduce overcrowding in the state prison system to 137.5% of prison design capacity (down from 180%) which meant reducing prison population by 34,000 inmates. In response, California made the decision to redesign the criminal justice system rather than build new prisons or find creative ways to relocate and house those 34,000 inmates.

AB 109, signed by Gov. Brown, transferred responsibility and supervision of 45,000 convicted felons from state prison to county jails. Once prisoners, housed in the prison system, were released they were supervised by state Parole Agents and if they sent back to prison for a year. Now, housed in county jails, once released are supervised by county probation and violations result in 10 days back to county jail. This procedure has now become known as "flash incarceration."

Prop 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, was passed by the voters on November 4, 2014. It reduced sentences and downgraded penalties and crimes from felonies to misdemeanors, including drug possession and thefts under \$960. That reduced the state's prison population by another 13,000 inmates and saved the state about \$150 million that year.

Before Prop 47, theft over \$400 was a felony; and now theft over \$950 is a felony. Theft from a business was a felony and now theft from a business under \$950 is a misdemeanor. And, drugs some drug possession for personal use before Prop 47 was a felony; and now, drug possession for personal use is a misdemean-

Prop. 57 allowed for parole consideration for nonviolent felons, changed policies on juvenile prosecution and allowed "credits" for rehabilitation, good behavior and education. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation does the review and implementation of this amendment to the system and was estimated to save tens of millions of dollars each year. That allows for the early

violated their parole they were release for up to 30,000 convicted felons in state prison.

Prop 57 categorized non-violent felonies as:

- Human trafficking involving
 - a minor • Hate crimes
 - Arson of forest land causing physical injury
 - Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer
 - Active participation in a
- street gang • Exploding destructive devise
- with intent to cause injury • First degree burglary
- Domestic violence
- Battery with Serious Bodily
- Inflicting corporal injury on a child
- Rape / sodomy / oral copulation of an unconscious person

or by use of date rap drugs. All considered non-violent felonies if you can believe that! And, as of July 2017, 800 inmates were recommended for

early release to L.A. County. Mayor Boyer also presented a form letter he and the other Coalition members are requesting all citizens, who believe reform is needed, to sign and send to the Governor. If your service club or organization wants to become informed and active in a very worthwhile cause, contact Mayor Boyer or the Glendora City Manager's office and they will be most happy to provide you this strikingly horrifying informa-

Celebrate Autumn On Horseback With LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger At Barger's Trail Blazers Ride Event

CASTAIC – Welcome in the fall season with a horseback ride during Barger's Trail Blazers ride on Sunday, Nov. 12, led by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Rec-

This trail ride will take place at Castaic Lake Staging Area, 32132 Castaic Lake Dr., Castaic and Supervisor Barger, who represents the Fifth District, will host the event beginning with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m., to be followed by the trail ride at 9 a.m.

Non-riders are welcome, and riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Only service animals are welcome, and no stallions are allowed, which will be strictly enforced. Horse rentals are avail-

The ride will last approximately 3.5 hours and includes rest

stops and refreshment breaks. It will be traveled in single file through a combination of rolling hills, as well as minimally steep and sloping hills. The ride will end with a barbeque lunch and great live country-western mu-

The purpose of Barger's Trail Blazers ride is to promote public awareness about Los Angeles County's magnificent system of more than 200 miles of multiuse trails, which feature connections to other municipal trail systems, and provides outdoor enthusiasts with a full range of recreational opportunities.

Tickets cost \$30 each, which does not include horse rental. To rent a horse, please contact Lee Graham at (760) 245-7695, or via email: info@grahambroslivestock.com. For ticket reservations and event information, please call (661) 257-4050, or make an online reservation at http://reservations.lacounty.gov/ reservations/product.asp.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, Nov. 10. Reservation forms may also be downloaded by visiting www.parks.lacounty.gov and should be mailed, along with payment, to Supervisor Barger's Trail Ride, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, 32132 Castaic Lake Dr., Castaic, CA 91384.

The event is co-sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Barger and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Bonelli Mounted Assistance Unit, the Whittier Narrows Mounted Assistance Unit, ETI Corral 21 and ETI Corral 77, Walnut Creek Mounted Assistance Unit and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Mounted Unit.

Los Angeles County Assessor Prang Releases 2017 Annual Report

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang released the 2017 Annual Report. This report reflects strong economic growth and a record setting increase in the assessed value of all taxable real property and business personal property in the County of Los Angeles. The report includes an updated ranking of the County's 88 cities, including the highest valued cities and those with the highest percentage change from the prior year.

"The 2017 Annual Report helps the public easily access information about the Office of the Assessor, including how property values in each area of the County changed during the last

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year," said Assessor Jeffrey Prang. "The diligent work of Assessor staff serves as the foundation of the property tax system which generates over \$13.5 billion in revenues relied upon by the 35 departments of the County, 88 cities, 81 school districts, and numerous special districts."

The 2017 Assessment Roll provides a comprehensive view of the strength of the Los Angeles County real estate market. It reveals that in the last year, every city in Los Angeles County recorded an increase in assessed valuation compared to 2016. "I am pleased to report that the 6.04% increase in assessed property values in Los Angeles County represents the seventh consecutive year of growth," Assessor Prang stated. The net assessed value, (excluding nonprofit, homeowners', and disabled veterans exemptions, and other State exemptions) is \$1.416 trillion, \$80.6 billion greater than in 2016.

The top five highest valued cities for 2017 are the City of Los Angeles, with an assessed valuation of \$568 billion (6.6% increase), Long Beach (\$54.0 billion, 5.0% increase), Santa Monica (\$34.4 billion, 3.8% increase), Beverly Hills (\$31.9 billion, 9.1% increase), and Santa Clarita (\$30.7 billion, 7.1% increase).

The top three fastest growing cities in the County in 2017 were El Segundo at 11.6% growth, Hawaiian Gardens at 10.9%, and Avalon at 9.3%. The growth is attributed to a strong real estate market and increasing demand for new multi-family residential properties.

The Annual Report provides information to the public, including the role of the Assessor's Office in the property tax system, tax savings for property owners, and important calendar dates. The Report also contains an update on progress with modernizing technology systems to enhance efficiency and better serve the public and the recent international accreditation of the Assessors' Office as the first and only assessment agency in the State of California to be awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration from the International Assessing Officers Association (IAAO).

Rep. McClintock Forewarns: Reform Cloture

Two weeks after the 2016 election, I spoke on the House floor and warned that the greatest single obstacle to meeting the expectations of the American people was the cloture rule in the Senate. I said: "Voters elected Republican majorities in both houses of Congress and they expect action. They'll get it from the President and from the House. But in order for the Senate to rise to this occasion, it must reform its cloture rule when it organizes in January." It didn't.

Congressman Tom McClintock (R-CD-4)

McClintock explained cloture in the Senate is a motion to conclude debate of an issue or pending legislation unless a significant minority want to continue debate.

Somehow that parliamentary rule has gotten lost, and McClintock says, "Today, any Senator can block virtually any bill simply by filing a protest at the desk, and until 60 of the 100 Senators agree to take up the bill, it cannot be heard."

Cong. McClintock goes on to point out, "Ironically, a motion originally designed to protect debate has degenerated into a motion that very effectively prevents debate ... hands practical control of the Senate to the Democratic minority, which can effectively veto any proposal by the majority, essentially reversing the result of the election."

The Senate for one brief moment in time recognized the situation and reformed the cloture for Supreme Court nominations. One has to ask why didn't they proceed to reform cloture for the Senate to be able to pass legislation important to the conservative voters who put a Republican businessman into the White House, Donald Trump, and gave him and those who supported his agenda, a majority to the House and Senate?

Cong. McClintock goes on to recognize President Trump gave in to Democrats, led by Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), on the



Shade's Perspective Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora debt limit simply because of the failure to reform cloture.

I've often wondered at Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) and his actions on the health care debacle up to now. I think I'm beginning to understand what McCain was all about, coming out of brain cancer surgery and back to the Senate floor for that vote on health care. I found some of his comments ...

"... Let's return to regular order. We've been spinning our wheels on too many important issues because we keep trying to find a way to win without help from across the aisle. That's an approach that's been employed by both sides, [referring to Republicans and Democrats] mandating legislation from the top down, without any support from the other side, with all the parliamentary maneuvers that requires."

"We're getting nothing done. All we've really done this year is confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Our healthcare insurance system is a mess. We all know it, those who support Obamacare and those who oppose it ... All we've managed to do is make more popular a policy that wasn't very popular when we started trying to get rid of it ... I voted for the motion to proceed to allow debate to continue and amendments to be offered ..." said McCain.

And, we know that attempt at repealing or even amending Obamacare failed. Was it because the Senate kept stumbling over cloture led by Democrat Sen. Schumer? Is January a second chance for the Senate Republicans and for us conservatives who support real health care reform and affordability without additional subsidies that push the cost up for some or government deeper into debt? Our leadership has told us Obamacare will eventually implode. Shouldn't we be addressing and fixing that before it happens?

Sen. McCain went on to say: "The Obama administration and congressional Democrats shouldn't have forced through Congress, without any opposition support, a social and economic change as massive as Obamacare." Forced through without even reading the bill as we all now know when so many got up to talk about Obamacare, why they were supporting it and couldn't communicate with any specifics or common sense.

McCain reinforced his position on "playing by the rules" saying, "And we shouldn't do the same with ours [Republicans health insurance reform package]. Why don't we try the old way of legislating in the Senate, the way our rules and customs encourage us to act ... [and] return to regular order."

Cong. Tom McClintock said September 7th on the House Floor, "I ask that henceforth, the House leadership stop covering for the Senate Republicans, and move all the legislation we promised the American people to the Senate through regular order. It is time we left the management of the Senate to the Senate, stopped enabling their atrocious judgment on not reforming cloture and made very clear to the American public why the reforms they entrusted us to enact aren't being sent to the President."

We have tax reform, a re-visit on health care, Korea and Iran ... Senate Republicans need to be a part of those issues not sitting on the sidelines watching themselves be shut down and out of the game by Democrats who should be reminded in no uncertain terms, they lost the election.

What To Do With An Unruly Child

Theirs was a great political party. It had given the nation a countless number of its brightest most effective civic leaders. But all that came to a halt with the arrival of an individual I will call "child X." From the beginning it was clear that this lad was different. It was not just his independence, it was also his overriding need for affirmation. All children probably believe that they are the center of the world, but with child X any person, word or action that did not boost his ego and importance he took to be an

enemy, and he fought back. Beyond his ego needs there was a smoldering hostility that became a roaring fire at the slightest indication that something or someone had gotten in his way. This destructive bent was true not only with enemies but also with his those who appeared to be his closest friends. He, therefore, had or kept close very few people he trusted-and even them, not for long.

By the time he was in the 8th grade his behavior had flared into a dangerous threatening growl. At one point he had taken red paint and drawn a distinctive border between his family's property and his next door neighbors'. To it he had attached an explanatory note which told the neighbors to keep their children out of "his" yard. It seems that at some previous time a toddler had crossed the then unmarked boundary and dismantled the beginning of a stick fort



Charles H. Bayer

child X was building. At that time he had scribbled a crude warning, threatening a massive assault on anyone violating his space or otherwise getting in his way. At one point he had poured lighter fluid on an invading cat, and cheered as it ran away, fur in flames. There followed a long series of acts warning the world to keep away. This antisocial, dangerous behavior was not acknowledged or mentioned by his parents, at least not in public.

Picking a fight with potential enemies did not exhaust child X's-now a grown up Mr. X's-hostility, which was being inflicted on friend and foe alike, including members of his own party. As he grew to adulthood these assaults and self-serving lucrative deals were produced even to the detriment of the respected uncles, aunts and cousins who had previously lauded him as the one chosen to make the party great again, and who had gotten into the very deep pockets of some very

fat cats, all on his behalf.

What do you suppose was this ficticous family's reaction to these continuing unruly episodes? Note the escalation.

First:

"Why he's our darling, and even if he says things that are out of the norm, that's just part of what makes him precious. People are hungry for something fresh, having for decades endured the foul odor that has come from Washington."

Then:

"We've asked him to stick to the script, but tigers hate to be confined, so we'll just have to grin, bear it, and cover for him if he gets too angry; "

Then:

"Boys will be boys, and many other boys, particularly those who think they have been left out, have shouted their approval."

Then: this response began to come from an increasing number, first outside the party and then from inside it.

"He is dangerous, and somebody must rein him in." '

Finally-(at least we can hope:)

"Before America is in shambles, or we get sucked into a nuclear war, he must be impeached! and we, who stand for what is left of our party, must bring it about!

If I'm dreaming, don't bother to wake me up.

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"Time Jockey" - Diamond Anniversary

California Gold Rush.

By Joe Castillo

Time Jockey Recollections... Oh, how time flies! It was the summer of 2007, my life was about to change and I was looking at starting all over in doing something I really want to do. I knew the publisher/editor of the San Gabriel Valley Times, Dana Baskin, and I shared with him an idea of writing about San Gabriel Valley history and including my articles in his weekly newspaper based in Temple City. He agreed but was leery as he thought that his more senior customers would not be able to stay awake and read a long column. I assured him that my plan was to write shorter articles, moving from one topic to another, much like a jockey does as he rides a different race horse each race. Well, over 400 articles and 200,000 words later I've written about all sorts of Southern California, California, U.S. and international history. I've researched interesting stories and stories not so interesting, stories that contradicted other stories, and stories that brought a new insight to a topic that I thought I knew the whole story already. I interviewed people, visited sites, researched topics and spent more time in museums than I ever dreamed possible, even becoming the president of one local museum.

My personal library grew and grew and grew until I finally had to narrow my collection to primarily Southern California historical titles and World War II material. My interest in history continued to escalate especially after joining the Native Sons of the Golden West and its Historical Preservation Foundation. The topic attracted me and the more I learned about it, the more I wanted to write it and share it with the readers of this and other community newspapers. The topics I've written about the most include the history of the City of San Gabriel including the Mission, Santa Anita Racetrack, the Gabrieleno/Kizh Band of Mission Indians, General George S. Patton Jr. and Southern California early pioneers. I've written about Washington D.C.; Vancouver; Orlando, Florida; Maine; and the

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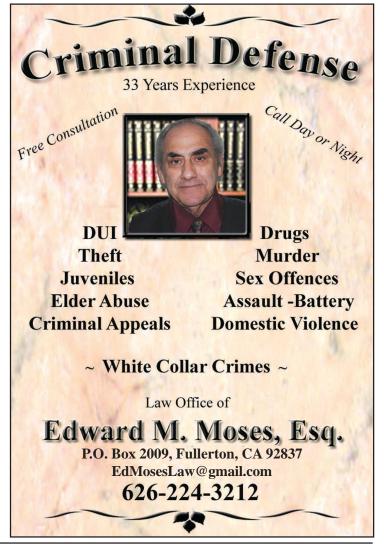
For each place I traveled, I

found something historical to bring back and share in my articles. Yes, it has kept me very busy but it has also brought me a new perspective of the area we live and the history all around us. I've enjoyed researching and writing each of my stories, I've learned something new with each new article, but there are two articles which probably standout more than any other. One was about Kathy Fiscus, a young 3-year old who fell into an abandoned well in San Marino and the gallant but unsuccessful effort to save her; and other as about Jesus Castro, an 8-year old who became the first publicized child abuse victim who sued the County of Los Angeles for failing to protect him and won. Kathy's and Jesus' story were emotionally draining but I felt their stories needed to

It's been a wonderful 10 years of historical articles and three published books of reprinted columns. I closed my first ever column in 2007 with the words 'hope you enjoy the column' and I'm hopeful you've enjoyed reading my stories as much as I've enjoyed researching and writing about Southern California history. It's been a grand ride though the significant events, people and places of the past and hopefully it has provided us all with a greater appreciation of the place we call home......

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Citrus College Selected to Compete for Prestigious Aspen Prize for **Community College Excellence**

GLENDORA - Citrus College is among the top 150 United States community colleges invited to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The prize, awarded every two years by the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, is America's premier recognition of achievement and performance by the nation's community colleges. This is the third consecutive invitation to compete that Citrus College has received.

"Each time Citrus College has learned that it is eligible to compete for the Aspen Prize, it has served as a source of pride for the college community and validated our commitment to increasing college completion rates," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/ president of Citrus College. "It is a distinct privilege for the college to once again be recognized by the Aspen Institute.

We look forward to sharing with the organization the innovative educational opportunities we provide our students to enrich their lives and help them achieve their academic goals."

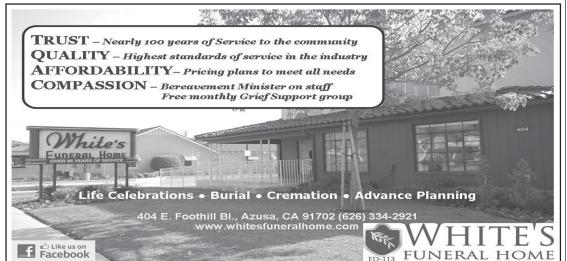
Citrus College was selected from a national pool of more than 1,000 public two?year colleges based on an assessment of its achievement in four areas: learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings; and high levels of access and success for minority and low?income stu-

Only 16 of California's 114 community colleges received an invitation to compete. Citrus College will advance to the next round of the competition by submitting an application that will be reviewed through a rigorous evaluation. The ten finalists for the Aspen Prize will be named in May 2018.

"Through this competition,

we hope to inspire other institutions across our country to ensure that more students succeed in college and in their lives beyond those campuses," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program.

"Being invited to participate in the most prestigious community college competition in the United States is a tremendous honor," said Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "The faculty, staff and students of Citrus College have overwhelmingly embraced the institutional commitment to student success - a fact that is reflected in recognitions as this. Together, the college community will continue its efforts to increase the number of students who achieve academic success and reach their educational and professional goals."



The San Gabriel Valley

The Tax Plan

A Group of Six consisting of the President's National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, and House Ways & Means Chairman Kevin Brady worked on a potential tax overhaul for months. A purely Trump tax plan would have the slimmest of chances of passage. By collaborating with Congress, passage enjoys higher odds. McConnell, Ryan, Hatch and Brady are thoroughly familiar with legislative priorities of both parties.

This approach marked a significant departure from tradition. Presidents usually draw up legislative proposals in the White House before submitting them to Congress, sometimes in outline form and sometimes loaded with specifics. This proposal, in contrast, lacks so much detail it is not clear how much revenue it will raise or how progressive it will be. Kevin Brady says the Group of Six has agreed on all the essential details, but will not reveal them until Congress agrees on the rest of the budget.

Can it pass? If elimination of the state and local tax deduction, known as SALT, is critical to the plan (because it adds \$1.3 trillion in revenue over 10 years) it may fail. SALT has already emerged as the most controversial proposal. NY Governor Cuomo said it would be devastating to NY State, which stands to lose the most. New York, New Jersey and California account for a third of SALT deductions, according to the Center for a Responsible Federal Budget. Schumer warned, "Eliminating state and local deductibility is a dagger aimed at the heart of middle-class folks throughout New York State."

Taxpayers in high tax states would be hurt, but elimination of the alternative minimum tax could soften the blow. The upper-middle class, the lower 90% of the top 10%, may be hardest hit. They were also hardest hit by Obama's tax increases.

On paper, this might not sink the bill. Republicans have a 47eat House majority. However, from the SALT deduction most likely would not support elimi-

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Assessor Jeffrey Prang has re-

leased new, web-based resourc-

es for realtors and other real es-

tate professionals. The new "Real

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on the Assessor's website

(assessor.lacounty.gov/real-es-

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tures information intended to

educate these professionals on

the property assessment system

and to inform clients of the op-

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ing property in the County of Los

The website includes public





Economic Analyst & Former Glendora Mayor

nating those deductions (even though some people in some of these states could come out ahead anyway thanks to offsetting cuts elsewhere).

If tax reform is to pass any time soon it should have the potential to equitably benefit middle and high income Americans! Tax reform which reduces top individual rates from 39.5% to 35% would be a modest start to benefiting many Americans. This same rate decease being applicable to "pass-through entities" also would provide shareholders in those closely held entities the same tax relief afforded all individual workers (which would seem to be fair). However, there is little justification for creating a new 25% rate for just "passthrough" entities! To be fair to all (for profit entities) not taxed as large corporations, the spread between the much lower proposed 20% corporate rate and other top tax rates should be less than 15%. However, as explained below, the top tax rate for pass through entities should remain the same as other individual rates (as it has been).

Pass through entity shareholders elect to be taxed at individual rates because it avoids double taxation applicable to regular corporations! Pass through entities can distribute all of their profits in cash to its shareholders each year with no capital gain or dividend taxation! Any profit which continues to be retained within a pass through entity (from year to year) will never generate additional income tax for those owners, regardless of when applicable distributions are received by them.

If the proposed 20% "c" corporation rate (for businesses subject to double taxation on dividends or on sale of stock gains) becomes law, the "pass-through" fifty-two Republicans represent entity may incorporate to elect districts benefiting the most that form of "c" corporation taxation. Most "pass through" enti-

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grandchildren without being re-

assessed, and information about

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ties might prefer to keep a 35% maximum federal income tax rate and not be subject to income taxes on distributions from profit (up to their tax paid basis in the

However, reducing America's corporate federal income tax rate to between 20% and 25% makes a lot of sense and should be the top priority in tax reform (for many reasons). Very aggressive global competition (for capital and jobs) combined with the USA currently having one of the highest corporate tax rates in the world has caused many domestic corporations to transfer jobs, investing and even headquarters to lower tax countries! America will continue to lose key manufacturing jobs and capabilities until we offer a competitive tax rate for large corporations!

Repeal of the Estate Tax should not even be considered at this time (also for many reasons). Only about 1% of the wealthiest families would significantly benefit from any Estate Tax reduction. Balancing the federal budget will be difficult even without losing Estate Tax revenue. Politically tax cuts for the very rich would be extremely unpopular, so any budget available for Estate Tax reductions would be better used to reduce the top individual and pass-through entity rates from 35% to some lower number. How about a 22% Corporate Tax Rate and 33% Top Rate for all other Income Taxes?

Bottom line: The President's tax proposal is likely to fail.

This tax plan has a slight chance of passage, but that does not mean it can pass. If it does, it might even result in 3% GDP growth in 2018. If House and Senate leadership start negotiating, lobbyists may consume the process. Leadership wants a clean bill, but if they must claw to get votes, they may sacrifice principles to get them. In the meantime, significant details are missing. There will be income redistribution, but from whom and to whom are unknown at this stage. It is safe to say that any tax reform would likely leave some people unhappy.

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of the Assessor can be a valuable

resource to better educate these

professionals, who are also great

message carriers for the pro-

grams and services we provide,"

he continued. "Creating a stron-

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Much of the information now

Your Money - Ask Julia

I pay \$2,400 a month rent, plus utilities. Would I be better off buying a house?

With first-time buyer incentives and low mortgage rates, renters can more easily buy now. It is a myth that you need a 20percent down payment; there are loans requiring 1-percent, 3-percent, 5-percent, etc. down payments. Of course, with less than a 20-percent downpayment, you'll have monthly mortgage insurance, and various other qualifying requirements. Besides the down payment, you need to save for closing costs and moving expenses, and some extra to ensure you can make your first few months' payments. Download "Your Home Loan Toolkit" at: h t t p : / files.consumerfinance.gov/f/ 201503_cfpb_your-home-loan-

toolkit-web.pdf Will there be an increase in Social Security benefits for

2018? The latest news I've read is that a 2-percent increase in Social Security benefits is planned for 2018. That could mean an increase of up to about \$25 per month. Part B premiums could rise for some. Meanwhile, the prices of food, health care costs (increases in Medicare premiums, dental, vision), and taxes/ fees keep rising.

I'm a teacher, in my late 30's, and a single mom of a 6 year old. I want to save for my child's college education, and I need to save more for retirement. I have \$200 a month I can save, but I'm concerned about the two summer months I don't work. What can I do?

Assuming you're in good enough health, I'd recommend a life insurance policy that can build cash value. This policy



Julia Yoder

could provide life insurance coverage for both you and your child, while accumulating college savings for your child, and savings for your retirement income.

We can calculate how much extra you'd need to pay each month for 10 months per year in order to skip paying during the two months you don't work.

I went to my bank and told them I want to move the funds from my old 401k to a CD. They said I can't. Is this true? It's my money! I just want it to be safe so it's there when I need it.

The money in your 401k is considered "qualified" - funds went into that account before you paid taxes on it, and any growth was tax-deferred. When you take money from a qualified account, you must pay taxes on every penny (plus a 10% penalty if you are younger than 59 ½). A CD is non-qualified since you already paid taxes on the money before you put it into that CD, and you pay taxes every year on the growth. You do have other options that would allow you to move those funds, not have to pay taxes (and penalties) now, with guarantees that your money would be safe from losses. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the company.)

Am I allowed to just stop con-

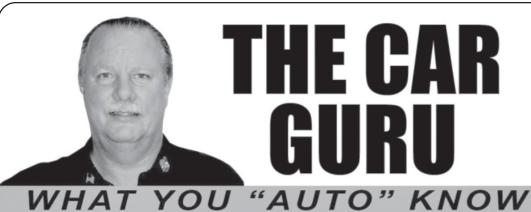
tributing to my 401k? What else is there for retirement savings?

Contributing to a 401k is optional. When you take money out of your 401k during your retirement years, you will be required to pay taxes. You will be required to start taking money out when you reach 70½ years of age. You do have choices. Instead of contributing to your 401k, you could pay your taxes as you earn the money. Then, take some of that money and invest it into an IRA (Individual Retirement Account). (Check with your CPA about the tax deduction in your specific case.) Although you will still be required to take income payments when you reach 70 ½ years of age, you will only have to pay taxes on the earnings your investment dollars have accumulated over the years. Or, you could invest into a Roth IRA, never be required to take income payments, and pay no further taxes on earnings. Another choice would be to invest in a fixed-indexed universal life insurance policy which could provide not only life insurance benefits, but also living benefits like retire-

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By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Do I Have To Use A Dealer To **Keep My Warranty In Effect?**

When a customer buys a new car, they are always concerned that if they keep coming to my shop for routine maintenance and repair it will void the warranty! I always tell them to relax because the FTC (Federal Trade Commission), the nation's consumer protection agency, says NO! It is illegal for a dealership to even suggest that they might deny your warranty coverage because your routine maintenance and repair is done by an independent repair shop!

Oil changes, fluid exchanges, tire rotations, brake pads, belt and hose replacements and other services are considered "routine" maintenance and are essential to keep your car running well for years to come. A complete list of these services can be found in your owner's manual.

Customers also are concerned that the use of aftermarket parts may void their warranty. This will not void your warranty and you can even use recycled parts and your warranty will still be good! The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act states emphatically that it is illegal for a manufacturer or dealership to void your warranty because you chose to use an aftermarket or recycled part.

The only time a dealership or manufacturer can deny you coverage is if the following occurs: -A part was improperly in-

stalled and caused damage -If the aftermarket or recycled

part was defective and caused other parts to be damaged

Keep in mind that if these two things should occur the dealership or manufacturer must demonstrate or prove that this did, in fact, cause damage.

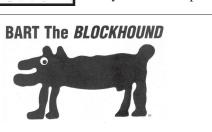
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Needed

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.

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

<u> ARCADIA</u> **Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting**

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invites you to our October 19 Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing all aspects of orchids. Refreshments. Join us, as we understand orchids and the joy they bring!

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.

Fall 2017 Registration for Adults 50 years +!

Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department -Senior Services Division is offering fall classes for adults (50 years of age and older). The course offerings include oil painting, yoga, strength training, line dancing, tai chi, zumba gold and aerobics. Registration is now open on-line, for walk-in, fax-in or mail-in. Courses are offered at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive.

For specifics on class dates, times and locations, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto at www.arcadiaCa.gov.

BALDWIN PARK Halloween Breakfast

GLENDORA - The Glendora

Genealogy Group will hold its

monthly meeting on Tuesday,

Celebration

Join the Julia McNeill Senior Center this Halloween for a breakfast celebration on Tuesday, October 31 from 9:00 am -11:30 am. The event will include best costume contest, best table decoration, and best Monster Mash dance. Tickets are \$3.

McNeill Fitness

Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/ walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am - 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia Mc-Neill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

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DUARTE Duarte Museum Sets Docent Training

Session

Historian Steve Baker will conduct a docent training session at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 4. If you are a docent or are thinking about volunteering, the session will take you on an in depth walk through the museum with information on all of the exhibits. Docents serve once every other month and may choose Wednesday or Saturday duty New docents will always serve with a seasoned docent. For more information, call Sheri Uhlig at (626) 298-6784.

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 \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington

Glendora Genealogy Monthly Meeting

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

Ukulele Christmas Carol Workshop

Ukulele Christmas Carol Workshop starts October 10, from 7:00pm - 8:30PM. Workshop is free and runs for six weeks. You can join anytime.

Workshop will be held at First Baptist Church, 505 N Grand Ave., Rm. 106, in Glendora.

A Ukulele is required. If you need to purchase one, the cost is about \$40.00. Contact Jerry Burgan at jerry@jerryburgan.com or call 626-513-1997 to register or for more information

Laugh Because You Can

In this class Barbara Stevens will help students snort and giggle while exploring the simple truth about laughter and why it transcends the borders of geography and lifestyles. Humor obliges us to have an open mind and compels empathy and forgiveness; so join us as we laugh at the absurdities of life. Pre-Register at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora or by calling 626-914-0560. \$8.00 is payable to the instructor for printed materials. Classes on Mondays, October 16 -November 6, from 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each **month** from 6:30-8:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For info, more glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Cars 4 the Community

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

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

Introduction To Computers And Internet Learning

Never touched a computer before?! You did, but felt confused? It's never too late to learn! Explore the basic skills to enrich your knowledge and understand the terminologies and access the online world through the Internet. Our hands-on practice can accelerate students to master computer learning while making it easy and fun. . Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$120 Tuesdays, September 26- October 31, 11:15am to 12:00pm

MONROVIA 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 knit-

All Souls' Eve Concert

MONROVIA—The San Gabriel Valley Choral Company will present All Souls' Eve, a concert honoring the souls of those dear to us who have departed, on Saturday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Monrovia, 122 S. California Ave.

The concert will include selections from Moz Requiem, Moerten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna and other works of remembrance old and new.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children under 12. They may be ordered online at sgvccsingers.org or via check payable to SGVCC and mailed to SGVCC, PO Box 2225, Monrovia CA 91017.

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 Com-

ting, crocheting and hand work or

Senior Stretch & **Exercise Class**

munity Center.

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

SAN DIMAS

E-Waste Fundraiser

PTSA E-Waste Fundraiser at San Dimas High School. Tuesday, **November 7** from 1:30-4:30 PM and Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. in student parking lot. Proceeds benefit: teacher and department grants, student scholarships, busing for student college fair, and the positive behavior intervention program. Early pick up or drop offs can be arranged. Address: 800 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas. Phone: 909-971-8230. Website: SanDimasHigh.com, PTSA

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The San Dimas chapter of

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and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555. **WEST COVINA**

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets every Thursday at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: ehernandez57@aol.com

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

- 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 In-

dependence Day. Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center has 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 Co 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.

Veterans Wanted!!!

SAN DIMAS - Are you a Veteran? If so, San Dimas HEROES (Helping Establish A Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) wants you! If you are currently residing in San Dimas or have lived in San Dimas for at least one year, have an Honorable Discharge and your DD214, then you're eligible to have your name engraved on our permanent granite wall at Freedom Park. Names will be added to the wall on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.

A special ceremony will be held to honor those whose names were added on that day. The cost to have your name engraved is \$50.00. The cost for WWII veterans will be waived.

Freedom Park is located on the corner of San Dimas Ave and Commercial St. in San Dimas.

Applications are available at San Dimas City Hall, at www.SanDimasHEROES.org or by phone at 909-677-9557.

2017 Heritage Foundation Pumpkin Patch & Car Show in La Verne

The 1-1/2 acre orange grove and ranch rural atmosphere makes the non-profit La Verne information or reservations to

LA VERNE - Heritage Foundation Harvest Pumpkin Patch & Car Show a wonderful place to pick out your pumpkin for the fall. Many activities will be on hand, including tractor pulled rides, a petting farm with many farm animals, and of course pumpkins of every size. This is the 28th year for the Harvest Pumpkin Patch, which offers great family quality time and some of the best picture-taking settings around. You also can take in a little history of what it was like living on a farm during La Verne's citrus days.

The Pumpkin Patch is open to the public Saturday, October 7th through Monday, October 30th at Heritage Park in La Verne; weekends from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and weekdays from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. It's located in Heritage Park in La Verne at 5001 Via De Mansion; off the 210 Freeway, north on Wheeler Avenue, past Baseline. School tours are offered beginning weekdays, October 10th through October 30th. If your school is interested in participating, please call (909) 293-9005 or email us at admin@laverneheritage.org for

Additionally, don't miss out on

the 15th Annual Pumpkin Patch Car Show on Saturday, October 28th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Classic cars, hot rods, muscle cars, trucks and more will be on display for all to view. The RCR band will perform, along with food and festivities to enjoy. If you are interested in showing your classic car or vehicle and for more information, please visit the La Verne Heritage Foundation website at www.laverneheritage.org or call (909) 293-9005.

October 24 in the Elm Room of the La Fetra Senior Center, 333

East Foothill Blvd. Glendora. There will be a refresher course led by Pat Chavarria from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Her topic will be "Genealogical Historical Societies and Museums". This will be followed by our business meeting at 7:00PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Gregory Beckman, His topic will be "The Case of the Wrong Headstone".

Greg will talk about the journey

of the three Beckmann brothers

who emigrated from the Grand Duchy of Sachsen Weimar-Elsenach to the United States circa 1860. Greg discovered that one of the Beckmann brothers served in the Confederate States of America Army during the Civil War, but was buried by Union forces under a headstone with the incorrect surname and regiment. This led Greg to contact the National Cemetery Administration and request that his ancestor's headstone at Camp Chase Cemetery in Ohio be corrected. Newspapers in three states have written of his experiences. But you'll get the whole story here!

Greg C. Beckman teaches social science at El Dorado High School. He practiced law in Southern California (1994-2000). In 2014 Greg became interested in his family genealogy when his Uncle Wally encouraged and inspired him to discover the Beckmann family origins. Greg's family search has taken him to Ohio, Texas, Mississippi, and Tennessee, as well as having led him to the discovery of countless family documents. Any questions about our group

or the meeting please call Pat Chavarria at 909-592-4030.

Citrus College Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Renovated Hayden Hall Building

GLENDORA - The renovation of Hayden Hall, Citrus College's oldest and most historic structure, was recently celebrated with an official ribboncutting ceremony.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, dignitaries, civic leaders and members of the Citrus College community attended the grand re-opening of Hayden Hall, which was built in 1935. Officials from the city of Glendora and the Glendora Chamber of Commerce joined representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Judy Chu, U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano, California State Senator Anthony Portantino California Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio in giving the college proclamations to commemorate the special occasion.

Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine M. Perri thanked those individuals who have made important contributions to the restoration project. She also praised the vision, dedication and leadership of the college's board of trustees and members of the community, including education partners and local, state and federal representatives.

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Mrs. Susan M. Keith, Ms. Yachi Rivas, Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Mrs. Joanne Montgomery and Dr. Edward C. Ortell.

"Ribbon cuttings, along with commencement, our academic achievement awards and our scholarship reception, provide us all with the opportunity to come together to celebrate institutional growth and student achievement," Dr. Perri said. "As it has in decades past, this warm and welcoming building will continue to

serve as a gathering place for academic discourse for many decades to come. We anticipate it will become a hub for creativity and innovation by all college constituencies."

The \$2.3 million modernization project began in August 2016 and was partially funded by Mea-

sure G, a general obligation bond

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"The newly refurbished Hayden Hall is one more example of Measure G dollars at work, and I express my sincere appreciation to our communities for supporting this important initiative," said Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "It is difficult to imagine what the Citrus College campus would look like today without the funding provided by this bond. Aside from aesthet-

ics, Measure G has allowed the college to keep pace with the changing needs of our students."

Originally serving as a lecture hall and employee offices, Hayden Hall has fulfilled a variety of purposes over the past eight decades, including time spent as the college Health Center, as a Veterans Center and as classrooms.

In its new role, the 4,615square-foot building will serve as an "athenaeum," a place of collaborative inquiry, discussion and learning. The building also includes office space for both the Academic Senate and the Citrus College Faculty Association.

"Like it did when it was first dedicated in 1935, Hayden Hall will continue to represent academic opportunity and a highquality education," said Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services. "It also serves as a reminder that Citrus College - much like the building itself - is both steadfast and constantly evolving."

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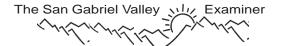
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