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# **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Luxury** Hotel "Home2 Suites" in Azusa

### By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - On Thursday, September 28, City Officials from Azusa and surrounding communities, State Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, board members from Azusa, Irwindale, Covina, and Glendora, and members of the Azusa community gathered to celebrate the grand opening ceremony for a long awaited luxury hotel in Azusa.

The new Home2 Suites by Hilton Azusa, CA is like your home away from home. Located at 229 South Azusa Avenue (site of the old Enterprise Car Rental) is just south of the 210 freeway and just 10 minutes from Azusa Pacific University. The hotel is also easily accessible to the Foothill Metro Gold Line taking its guests to Pasadena, Los Angeles, and Hollywood.

The extended stay hotel featuring contemporary accommodations officially opened for business in late August 2017, but the official ribbon cutting



Azusa City Officials, members of the Azusa and surrounding communities' Chambers of Commerce, staff of the new Home 2 Suites Azusa Hilton Hotel cut the ribbon on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

was held just last week. The needs and a conference room four-story hotel features a total of 110 guest rooms in either a studio or one bedroom suite that include a kitchen, work area with ergonomic chair, and storage. The hotel has complimentary table breakfast, a heated outdoor saline pool, a Spin2Cycle facility for guests' fitness, a room for laundry

for up to 40 guests. In addition, Home2Suites accommodates pet parents who wish to bring along their furry family members.

In each suite, relax on the sofa bed and watch the 42" flatscreen HDTV, or work at the desk with ergonomic chair and free Wi-Fi, and a fully equipped kitchen with a full-size refrigerator/freezer, microwave, dishwasher and sink. Larger suites with different bed options are ideal for the whole family to stay together. Accessible rooms are also available with all the standard amenities plus extra features for your comfort.

You can start your day off right at this Azusa, CA hotel with a free Inspired Table<sup>TM</sup> breakfast, served from 6am-

10am on weekends. If you're in a hurry, you can pick up a snack from their 24/7 Home2 MKT® with a variety of beverages, frozen meals, sweet and salty snacks, plus toiletries. The ribbon cutting ceremony

9am on weekdays and 7am-

started at about 5: 00 pm and went on until approximately 9:00 p.m. There were guided tours of the hotel throughout the evening; each tour participant was given a "passport" card to be signed off at each of the seven tour stations (three different suite types, combined fitness/laundry facility, Inspired Table area, conference room, and outside patio/pool area) and submitted for real some good raffle prizes. Delicious food, beer, and wine were catered throughout the celebration by Joyfull Servings of Azusa.



Guests can socialize at the hotel's combination pool/patio and even throw dinner on a grill or curl up by the fire pit.

# **Glendora Police Officers Go Pink In October For The Second Year**

GLENDORA - Citizens may

**Azusa Councilman Alvarez Retires From U.S. Navy After 24 Years Of Service** 



There are certain regulations for Navy personnel in boarding or leaving a naval ship. For Senior Chief's retirement ceremony a mock-up ramp was arranged and prior to the completion of the ceremony, Senior Chief Alvarez requested permission to leave the ship for good and saluted the Officer of the Deck (OOD) as he was officially retired.

### By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - After careful consideration and after having served for the last 24 years in the United States Navy, including a military deployment to war under Operation Iraqi Freedom, Senior Chief Edward J. Alvarez is retiring. During the last four and one-half years of his military career he has also served the Community of Azusa as a Councilman.

Senior Chief Petty Officer is the eight of nine enlisted ranks in the U. S. Navy, just above Chief Petty Officer and below Master Chief Petty Officer. And is a noncommissioned officer, most commonly addressed as Senior Chief. Advancement to Senior Chief carries the requirements of time in service, superior evaluation scores, and peer review. Promotion to this rank is based entirely on proven leadership performance.

Senior Chief Alvarez' retirement ceremony took place in the Azusa Senior Center with a full honors ceremony by Navy peers and officers in front of an audience of nearly 200 family members and friends. In

addition to the presentation of Certificates of Recognition and Merit, there was also ceremonies for the Presentation of Colors, unfolding and folding of the American Flag and for a mock-up in un-boarding a ship one final time for retirement purposes.

At the ceremony Mayor Rocha and Azusa Councilman Robert Gonzales presented flowers to Mrs. Martha Alvarez, a hat given by Alvarez to Mr. Rocha upon return from Iraq, and a banner to be signed by all guests to one of his two daughters. His older daughter couldn't be present due to school commitments. The flag which was unfolded and folded during the ceremony was presented to Alvarez who in turn presented it to his son.

Immediately following the retirement ceremony, everyone was treated to handmade delicious tacos, refreshments, and a beautiful, and delicious, cake, plus refreshments.

notice a slight color change in police uniforms again for the month of October in the City of Glendora. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Glendora Police Department (GPD) personnel have the option of wearing pink patches on their uniforms as GPD partners with The Pink Patch Project in support of the battle against breast cancer.

In October 2013, Seal Beach Police Officers turned their patches pink in an effort to promote breast cancer awareness and early detection. In 2016, the Pink Patch Project began as a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association and several public safety agencies in Los Angeles County and beyond. These agencies have partnered together to combat breast cancer by raising public awareness and to raise funds for breast cancer research and treatment. Chief Lisa G. Rosales said, "I am very excited that GPD is a part of the momentum that has grown in the law en-



forcement community around the nation regarding the Pink Patch Project. Law enforcement's collective main objective is to create awareness and help with the cost of research and treatment for those affected by cancer."

Traditionally, police department shoulder patches are not sold to the public, however, in an effort to raise money for the cause; agencies have turned their patches pink and put them on sale to the public. The Glendora Police Department has a 2017 version of our patch, which is a "retro" patch replicated from shoulder patches that police officers wore in the 1950's. GPD has a limited amount of these patches, which can be purchased in the front lobby of the police department during normal business hours, or at one of the many events planned with community partners. Each patch is \$10, and in November 2017, all of the

money collected will be donated to breast cancer research and treatment.

Glendora Police Chief Lisa G. Rosales said, "This initiative falls in line with our department's practice of caring for and serving our community. The women who are leading the charge in our agency on this important campaign are so enthusiastic that it's contagious. I am very appreciative of the Glendora Police Department men and women who have chosen to wear pink patches on their uniforms! Keep an eye out for our patrol cars which feature pink patches and #pinkpatchproject decals on them during the month of October. A special shout out to those affected by cancer, stay strong! We admire your courage!"

To stay up to date on Glendora PD's pink patch fundraising events, please follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Glendorapd

# **Another Successful Duarte High School Graduate Heads to College**

**DUARTE** - The Duarte Kiwanis Club was very pleased to provide another scholarship to Czarina Ubungen. Czarina graduated from Duarte High School and is heading to University of California - Davis. Her plan is to eventually go into Pre-Med.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Tina Carey at tina.carey@amadamiyachi.com.



Dr. Diane Hernandez, incoming Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds, Duarte Kiwanis President and Czarina Ubungen.

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### **Community Articles Are Welcome**

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

# **Three Youth Honored By The Azusa City Council For Being Part Of 2017 Pony League World Series Champioins**



The Azusa City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to three youth from Azusa that were part of the Covina Pony League Baseball Team which were winners of the 2017 Pony League World Series Championship. In turn they presented a championship ball to Mayor Rocha. (from left to right) James Jimenez, Pitcher; Robert Hernandez, Left Field; Councilman Robert Gonzales; Joel Jara, Right Field; Mayor Joe Rocha; and Councilmembers Angel Carrillo and Eddie Alvarez.

### By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - On Monday, September 18, 2017, the Azusa City Council honored three youth from Azusa, Robert Hernandez, Joel Jara, and James Jimenez, because they played this season with the Covina Pony League Baseball team of Covina, California, which this year won the Pony League World Series Championship. This was Covina's third Pony League title, having also won in 1975 and 1999.

The Covina Pony League Team was composed of Hector Bautista, Mike Gonzalez, Robert Hernandez. Richard Jakob, Joel Jara, James Jimenez, Chase Kito, Josh Logan, Parker Miramontez, Chris Munoz, Anthony

Rasmussen, Anthony Sanchez, Jake Vargas, and Luke Willison. The champions were managed by Richard Graciano, coached by Juan Vargas, Matt Vargas, Kevin Kito, and the team Mom was Beatrice Bautista.

On Sunday, August 6, 2017, in Mountain View, California, the Covina Pony League Baseball Team won the Pony West Zone Tournament defeating the talented team from Maui, Hawaii, 9 to 3.

On Wednesday, August 16, 2017, in Washington, Pennsylvania, the team competed against the Asia-Pacific Zone Champions from Seoul, Korea in the Pony League World series Championship game. The team

was down to its last out with Seoul ahead 1 to 0 when Bautista pushed the game into extra innings with a run scoring base hit. Then Jimenez after having pitched seven innings with nine strikeouts hit a two-run homerun in the eighth inning to give Covina the lead 3 to 1 and eventually the Pony League World Series Championship.

The three youth, Hernandez, Jara, and Jimenez, were presented Certificates of recognition from the Azusa City Council and from State Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio. In turn, the three youth presented a World Series championship baseball to Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha.

# **Good Options For Funding Your Long-Term Care**

Most Americans over the age of 65 will require long-term care at some point in their lives, with today's average senior likely to incur \$138,000 in future longterm care costs, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. This is different from medical care and includes personal help with daily living activities such as bathing and dressing.

These services are typically not covered by Medicare or other traditional private health insurance. Unfortunately, the cost of long-term care insurance has risen significantly in the past decade and the number of carriers selling coverage has shrunk from roughly 100 to only a dozen or so now. That leaves Medicaid as the primary insurance coverage source for long-term care needs, but qualifying for Medicaid requires the virtual depletion of all personal assets.

Faced with this dilemma, American seniors must get creative about how to pay for longterm care or risk a major hit to their retirement funds.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the U.S. regulatory support organization created by the chief insurance regulators from all 50 states, formed a Long-Term Care Innovations Subgroup to study this issue. The group recently issued a report that endorsed some vi-



If you or someone you care about needs long-term care, selling an insurance policy can help you afford it.

able options for privately funding long-term care costs. Four specific options they laid out included the following:

• Single Premium Permanent Life Insurance Policies

• Annuity Long-Term Care Hybrid Policies

• Impaired-Risk Payout Annuities

• Life Settlements.

Of these recommended longterm care financing options, a life settlement is the only one that does not involve seniors buying anything or spending any money out of their own pockets.

A life settlement is a proven strategy for generating cash from an unwanted or unaffordable life insurance policy. In a life settlement transaction, a senior sells his or her life insurance policy to a third-party investor for an immediate cash payment. The investor then takes over the premiums on the policy and collects the death benefit when the insured passes away.

Consumers who sell their policies receive a lump sum payment that is generally four or more times greater than if they lapsed or surrendered their

policy, according to the NAIC, and these funds can then be used to pay for long-term care expenses without depleting other retirement assets. The NAIC report also notes that seniors "in immediate need of long-term care can sell their life insurance policies and receive the proceeds of the sale free from federal tax (Internal Revenue Code \$101(g)).

"Some elder care providers and professional advisors recommend that their clients consider using life settlement proceeds to fund an account with a bank and trust company to make monthly payments directly to a designated long-term care provider," says the NAIC report. "Upon death, in addition to a modest reserve to defray final expenses, any remaining balance in the account is paid to a designated beneficiary."

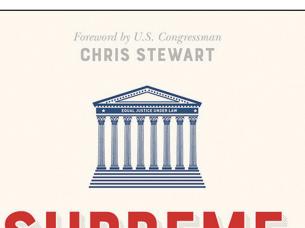
For more information or to find a life settlement professional who can help you look into this option and see if it makes sense for you, call (800) 664-9024 or visit the LISA website at www.lisa.org. (NAPSI)

### What The Power Of The Supreme Court Means To You

rights, from abortion to marriage, the Supreme Court and its nine appointed members affect every major area of American life. Now, an insightful new book by best-selling author and Senior U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart explains just why that happened. The book shows the evolution of the Court's vastly expanded interpretation of law and illustrates the power of ju-

From health care to civil ited excessive overtime for bakery workers. That law was overturned by the Court based on the due process clause of the Constitution. The very same precedents, Stewart points out, were used by the Court 70 years later and expanded to a new right to privacy in Roe v. Wade, making abortion legal in the nation.

A thought-provoking and easily accessible read, "Su-



dicial review to make sweeping, often unforeseen changes in American society, decades Safter decisions are handed down.

Told through seven pivotal cases, it weaves the historical narrative into the legal basis for each decision and examines the far-reaching effects. Stewart explores such intriguing issues as the Court's role in sanctioning racism, why a nation founded by devout men and women banned religion from the public arena, and why justices can raise taxes, manage school districts and generally work their will.

Each chapter presents an easy-to-read brief on the case and explains what the decisions mean and how the Court ruling, often a 5-4 split, had longterm impact. For example, in Lochner v. New York, a widely accepted turn-of-the-20th-century New York State law lim-

preme Power: 7 Pivotal Supreme Court Decisions That Had a Major Impact on America" (Shadow Mountain) also examines how the Court became so supreme and unexpectedly influential in American society and considers whether this was the intent of our Founding Fathers.

In an endorsement of the book, Jason Chaffetz said, "As a former congressman and Chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I saw again and again how the balance of power has been tilted much too far toward the judicial. This important book addresses the imbalance with powerful examples that are easily understood and very informative. Everyone should read it."

With such issues as voting rights, free speech, religious freedom, immigration, taxes and search-and-seizure coming

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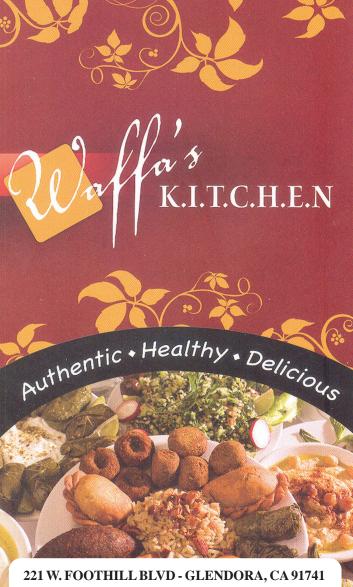


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# West Covina Emblem Club **Presents: A Fashionable Tea**

WEST COVINA - West LuLuRoe Amber Murakami Covina Emblem Club #299, will be hosting their Fashionable Modeling Tea on **October** 14th at 10 a.m., at the West Covina Elks Lodge located at 841 West Merced Ave., West Covina.

The West Covina Emblem sisters have come together along with Baldwin Park Mayor Pro-temp Susan Rubio and West Covina City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow, to model "Simply Comfortable" by

Clothes Line. Proceeds will go to the various charitable organizations, which the West Covina Emblem #299 supports. For ticket purchase of \$20.00 or to RSVP, please contact Loretta at 626-221-8688, or Olivia at 626-377-2767 or Charlene at 626-336-0876

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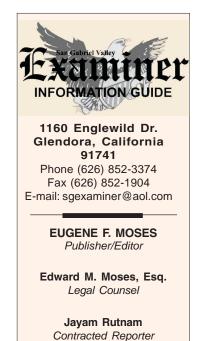
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# **Standard & Poor's Raises City Of Azusa's Long-Term Rating** And Underlying Rating To 'A+'

announced that Standard & Poor's Global Financial Services LLC has raised its long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) three notches to 'A+' from 'BBB+' on the Azusa Public Finance Authority, Calif.'s existing pension obligation refunding bonds and lease revenue certificates of participation (COPs), issued for the City ofAzusa

"The upgrade reflects the City's improved management score, as a result of the implementation of its recently updated financial management policies," states the S&P report. "In our view, the City's improved financial management has resulted in continuous structural general fund performance, which has boosted its general fund reserve levels, following four consecutive years of negative general fund balances through fiscal 2014."





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AZUSA - The City of Azusa cipline and consistency of our recently updated financial policies reflected in an improvement in our credit rating," said Don Penman, Azusa's Interim City Manager. "This new rating should further enhance the City's financial flexibility."

> "This credit upgrade is a testament to the hard work and dedication by Staff throughout the entire organization who, under the guidance of the City Council, have made great strides in making Azusa an attractive place to live and to do business," said City of Azusa Finance Director, Talika M. Johnson, MPA.

The ratings reflect S&P's assessment of the following factors for the City, including its:

· Adequate economy, with projected per capita effective buying income at 67.7% and market value per capita of \$82,318, that is gaining advantage from access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA);

• Strong management, with good financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology;

• Adequate budgetary performance, with an operating surplus in the general fund but an operating deficit at the total governmental fund level in fiscal 2016;

• Strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance that we expect will improve in the near term from its fiscal 2016 level of 4.9% of operating expenditures;

• Very strong liquidity, with total government available cash at 120.4% of total governmental fund expenditures and 33.1 x governmental debt service, and access to external liquidity we consider strong;

• Weak debt and contingent liability position, with debt service carrying charges at 3.6% of expenditures and net direct debt that is 117.1% of total governmental fund revenue, and a large pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) obligation, but low overall net debt at less than 3% of market value; and Strong institutional framework score.

and diverse community has a projected per capita effective buying income of 67.7% of the national level and per capita market value of \$82,318. S&P also noted that the strong assessed value growth after the Great Recession years and the housing downturn has stimulated commercial developments which have been added to the City's taxing boundaries. Overall, the City's market value grew by 6.3% over the past year to \$4.2 billion in 2017.

S&P also took notice of the City's general fund revenues which are sourced primarily through a combination of property taxes, sales taxes, and franchise taxes. "All three revenue streams have increased in each of the last three audited years, which has aided the City's strong budgetary results. Azusa recently created a Budget Sustainability and Operational Efficiency Committee, which comprises various representatives throughout the City's departments, and has continuously aimed to achieve certain cost reductions in its budget," states the S&P report.

The S&P report rated Azusa's budgetary flexibility as "strong" after reporting four consecutive years of negative general fund balances. The City anticipates a surplus for fiscal year 2018, resulting in a further increase to its reserve levels. Azusa's liquidity was also rated as being "very strong, with total government available cash at 120.1% of total governmental fund expenditures...In our view, the City has strong access to external liquidity if necessary."

The City's financial outlook is stable and reflects good financial management policies and practices that will continue to guide the City's strong operating results and allow it to maintain reserves at a level that are considered "good." S&P's outlook does not expect any major changes to the economy which may affect Azusa's revenues or its ratings within the next two years.

S.G.V. EXAMINER **A3 Supervisor Barger Calls For County Strategy To Enhance Business Attraction** And Retention To Create Jobs And Growth LOSANGELES COUNTY-

Building upon conversations regarding the imminent relocation of Amazon and the subsequent region-wide cooperation to attract the company and its 50,000 jobs, Supervisor Barger introduced a motion to expand and formalize the County's effort to enhance business attraction and retention to create jobs and growth.

"Business owners, entrepreneurs and innovators have dreams to grow and expand their businesses, while creating a new future for consumers, employees, neighborhoods and communities," said Supervisor Barger. "Our goal as a county should be to support all of these endeavors -- from the large corporations to the mom- and-pop establishments on Main Street."

The motion calls for a report back on strategies to improve the county's effort to work collaboratively to create conditions that

help businesses grow and thrive. This effort will reassess our policies and programs, and work with the stakeholders in the community that understand the implications of those policies and programs. "We must continually reinvent ourselves as a County if we are to keep up with the changing dynamics of the marketplace," she added.

County agencies will report back to the Board in 180 days with recommendations.

# Fall Is The Season For Heightened **Bear Awareness**

ARCADIA – The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the U.S. Forest Service remind citizens visiting or living in the high country and foothills that fall is the time of year for increased bear foraging activity and more human and bear encounters are possible.

California black bears are typically active and foraging between April and mid-fall, but in autumn, black bears experience changes in metabolism that drive the need to consume as many rich calories as possible. This metabolic spike is an important signal to the bear to bulk up and gain the fat that will sustain the animal through hibernation and periods of lean food sources. Scientists estimate that black bears may forage as many as 20 hours a day

at this time. Residents and visitors to bear country should act responsibly and be mindful of their safety while in bear habitat. Camping season is ending in many areas, but with the cooler temperatures, fall hiking is very popular in the mountains and foothills and visitors often flock to salmon spawning sites in hopes of getting a glimpse of a bear. Wildlife experts offer these important tips:

• Bears have a sense of smell seven times stronger than a bloodhound's and eyesight as good as a human's

• Remove fallen fruit off the ground promptly

• Use bear-resistant garbage cans and wait to set trash out until the day of pick up

• Any scent, especially foods

like fish or other meats, may attract a bear to your campsite • Do not leave food or other

scented items in your car • Be alert on trails (avoid wearing headphones)

• Keep a respectful and safe distance from bears at all times

• Do not attempt to take "selfies" with bears or other wildlife

• Never feed a bear – it is unlawful and could bring a hefty fine

For information about being bear aware while visiting national forests, please visit https:/ /www.fs.fed.us/visit/know-before-you-go/bears. To learn more about black bear ecoloplease visit gy, www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/black-bear/biology.

# West Covina T-Mobile Robbed

### By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - A West Covina T-Mobile store was robbed by men who stormed through the door just before 9 PM on Friday, September 29. The takeover style robbery committed by men in their 20s wearing hooded sweatshirts came into the business and robbed the store of cash and cell phones.

The T-Mobile store is located at 235 North Citrus St. in West Covina just north of the 10 Freeway. There has been a rash of cell phone robberies over the last couple of weeks and it is believed this is the same group.

After robbing the store and the employees, they fled in a

newer model Honda Accord that had dealer paper plates on the vehicle.

The police are actively investigating this crime with other agencies and are comparing surveillance footage. Anyone with any information that may be helpful is requested to call the West Covina Police Department.

**Glendora High School All Class Reunion** 

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Some other factors that were of significance for the S&P longterm and underlying rate increase were an "adequate economy," which states that Azusa's broad

The complete report and ratings criteria are available at: www.standardandpoors.com or on the S&P Global Ratings' public website www.standardandpoors.com.

# **State Of The City Address To Be Held On October 19**

### Address will be held in the Mission Playhouse lobby

SAN GABRIEL - Please join Mayor Juli Costanzo at the Mission Playhouse lobby at 320 South Mission Drive for this year's State of the City address.

Seating is limited, so please RSVP by October 13 to Melanie Benson at mbenson@sgch.org or by phone at 626.308.2805. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

# **Fatal Hit and Run**

### By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Early Thursday morning, September 28, just before 1:00 AM, the West Covina police dispatchers received calls of a pedestrian down at Francisquito and Azusa Avenue in the northbound lanes. When the fire department and police arrived, they found an Asian lady who was a victim of a hit-and-run laying in the street.

Paramedics worked hard to stabilize the woman who appeared to be around 30 years old and transported her to the hospital where she later died.

The victim had been identified by the police but did not release the name of the victim as they had not contacted the family who are from China and living in the area.

Apparently the victim was attempting to cross Azusa Avenue, when a light-colored compact vehicle ran her down and left her to die in the street. The vehicle continued north on Azusa Avenue.

It is believed that it has some substantial damage to the front end and windshield.

Sadly, this is the second pedestrian fatality in West Covina in less than a week. A senior citizen crossing Cortez at Magnolia was hit by a car earlier in the week and died after being taken to the hospital. This person was identified as Lan Lan Thai of West Covina. The driver involved in this accident stayed at the scene. She said she was blinded by the early morning sun as she traveled eastbound on Cortez towards Citrus and did not see the woman in the street.

The West Covina police are seeking the public's help on the Azusa / Francisquito incident. Anyone with information about the fatal hit-and-run is asked to call the West Covina police department at 626-939-8540. Ask for Officer Eddie Flores or Cpl. Eddie Gomez.

GLENDORA - The 16th event will run to 4P.M. Annual Glendora High School ALL CLASS REUNION is Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 A.M. The all class reunion will take place at Finkbinder Park north of the band shell. This

There will be Music, Potluck Lunch and a Potluck contest. If you are a foodie enjoy all the different dishes. The Glendora High School 16th Annual ALL CLASS REUNION is 2

blocks North of Foothill Blvd. on Cullen in Glendora. Please come join us we would love to see you.

The ALL CLASS RE-UNION is for anyone who went to Glendora High.



### etter to the Editor. **Opinions Are The Writer's**

### What You Don't See

Philanthropy is something I've often participated in, in some form or other. Yes, of course, I have my favorite non-profit institutions. So do you. And undoubtedly many, if not all of us, have friends, loved ones and family members who, on occasion and for varying reasons, have needed a helping hand. When tragedy strikes, what you don't see on a day to day basis comes into stark contrast. Some individuals are able to command more resources and access; and can directly help those on whom they focus. Others, within formal and inform institutions of all types, also extend their pooled resources to assist the affected more broadly. Of course, family members and neighbors support each other, within the limits of their capacity. It's comforting to think that in combination, that collective help is enough. Well, as the past several successive and destructive tragedies have struck [Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria; Earthquakes in Mexico and Japan], the veneer of safety, security, health and well-being, generally representative of developed countries, is exposed.

What we don't see is our own

vulnerability in the face of chance. As my sister reminded me, there are truly reputable, professional and fiscally responsible organizations with years of experience serving the public in disasters. Those institutions are the best equipped to render aid 'en masse'. Whether it's the RED CROSS or another disaster relief organization, give what you can. What you don't see may be just around the corner.

Libertad (Libby) Rodriguez Azusa resident, Veteran USN-Retired, PACBELL/SBC/ **AT&T Retiree, Boricua** 

### The Glendora's Woman's Club, The Founder Of The Glendora Public Library In 1912

A look back in time to May 20, 1912 Marked a special date for the Glendora Woman's Club. It was the date that the Glendora Public Library was established through City Ordinance No. 43, an ordinance made possible through the Glendora Woman's Club gifting to the City of the club's already established and maintained Free Library and reading room, as a documented in these same city records. The Woman's Club's Free Library was a community service project established by the club and

opened in Glendora on April 10, 1911. The Free Library contained nearly 1,000 books, all numbered and classified in accordance with the rules of the American Library Association.

Fast forward 100 years to the date May 22, 2012. This special date marked the date the Glendora Woman's Club was officially recognized by the City of Glendora and by the Glendora Public Library as the founder of the Glendora Public Library in 1912. Records in support of the of-

ficial recognition of the Glendo-

ra Woman's Club as the founder of the Glendora Public Library include: 1. 1912 City records of minutes of the Board of Trustees of City of Glendora, located at City Hall; 2. 1911 and 1912 Glendora Woman's Club records of minutes, located in the club's archives; 3. 1914-15 Glendora Woman's Club Year Book that included an article on the club's history, also located in the club's archives and 4. copies of newspaper coverage from that time. Joan Hallidy and Rose Myers Glendora



# IMENTARY

than this fantasy is the unseen

barrier it builds between the US and our Mexican neighbor.

Since his regrettable inaugu-

ration, Trump has done almost

everything imaginable to in-

crease the hostility between the

US and our potentially dangerous

enemies. He trashed the treaty

with Iran that the international

community spent years generat-

ing. In recent days he got into a

nasty, unnecessary ad hominem

catfight with North Korea's

loosely-put-together leader.

What is more, he has built wall

after wall between the US and our

# **Trump Tax Reform Strives** to Preserve Middle Class

It is now time for all members of Congress — Democrat, **Republican and Independent** — to support pro-American tax reform. It's time for Congress to provide a level playing field for our workers, to bring American companies back home, to attract new companies and businesses to our country, and to put more money into the pockets of everyday hardworking people. **President Donald J. Trump** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

September 3, 2017

Tax Reform: Unified Framework for Fixing our Broken Tax Code has been presented by President Trump and as this proposal moves forward, we should remember this is the framework or concepts that will be used to rewrite the laws that reform the current tax code and policies under which we labor now not the actual new laws.

Trump's four principles of tax reform are:

1. Make the tax code simple, fair and easy to understand. 2. Give American workers a pay raise by allowing them to keep more of their hardearned paychecks.

3. Level the playing field for American businesses and workers by making America the jobs magnet of the world. 4. Bring back the trillions of dollars kept off shore to reinvest in the American economy. The Tax Reform document says the four Trump Principles are the goals of both congressional tax-writing committees. The Administration, House Ways & Means and Senate Committee on Finance have developed this unified framework to achieve pro-American fiscally-responsible tax reform.

Under the proposed framework, the typical middle-class families will see less of their income subject to federal income tax, simplify tax filing and effectively create a larger "zero tax-bracket" by eliminating taxes on the first \$24,000 of income earned by a married



Shade's Perspective Lois M. Shade Former Mayor of Glendora

ers.

• Use a more accurate measure of inflation to index tax brackets

As part of the simplification process, itemized deductions will be eliminated, but will retain tax incentives for home mortgage interest and charitable contributions to retain and strengthen the important goals of a civil society and reject dependence on government for homeownership and support of charities.

The proposed framework retains tax benefits for higher education and retirement but wants this part of the code simplified and, sounds to me, to become more "creative" in the options allowing for more participation. The framework repeals the death tax and generation-skipping transfer tax.

From the Tax Reform proposal:

Small businesses drive our economy and our communities, and they deserve a significant tax cut. This framework creates a new tax structure for small businesses so they can better Furthermore, compete. America's outdated tax code has fallen behind the rest of the world – costing U.S. workers both jobs and higher wages. In response, the framework puts America's corporate tax rate below the average of other industrialized countries and promotes greater investment in American manufacturing.

Per House Speaker, Paul Ryan, this morning on Face the Nation, the average tax rate for businesses worldwide is 23.5% while directly from the published Tax Reform: Unified Framework for Fixing our Broken Tax Code. Tax code is not my strongest suit after years of dealing with protective zoning and local control laws. I do think this sounds very reasonable and very fair.

What I find most interesting is Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) serving in the House and now as Senator since 1981, jumping all over the framework on Sunday morning. He said there was a letter from Democrats sent to the Republican leadership and President Trump naming three things that should be included in tax reform:

1. No tax breaks to the top 1% but focused on the middle class. 2. Not blow a hole in the deficit.

3. Needs to be done in a bipartisan way not through reconciliation.

Schumer calls this proposal the Republican plan completely focused on the wealthy, blows a hole in the deficit, and defined reconciliation as a partisan process to exclude Democrats.

Schumer objects to eliminating the estate tax, lowering the business tax from 39% to 35%, and objects to raising the lowest rate from 10% to 12% even when challenged that those in that bracket won't pay taxes.

Schumer continually referred to the framework, clearly earmarked for an initial starting point for discussion and tax code reform, as "the plan" as if it were a done deal supported by what he referred to as "the hard right ideology". When Schumer was asked by Face the Nation moderator if he was out to kill tax reform and not work to shape it, the reply was, again, his concern with the deficit and charged all the numbers being used were fake numbers. And, again, as has been the continual rant, it was George W. Bush that got us into this deficit operational mode.

Schumer also said he and the Democrats are willing to work with Republicans if they are willing to change. Change what? No specifics. No ideas on how to create growth and more jobs or

# **Do Fences Really Make Good Neighbors?**

I have occasionally commented on the way some people misuse the Bible by taking a verse or part of a verse-what I call a snippet-out of context, and using it to support or disprove a doctrine they have already either affirmed or dismissed. Others do the same thing with secular literature. I have recently observed how three writers have used a snippet from Frost's poem Mending Wall in support of Trump's plan to erect a mammoth wall on our border with Mexico..

The poem describes two men on adjacent farms who meet each spring to repair a stone wall running between their fields, which had been partly dismantled by the winter freeze, animals and careless hunters. One of the farmers held that good fences make good neighbors.

His partner in this yearly exercise-the poem's narrator-was not sure:

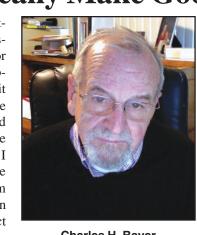
Why do they make good neighbours?

Isn't it where there are cows? But here there are no cows. Before I built a wall I'd ask to know

What I was walling in or walling out,

And to whom I was like to

give offence. Something there is that



**Charles H. Bayer** doesn't love a wall.

That wants it down"

tory have proved to be effective or positive. The 5,500 mile Great Wall of China was built to keep out all invaders, but in its 2000 years it has continually been breached. In more recent history the soviets' Berlin wall only helped fuel the raging fires of the "Cold War," until President Ronald Reagan thundered, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall." Israel's massive Palestinian wall has done little other than inhibit the so-called "Peace Process."

Along comes Donald Trump and his plan to build a huge wall on the entire US Mexican border, a boondoggle that Congress will probably refuse to initially fund and Mexico will certainly not pay for. What is more troublesome

The important big walls in his-

friends, beginning with a nasty phone encounter with the Prime Minister of Australia. He then threatened to dismantle our commitment to NATO and just recently shook a bombastic fist in addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations. If diplomacy is the art of building bridges, Trump has spent

these months destroying both the world's sturdiest and its most fragile. What a tasteless, dangerous path he has followed, putting at risk all that has made this nation truly great.

Something there is that doesn't love a wall

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# **Mass Shooting and Killing** in Las Vegas, Unbelievable

As the news reports came about the horrible shooting in Las Vegas and with the number of victims climbing, I certainly thought, another terrorist attack and like everyone else, most likely it was from those from the Middle East.

Well, this terrorist shooter was an old white senior citizen with "nothing" in his background that would send up a red flag. The suspected gunman behind the deadliest mass shooting was a 64-year-old Nevada resident named Stephen Paddock who shot from his hotel window into a concert crowd, killing over 60 people and injuring more than 500. The count is still going up at this "Family Festival."

Like everyone else, I am in



### George Ogden

That's just the way it is! sponders from our area were attending the concert and many themselves were shot along with some of their family members. Proud to say that many California first responders, police and fire, have responded to help wherever they can.

There was absolutely no indication that Paddock would do ten of them.

Paddock simply shot out of the window into the crowd. It was a "kill zone" and basically the people were trapped and had nowhere to go, but just run. Absolutely horrible.

How in the hell did this guy get ten large rifles in his room and then somehow hide them from the cleanup staff in his room? My understanding is that he rented the room on the 28 of September, so without a doubt, this was a planned attack. Something went wrong here with security in my opinion.

How he was not detected with these weapons before the shooting is beyond me. It would be hard to hide one of these rifles in the room let alone more than

couple and \$12,000 earned by a single individual.

The Framework proposes to eliminate the seven tax brackets and establish three brackets - 12%, 25%, and 35%. Families in the 10% bracket will have a larger standard deduction, larger child tax credit and, as the committees work through the revisions to the tax code, additional tax relief that will leave those families able to keep more of their dollars in their pockets.

Two stated items -

• An additional top rate may apply to the highest-income taxpayers to ensure the tax burden does not shift from high-income to lower and middle-class income taxpay-

American businesses are in the range of 40%. Again, average is the key word here.

But the framework proposes to limit the maximum tax rate applied to small and familyowned businesses conducted as sole proprietorships, partnerships and S corporations to 25%. The corporate tax rate would be reduced to 20% which is below the 22.5% average in the industrialized world; and, businesses would be allow to write off the cost of new investments, other than structures, for at least 5 years. The goal here, again, is to bring business and jobs back to America and allow a greater investment in this country rather than going out-of-country.

Most of this article was taken

how to keep small business people in business.

From Shade's Perspective -Any elected official on TV or radio ought to know what they talking about not just sit there and flap their lips in the same old partisan fashion. When the moderator starts bringing his eyebrows together and frowning - take note - you're in trouble. Pick any issue. You are opposed ... tell me why with some hard facts and numbers not just talk about a failed attempt a long time ago in, albeit, Kansas. Search Face the Nation and take a look at that interview. Verv revealing.

Me? I'm for More Jobs, Fairer Taxes, Bigger Paychecks, and a nice hard, long look at Sen. Schumer's track record.

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shock once again with my heart heavy for all the victims, their families, friends and all of Las Vegas. This is a "Nightmare" for everyone. The first responders were overwhelmed and so many people reached out and responded. This will not be just the night of the shooting and the next day, but this will continue for a long time. Resources from

around our Nation will hold hands and do what they can. This is unbelievable still as I write this. A lot of our own first re-

anything violent.

The SWAT team breached his room on the 32nd floor of the resort and casino, located across the street from the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert. He shot himself just as police burst their way into the room.

It was reported that the police found 10 loaded rifles and it is suspected that all were automatic rifles (like machineguns) including the one that was used on the crowd.

Why did he do this? He has no connection to any type of terrorist group. He seemed like a normal old guy. He lived in a retirement community in Mesquite, about an hour northeast of Las Vegas and he apparently was the manager of the apartment complex. Where the hell were the "Red Flags"??? There were none. So do you know what this tells me??? There are more of them (like Paddock) out there.

"That's Just the Way it Is!"

# **TIME JOCKEY'' - Movie Making**

### By Joe Castillo

Attention to Details... James Cameron's epic 1997 movie Titanic was the result of a lot of hard work, planning and an incredible focus on detail. The movie intertwined an historical event with a fictional romantic tale but the historic setting of the RMS Titanic made the movie even more special.

On September 1, 1985, Dr. Robert Ballard discovered the wreckage of the Titanic after 9 days of searching for it. Ballard's new imaging technology aboard the robot craft Argo brought to life the first images of Titanic in over 70 years. It was at the point that Cameron became more interested in the shipwreck and its stories which had been silent for years. Cameron was an ocean explorer at heart and he made arrangements to rent two robotic submarines to further research and film the wreckage using newer technology than Dr. Ballard.

Working with his brother Michael, they designed a new camera which could withstand the pressure of the ocean depth where Titanic was resting. Cam-

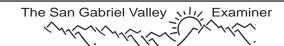
eron drafted a storyboard of what he wanted to film at the site of the shipwreck and planned his activities like a lunar landing project. He had no idea how his new robo-sub and film equipment would operate under the conditions but as the equipment neared the actual ship wreckage, Cameron let the craft go as far as it could. The equipment continued to operate to near perfection allowing Cameron to send it into the hull of the sunken ship itself. He made 33 dives to capture what he wanted to use for his movie and was the first person to record the remains of one of the greatest ships ever built. The images were spectacular and Cam-

With the background film needed to bring the movie to life, Cameron worked on producing and directing the movie itself. He built an entire city of soundstages, warehouses, offices and even a water tower in Baja California. It took only 100 days to construct. He also built a 90 percent scale of the actual Titanic ship itself which ended up being 775 feet long and 45 feet high. The

eron captured it all on film.

detail of work placed into the construction of the ship stage was as meticulous as any set previously made. The new film technology in place in 1997 allowed Cameron to film the movie in a quarter speed split screen with an actor inserted digitally to portray the right effect. Numerous visual effects, green screens, CGI, motion filming were all used to make Cameron's movie a success. Over 100 speaking parts were included in the large cast and each was dressed in authenticated clothing of the era. Titanic was the first film to garner nominations in all seven technical categories and the first to win all seven categories. In total, Titanic won 11 Academy Awards, tied for the most ever, but it was James Cameron's interest in deep sea exploration and the Titanic wreck itself which led him to invest, create and film one of the greatest movies ever....

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# **High Expectations**

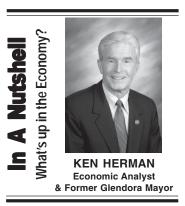
As the latter weeks of summer are historically a choppy time for stock market performance, it should come as no surprise that after a strong showing for stocks during June and July some volatility entered the market landscape in August and September.

Late summer are the worst months for the Dow Industrials, with an average loss of 1.39% in the last 20 years. Also, September is the worst month of the last 50 and 100 years. By contrast, the fourth quarter is very strong. October, November, and December averaged gains of 1.96%, 1.93%, and 1.47%, respectively, over the last 20 years, a compounded quarterly gain of 5.5% vs. a 1.3% average loss in the third quarter. This tells me that any late summer dip should be viewed as great buying opportunities for longer-term gains.

Typically, the best earnings come out early, so it may get bumpier in the next couple of weeks as second-quarter earnings announcement season winds down. For now, the market remains near all-time highs.

Buffering some of Wall Street's volatility is Fed Chair Janet Yellen assuring the U.S. Congress that any future interest rate increases would be gradual and data dependent. She also signaled that key interest rates would not need to rise much further. This is sweet music to market bulls.

Ms. Yellen also acknowledged the recent softness in inflation and said that the Fed could alter its policy if inflation weakness proved to be more stubborn than the Fed expects: "We're watching this very closely and stand ready to adjust our policy if it appears that the inflation undershoot will



be persistent." This was a pleasant surprise and a very dovish statement. As a result, the Fed Futures market now expects the next key interest rate hike by the Fed to be postponed until as late as December. More sweet music for bulls.

Underscoring this modified view of the economy was the recently released Beige Book survey of the 12 Fed districts, which showed that economic growth was "slight to moderate," which is less upbeat than its previous Beige Book survey. With wages rising only modestly, some senior Fed officials believe inflation is likely to remain on the low side for a longer period than previously forecasted. More sweet music!

The Beige Book survey revealed that the Fed clearly wants to take a cautious approach on raising interest rates until more inflation emerges. In testimony before Congress, Yellen said she believes the slowdown in inflation is temporary. Only time will tell if she is right.

In addition to slow wage gains suppressing inflationary pressures, low crude oil prices also contribute to a lack of inflation. The U.S. Energy Information Agency reported that total crude oil production rose to almost 9.4 million barrels a day in the latest

week. The fact that non-OPEC oil producers are boosting their production and OPEC is not abiding by its self-imposed quotas is helping to keep WTI crude prices below \$50 during the peak demand season. The next decline in crude oil prices will likely occur in September and October, when worldwide demand falls and the heat of summer passes.

As long as interest rates bump along the bottom end of the range, the case for an extension of the stock market rally gains credence, both from a valuation and earnings standpoint. The alternative to qualified, tax-favored stock dividends are paltry money market, CD, and Treasury yields taxed as ordinary income tax rates. If you back out 1.5% to 2.0% inflation and these high tax rates, the numbers indicate that it is still a zero-sum game for would-be savers in these "safest" of havens offering guaranteed returns.

In sum, Fed Chair Yellen's testimony; the Beige Book survey; and the PPI, CPI, and PCE inflation indexes all confirmed that inflation is less threatening than it was six months ago, while government bond yields in the U.S., Europe, and Japan have mostly ratcheted lower in the last month, reflecting these new realities. Bond prices have now stabilized and that is good news for dividend-paying stocks, because quite frankly, there is nowhere else for money to go for liquid vield.

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### Your Money - Ask Julia There are so many disasters survivors have lost the income of

happening - whether from people (Vegas) or from nature (hurricanes). Is there any way to be more financially prepared?

Putting aside, for a moment, the emotions and basic physical needs of food, water, shelter, medical care, and personal protection, it is also important to think about being more financially prepared in case of a disaster. In the case of loss of life, whether by acts of terror or nature, there are survivors who wish their loved one had more life insurance. In the case of 'natural' disasters (hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, etc.), homeowners or renters insurance helps. It can also be helpful to have an easily accessible stash of cash. (Don't count on going to ATMs which use electricity and can run out of money.) It's also good to stockpile supplies (e.g. toilet paper, coffee, first aid items) that you could use to trade for items someone else has available. Keep in mind that if this nation's economy, or even the global economy were to crash, we're all going to be in the same survival situation.

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What are my options for getting my money out of my annuity that is about to mature?



Julia Yoder

icy contract. With some annuities, you can take a lump sum upon maturity. With others, you leave the money alone during the growth period, and then you're required to take it out over a period of years. Some annuity policy contracts allow limited access to your money, usually starting at the beginning of the second year. Annuity contracts are commonly supportive of the government requirements for Required Minimum Distributions upon reaching age 70 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, regardless of other contract rules.

### You've mentioned that life insurance is an important part of an estate plan. How?

Nowadays, there are two basic ways that life insurance is important in your estate plan. First of all, there's a type of life insurance that can accumulate money that is accessible while you are alive - funds to use for anything you want. Second, life insurance helps your heirs. Life insurance normally pays quickly, and most often these funds are income tax free. This money helps to pay taxes, administrative costs, debts, or keep business operating while the estate is being settled. If the a paycheck or Social Security check. life insurance can help to fund an income stream. And, finally, life insurance can increase the family's wealth after the death of a loved one. Fixed-indexed annuities also pay quickly, but can also be set up to pay out over a longer timeframe, thus limiting the heirs from wasting their windfall in a short period of time. What is a buy-sell agreement? It is a way to transfer business

assets to a partner or to a family. These agreements are usually set up to take effect under specific circumstances such as death, retirement, or total disability. Life insurance or annuities are typically used to offset the potentially cost-prohibitive endeavor of buying out a partner or family member. There are two types: the cross-purchase agreement in which business partners set up a contract to purchase the business from each other, and the entitypurchase agreement in which the business agrees to purchase the partner's or family's share.

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occupancy.

Some of the highlights include visiting the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Ming Tombs, and The Bund.

The Chamber is hosting an orientation meeting on November 16th, 2017 at the

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fective trip to China on October 7-15, 2018. The trip includes stops in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou with opportunities to visit historic sites like the Great Wall of China and Tian An Men Square. There is also an opportunity to visit with a local Chinese business. The meeting is optional and requires filling Doubletree by Hilton in Monrovia from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Leo Liu, owner of Citslinc, will be answering questions regarding the trip. Please visit www.register.irwindalechamber.org to register for the travel presentation. Please call 626-960-6606 if you have any questions.

# AA 2017 Study

Here is a quick overview of AAA's 2017, Your Driving Costs study. It shows the cost of fuel, maintenance, tires, insurance, license and registration fees, taxes, depreciation and finance charges associated with driving typical sedan 15,000 miles annually. The cost has gone down overall from last year. This year AAA added new segments to include hybrids and electric vehicles. Based on the information below the average cost (owning and operating) for a new vehicle this year is \$8,469 per year.

Cost to own/operate annually

- Electric \$8,439
- Hybrid \$7,687
- Pickup Truck \$10,054
- Small Sedan \$6,354
- Medium Sedan \$8,171
- Large Sedan \$9,399
- Small SUV \$7,606
- Medium SUV \$9,451
- Minivan \$9,146
- Depreciation

Most people do not consider depreciation when purchasing a vehicle but just in case you are one who does, it is interesting to note that electric vehicles depreciation at \$5,704 annually, followed by minivans at \$3,839. SUV's depreciate \$2,840 annually and small sedans at \$2,114. Overall, vehicles depreciate \$15,000 over a five-year period.

Items to Keep in Mind When Purchasing a New Vehicle:

• The cost to maintain and repair a vehicle on average is \$1,186 per year. New cars are less for the first few years.

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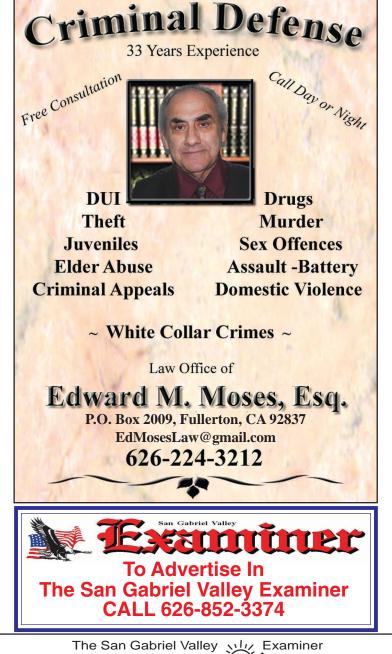
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# VALLEY/SENIOR NEWS

# 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** Tennis Anyone, Classes and Camps

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

This summer, Tennis Anyone is offering Pee Wee, Beginner Junior Tennis, Intermediate/Advance Junior Tennis, Small Group, and Adult classes, as well as weeklong camps. Don't miss out and sign-up today! For more information, please visit our

Downtown Carpinteria has evolved into one of the largest festivals in California with fabulous food, live entertainment on 4 stages, arts and craft vendors, food booths, commercial vendors and so much more. Located a block away from the beautiful Carpinteria Beach. Tickets are \$20 for Baldwin Park Residents and \$25 for Non-Residents. Saturday, October 7, 8:00am-7:00pm. For more event information and ticket prices, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

### Four Queens Hotel in Las Vegas

Enjoy a 3 day and 2 night stay at the 4 Queens Hotel and Casino in Downtown Las Vegas. Enjoy free nightly shows and entertainment including the Viva Vision. Take a walk down the Freemont Experience and see the Breeze Canopy zip line that goes up to 30 miles per hour. Tickets are \$150 for Single Occupancy and \$135 for Double Occupancy. Price include: room reservation and transportation also includes luggage handling and 1 fun book per room. California ID is required. Wed, Thu, Fri, October 8.9.10. For more event information and ticket prices, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

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### Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

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

### **DUARTE** 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. 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** OktoberFest

Ja, Ja! The La Fetra Oktoberfest celebration is here! Enjoy traditional German desserts, delicious food, and entertainment by the Bavarian Wudnerband at this popular event. It's sure to be "eine gute zeit", a good time! Purchase your tickets at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$5 Partners Members & \$6 Non Members Thursday, **October 12** 11:00am to 12:30am.

### 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 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 be-

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

### Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

### SAN DIMAS San Dimas

### Toastmasters Club

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

### **SAN GABRIEL** Fire Department To

### Hold Disaster Preparedness Class

The San Gabriel Fire Department will be holding a disaster preparedness class on **October 14** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 1303 South Del Mar Avenue on how to prepare in the event of an emergency. Course material, refreshments and a free gift will be provided.

Please RSVP at cert@SGFD.org or contact Chris Fetner or Taka Suzuki at 626.308.2880.

### 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 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 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.

website at www.arcadiaCA.gov or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

### Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

### **BALDWIN PARK** Avocado Festival in Carpinteria

The Avocado Festival held in

# Ukulele Christmas Carol Workshop

**GLENDORA** - 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

### 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 Drive.

### Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return

San Gabriel is known for its de-

licious, authentic Asian cuisine

and one of the hottest foods in

the city is dumplings. Many of

the amazing dumpling spots in

San Gabriel have been recognized

by restaurant critics and food

bloggers including the Los Ange-

les Time's Jonathan Gold. At the

same time, the craft beer scene

has taken off in recent years, and

beer festivals are a popular week-

end activity. The San Gabriel

Dumpling & Beer Fest is an an-

nual event that brings those two

Our third annual Dumpling and

Beer Fest will take place Thurs-

day, October 5 from 6pm to

10pm in the Historic Mission

great loves together.

**Dumpling & Beer Fest** 

SAN GABRIEL - The City of District on Mission Drive be-

more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

through this season of life. For

### 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

tween Broadway and Santa Anita.

vendors and craft beer tastings,

making a fun night for the com-

munity to come together at our

local twist on Oktoberfest. There

will also be live entertainment.

This year's event will include a

larger event area as well as a Best

Dumpling Competition and

Dumpling Eating Contest. The

event is free to attend. Attendees

may buy food from food trucks

and vendors directly. For beer

samplings, a wristband must be

event please contact the Eco-

nomic Development Division at

(626) 308-2826, Ext. 221.

For questions regarding the

purchased.

The festival offers dumpling

# "A Bridge to the Future" Gala to Benefit Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

**POMONA-** For tens of thousands of young people in foster care, turning 18 means losing the support they need to make the successful evolution into selfsufficient adulthood. With no family support, they are at risk of failure and often fall prey to drugs, sex trafficking, jail - and worse.

To help address this need, David & Margaret Youth and Family Services invites the community to attend its 10th Annual Gala, which will benefit youth who are transitioning out of foster care and into life on their own. The event, themed "A Bridge to the Future", will be held Saturday, **October 14**, 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Fairplex, 601 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona. The gala features fine dining,

it youth First M-Pulse, silent and live auctof fostions, and casino-style gaming. To order tickets, visit ABridge www.DavidandMargaret.org. eld Sat-For more information on the event contact Publicity Coordi-

event, contact Publicity Coordinator Julie Griffith at (909) 596-5921, ext. 3180, or Events@DavidandMargaret.org.

award-winning wines, live dance

music by the popular local group

# **Retired Teachers to Hear ''Where You Live Matters'' Presentation**

LA VERNE - Sandee Hayden of Hillcrest Retirement Community in La Verne will bring her message of "Where You Live Matters" to members of CalRTA #71-SGV (California Retired Teachers' Association) when she speaks at their kick-off meeting. Her presentation will guide her audience through the resources necessary to have in place when "making decisions about aging in place, living in a community, transportation options, caregiver support, and more." Her advice is that what you cannot control, you should plan for!

Sandee Hayden has over 15 years of experience in service to seniors and their families. As a community volunteer, she has served as director of RSVP Volunteer Program and is director of award-winning Community Connections Volunteer Driver program which serves the transportation needs of the disabled and senior residents in 16 local cities in Los Angeles and San Ber-

 
 Sandee Hayden of Hillcrest Retirement Community.

 nardino counties.

The California Retired Teachers' Association #71- SGV (Retired Teachers) will hold its luncheon meeting on Friday, **October13**, at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 West Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens. Guests are welcome to come

enjoy the luncheon and to hear Ms. Hayden's presentation. Also, on the program, the Government Relations Committee will bring members up to date on legislative news from Sacramento that affects retired teachers. The School Grant Committee will give a report on their latest efforts to help current classroom teachers with classroom needs. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$12. Season tickets are again offered at a discount price of \$55 for all five lunches of the year (\$5 savings). For luncheon reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714. The cost of the luncheon is \$13 for those without reservations who pay at the door.

Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to any others interested in joining this active group. Cal-RTA's motto is "Your Partner in Pension Protection."

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# **Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Award**

**GLENDORA** - Steven Bluitt Flowers began his acts of service before the age of 15 where he was noted for his extraordinary involvement in his community. He started a neighborhood newspaper, was involved in Boy Scouts and was the youngest member of his local Historical Society. As a high school senior he was recognized by the County of Los Angeles, State Legislature and U.S. House of Representatives for his community efforts. Steven's service was not just dedicated to his community but also to his country joining the U.S. Air Force. He was deployed multiple times overseas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. As a Staff Sergeant Steven was awarded the John L. Levitow Award for his leadership skills. After active duty Steven served in the Air Force Reserve and following his military career he enrolled in college. He once again became very involved, having been selected as a delegate to the Student Senate. As a participant Steven co-founded a statewide Veterans Caucus which linked more than 100 colleges and their Veterans Centers to create a dynamic advocacy group



Steven Bluitt Flowers accepts his Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Humanitarian Award from Gene Morrill.

committed to improving educational and occupational opportunities for veterans of the Armed Forces. Steven has also served on numerous committee and task forces committed to improving the lives of veterans and their families. Currently Steven serves on the Executive Board of his church and their Fine Arts Academy. Since 1996 he has spent countless hours volunteering his time at the Glendora Historical Society. In June Steven was awarded Glendora Historical Society's Founders Award for all his volunteer efforts. This pres-

tigious award has only been given 18 times in the past 70 years. It is with great honor Glendora Community Coordinating Council award Steven with September's Humanitarian 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 at www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank Gary Boyer from Southland Properties for being our meeting sponsor.

# **Elvis Impersonator Entertains** at Mesa Glen Care Center



"Elvis" goes to each and every resident and makes them feel special.

### By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - An Elvis Preslev impersonator entertained the residents of Mesa Glen Care Center in Glendora. This is one of the many activities that Mesa Glen Care Center organizes to keep their residents occupied. From Bingo to Halloween Parties, Hawaiian Luaus, Barbecues and lunches for special occasions such as Mother's Day and Christmas, the Activities Director is constantly planning to make Mesa Glen Care Center a

bed skilled nursing facility. They provide individualized attention to residents who require a short term stay to recuperate from traumatizing or acute medical conditions and also those who are in need of a long term or an unknown length of stay.

Some of their programs include Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, orthopedic rehabilitation, diabetic care, stroke rehabilitation, pain management, wound healing, fall prevention, contracture management and post surgical recovery, among other services.

Mesa Glen Care Center has residents from the age of 33 to the oldest one at this time who is 109 years "young". While they have long term care for the elderly, they also have an extensive rehabilitation program for short term patients. Their goal is to get as many people back home, as soon as possible.

Mesa Glen's Dietary Program provides meals to meet the specific needs of the resident, according to physicians orders. The facilities favorite activities occur on Mother's Day. Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. On these holidays the resident's families join their loved ones for a wonderful luncheon prepared by the dietary staff. They also have a great 4th of July party. Once a month they have a party celebrating a special theme or occasion. This includes 50's sock hop with Elvis or a casino night. They also enjoy celebrating the resident's birthdays with tea parties and chocolate parties. Mesa Glen Care Center, located at 638 E. Colorado Avenue in Glendora, is a CMS 5 Star Rated Community. You may contact them for tours of their facility at 626-963-6091.

# **How To Protect Your Data**

Chances are your data, whether personal or at work, has been compromised. Even before half the adults in America had their information stolen from a major credit-reporting agency, there were about 178 million personal records exposed in 2015 and it's estimated that number rose to more than 200 million in 2016.

The technology you use every day-computers at work or home, printers and your mobile phone-needs to be protected. By 2020 there are projected to be 20.8 billion Internet-connected things-and they'll all need protection.

Fortunately, however, you can go a long way toward protecting your data with seven



To fight phishing and the like, get your computer checked regularly.

tings on all social media tools. 6. Shred your bills, medical records and the like before discarding them. You can also

have them shredded at a trusted retailer such as Staples, which, in October, will shred up to two pounds for you at no charge.

mendations you decide to get. The security assessment service includes:

• Either an in-store or remote connection service

• A review of MSConfig and a list of current start-up apps • A check to ensure that the following are installed, enabled

happy place. Mesa Glen Care Center is a 96

It's A Myth That Only New-Car Dealers **Can Service Vehicles Under Warranty** 

True or false: Until your vehicle is out of warranty, it must be serviced by the new-car dealer or the factory warranty will be void. Although many people would have answered "true," the correct answer is "false," according to the Car



simple steps.

1. Back up all critical data saved on your personal machines.

2. Keep dynamic and different passwords across applications; consider using a password manager.

3. Be very diligent whenever clicking on a link or attachment in any e-mail-don't get phished.

4. Be very cautious about entering data into a pop-up window.

5. Review your privacy set-

7. Get your electronic devices professionally reviewed and updated.

Making this easier is a free offer from Staples during the month of October.

You simply drop off your PC or bring it in and while you wait the tech-savvy associates there will review the device for security issues or update your PC/Desktop Network Security plan, make any necessary recommendations and offer 10 percent off the service recomand up to date: Windows or personal firewall, anti-virus software, all operating and applications security patches

• A scan for adware, spyware and malware

· Based on a network and/ or device security assessment, Staples will provide you with the necessary steps to improve and protect the machine.

Learn More

For further information or to find the nearest store, go to www.staples.com. (NAPSI)

Care Council.

By law, independent repair shops can also provide services to maintain your new-car warranty. Consumers are protected by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which prohibits a manufacturer from voiding the vehicle warranty because service was done by a nondealer.

According to the FTC, "It's illegal for a dealer to deny your warranty coverage simply be-

# **Can Service Vehicles Under Warranty**

You don't have to get your car serviced at the dealer-but wherever you go, keep the receipts.

cause you had routine maintenance or repairs performed by someone else. Routine maintenance often includes oil changes, tire rotations, belt replacement, fluid checks and flushes, new brake pads and inspections." It's also important to note that the "Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act makes it illegal for companies to void your warranty or deny coverage under the warranty simply because you used an aftermarket or recycled part."

When using a nondealer, independent aftermarket shop to maintain your vehicle, the council strongly recommends you keep records and receipts for all maintenance done to the vehicle and adhere to scheduled maintenance requirements. If a warranty claim arises, these records will provide proof that maintenance has been performed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and requirements.

"It's a common misconception that only car dealers can

perform the routine maintenance and repairs on a newer vehicle that is under warranty." said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "The truth is that consumers can have routine repairs performed by their local independent repair shop or do the work themselves without affecting the warranty."

The nonprofit Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

Learn More

For information from the FTC about auto warranties and routine maintenance, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0138-auto-warrantiesroutine-maintenance. For a copy of the council's "Car Care Guide" or for further facts, visit www.carcare.org. (NAPSI)

# Having a B.L.A.S.T. at Bliss Academy!

### Haynes School Of Autism Gets New Name

of children with autism and developmental disabilities, finding an educational nurturing environment is crucial. Bliss Academy, the former Haynes School of Autism and located on the campus of the Haynes Family of Programs in La Verne, brings a positive balance to these children through mind, body and spirit.

And parents of the students say it best.

"The school administration, teachers, aides, BCBA's (board certified behavior analysts) and therapists have a multi-discipline team approach to address all of the student's needs," said parents Mike and Cindy Kimura of La Verne. "(This is) by far the best program in Southern California."

Bliss Academy has developed a unique approach to a multi-sensory learning experi-

LA VERNE - For parents ence known as BLAST (Behavior modification, Language and communication, Academics, Sensory and social training and Transition and technology).

> The unique program includes:

Individualized curriculums

• Behavioral and cognitive

therapy

 Social communication and functional skills development

• Brain aerobics

• Sensory integration labs

• Health and fitness

• Community-based instruction

• Occupation and movement therapy

• Signature services in speech and language

 Collaborative classrooms model for diploma track

• Computer labs to enhance visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning styles

Transition and life skills

### training The philosophy at the academy is that education should inspire and learning should be fun, according to Director of Education Amy Deloera.

"Bliss uses creative approaches through art, music, dance, recreational play and weekly field trips to create novelty and provide additional learning opportunities to enhance the generalization of skills, Deloera said.

She added that Bliss Academy specializes in services and treatments for all children on the "spectrum" and accepts appropriately placed students as young as 5 years old up to 22. The approach at the acade-

my is based on its name -"Bliss" - which is synonymous with ultimate happiness - as the overarching programmatic approach to enrich the lives of both students and their fami-

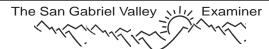
### lies.

"Haynes' Bliss Academy has been a gift to our daughter, Lizzy, but most especially to our entire family," said parent Susie Lee, of Glendora. "Since the day our daughter started at Haynes, she has been overcoming obstacles in strides."

"As soon as I walked onto campus I said 'this is home,'" said parent Susan Garcia, of La Verne. "Everyone said after Michael started going to Haynes he became joyful. That's how I knew we made a good decision about sending him there."

For more information, contact Deloera at (909) 593-2581, ext. 277.

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# Glendora High Class of 1997 Reunion Glendora Woman's Club



GHS Class of 1997 pose for a group photo. By Jayam Rutnam

**UPLAND** - The Sweet Pea Ranch in Upland was the venue of Glendora High School's 20 year re-union of the Class of 1997. Strings of lights lit up the beautiful night, at this outdoor event with the perfect ambiance to host one hundred and ten graduates of yesteryear.

There was never a dull moment with the former students

reconnecting with old friends, reminiscing about the old days and also about what they have done with their lives. There was dancing to the music of a DJ and a lively, live band. The dinner was western style with a Tri Tip Barbecue Buffet. There was an open bar for those who wished to imbibe and also a Cigar Bar. This was certainly a fun event and a successful reunion.

The organizers of the event were the GHS Class of 97 Reunion organizing Committee Erin Riley, Aliki Djahanshahi, Jeff Proctor, Carinne Ball, Todd Porter, Carolyn Toby, Linda Espinosa and Daniel Ferrari.

The Sweet Pea Ranch is also used for weddings. It is located at 2901 North Mountain Avenue, in Upland, California.

# **Another Three Years for Jan's Towing Services**

GLENDORA Jan Qualkenbush, owner of Jan's Towing Services gets approval for three more years with a two year service option, the mayor and the city council voted unanimously for a contract with the police towing service.

Glendora's Chief of Police Lisa Rosales highly praised Jan's Towing for his record of excellence in service. Mayor Gary Boyer, said, I have never heard anyone say anything bad against Jan's Towing Service.

Mark Smith, city political activist, who rarely says anything good about anybody, talked in favor of Jan's Towing. Jan's service record with our local police depts., Highway Patrol, and the Sheriffs' Dept. has been excel-



Jan's Towing in action. lent, was agreed by many in the council meeting.

Jan has equipment that is expensive and does a great job for the people living in the San Gabriel Valley. He also participates and donates his money and resources to clubs, non profit

organizations and anybody that makes Glendora a better place to live in, said several residents of Glendora.

The community is happy with the decision of the City Council and recommendation of Chief Rosales.

Jr. Pediatric Hub, an LA Coun-

ty center that provides medical

and mental health care to chil-

dren exposed to violence. St.

Luke's parishioner Dr. Janet

Arnold-Clark is Director of the

# St. Luke's Monrovia Blesses Pets Of **All Denominations Sunday, October 8**

# **Set To Begin Fall Season**



"Taking a Cruise on the S.S. Glendora Woman's Club," the club's installation theme, features the new officers for 2017-18, with Chris Ohrmund, sixth from left, installing officer. At the helm is the Captain, Club President Chris Lear, front row sitting; pictured with her crew members. Standing rom left, are Rose Myers, Carolyn Cunningham, philanthropy chair; Gilda Skinfill, Parliamentarian; Karen Babineau, asst. treasurer; Sue Bauer, corresponding secretary, Becky Rice, recording secretary; Chris Ohrmund, installing officer; Helen Storland, program vice president, Joy Martau, ways and means vice president; Patty Bateman, membership vice president. Not pictured are Gisela Lopez, treasurer and Sue Falls, house chair. Photo by Rose Myers

**By Joan Hallidy** 

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club began the 2017-18 Fall Season at the club's luncheon-meeting on Tuesday, October 3 with a welcome by Club President Chris Lear and her new board, and the afternoon program by guest speaker Steven Bluitt Flowers.

The program for the Woman's Club's luncheon-meeting will featured guest speaker Steven Bluitt Flowers, the Executive Vice President of the Glendora," said program vice president Helen Storland. Mrs. Storland added

that Flowers had recently received two awards--the Founder's Award from the Historical Society, and the Humanitarian Service Award from the Glendora Coordinating Council.

Coming up next month at the club's meeting on Tuesday, November 7 will be the date clubmembers are asked to donate non-perishable food items for the Glendora Coordinating Council's Annual Holiday Basket Program, on of the club's service projects. The community program is on that helps Glendora

residents in need during the holiday season, said philanthropy chair Carolyn Cunningham. Also, cash donations will also be greatly appreciated, she said. Information flyers will be available on the tables.

For information about membership, call Patty at 909-929-0684; For information about renting the ballroom or Tea Room for a special event, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.

# **Kiwanis Division 35 Installation a Big Hit**

Anna Wu is a ball of fire! She has been installed as the new Lt. Governor for Division 35 of the Cal Nev Ha District which covers the east San Gabriel Valley area. Representatives from all 11 current clubs were present for her Installation on September 30th. Anna is also outgoing President of the Arcadia Young Professionals Kiwanis Club - and their club was honored as the Club of the Year. Anna was also honored as Kiwanian of the year.

This has been a tough year for Division 35. Lt. Governor Rona



Lunde passed away very unexpectedly, and Dr. Michael Tanaka stepped up to fill out Rona's term. The Installation included a tribute to Rona - and a big Thank You to Mike. Division 35 expects this to be an amazing year of growth with 4 new Clubs in process.

### Stuffed animal donations sought for children treated for exposure to violence

day, October 8, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia will once again celebrate one of its most beloved traditions, the Blessing of the Animals on Assisi. The church invites ev-

**MONROVIA** - On Sun- eryone to bring their pets to the 10 a.m. service to sit in the sanctuary, share the experience of worship and receive a blessing.

Attendees are also invited to the Feast Day of St. Francis of bring a stuffed animal to donate to the Martin Luther King

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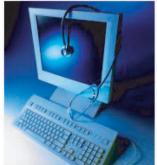
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