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Citrus College Honors Outstanding Students During Annual Ceremony

GLENDORA - The stellar academic performances and community contributions of Citrus College's top students were celebrated during a recent event hosted on campus.

On May 31, over 100 students were honored during the 55th annual Citrus College Achievement Awards ceremony, which took place in the Haugh Performing Arts Center. The event recognized the success of students in the areas of academics, athletics and leadership.

"While the Citrus College student body is inspirational as a whole, the accomplishments of this distinct group of individuals are definitely deserving of applause and recognition," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. "Whether they have maintained an exceptional academic record, excelled on the athletic field or given back to the community, these individuals have left their mark on the college. We are confident that they will also make their mark on the world one day soon."

Among the recognitions presented during the ceremony were the Service Leader of the Year awards, which are granted to graduating students based on their academic achievement and volun-



The 2018 Citrus College Keys of Knowledge, which constitute the highest academic honors granted by the college, were awarded to Alexander Manuel Arauz, Joshua Estrella Felix, Duo Gao, Beaux Fernando Guajardo, Kevin Charles Murray, Providence Janelle Riggs, Julianne Naomi Elizabeth Rodriguez, Han Sheng, Juan Alberto Soto and Watts Lincoln Waddington. teer service to the college and honors. Nominated and endorsed I know

community. Students are nominated by faculty, and a committee of college representatives screens and selects the recipients. This year's honorees are Rancho Cucamonga resident Hannah Chavarria and Pomona resident Ashley Guzman.

Also presented during the ceremony are Athlete of the Year

honors. Nominated and endorsed by coaches, the female and male recipients are selected for their overall performance as athletes as well as their academic records. The 2018 female Athletes of the Year are Marisol Chavez-Delgado from the women's basketball team and Hunter Olivier from the women's water polo and swimming teams, and the 2018 male Athlete of the Year is Jeremy Smith from the

"I was shocked that I was nominated for this award because

men's basketball team.

I know there are a lot of great athletes at Citrus College," Ms. Chavez-Delgado said. "I am humbled and blessed to be recognized in this way. It means so much to me!"

Distinguished Student awards were also presented during the ceremony. This special recognition is given to students whose high academic successes in a given program place them at the top of their class.

And, finally, the prestigious Key of Knowledge awards were presented. The highest academic

honor granted by Citrus College, Keys of Knowledge are presented to the 10 students who have achieved the college's highest overall academic performance. A committee of administrators and faculty review the transcripts of students with the highest GPAs to ensure that their coursework represents a rigorous combination of general education and major courses, a minimum of 34 units completed, and full-time enrollment for at least two of the last three semesters.

This year's recipients were:

- * Alexander Manuel Arauz
- * Joshua Estrella Felix
- * Duo Gao
- * Beaux Fernando Guajardo * Kevin Charles Murray
- * Providence Janelle Riggs
- * Julianne Naomi Elizabeth Rodriguez
- * Han Sheng
- * Juan Alberto Soto
- * Watts Lincoln Waddington

"On behalf of the entire Citrus College community, I congratulate each of this year's honorees," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "These remarkable students have achieved outstanding success both in and out of the classroom. We are proud of all they have accomplished and are confident that their achievements will multiply in the days and years ahead."

Potential Relocation Of Azusa-Main Post Office



Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano pledges full support to the Community of Azusa in keeping the doors open for the existing or a new location Post Office in the City of Azusa. She's addressing the community and at the same time to Postal Service personnel and City staff.

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - On Saturday, June 16, the City of Azusa hosted a one hour Community Meeting at the Azusa Senior Center to address some of the communities concerns relative to the potential closure of the Azusa Main Post Office, located at 110 West 6th Street, in Downtown Azusa. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from the community how the move would impact them.

Present at the meeting were Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, Dean Cameron Region 9-Postal Real Estate Specialist-Leasing team, Lisa Calderon, District Post Office Supervisor, Juanita Romero, Azusa main Post Office Supervisor, Mayor Joe Rocha, Council members Macias, Gonzales, and Alvarez, and Azusa City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. Congresswoman Napolitano has pledged to assist the City of Azusa in whatever she can do in her capacity to keep an adequate post office in Azusa as readily accessible to everyone as possible.

Mr. Cameron stated that "the reason the United States Postal Service is considering relocat-

ing the Azusa Post Office to a yet-to-be-determined location (if available to meet current needs) because the lease on the existing facility is due to expire in July of 2019 and the owner of the building and land has indicated that they have plans to redevelop the property at some point in the future. The boundary for the potential relocation is bounded by a square: north-Sierra Madre Ave.; south-Boulder St.; east-Citrus Ave.; and west-Todd Ave.

The relocation project consists of finding a suitable location, preparing it for use as the new Azusa Post Office, and transitioning the existing services to the new location. The first option is to duplicate the consolidated services as they currently exist to the new location (retail and operations). This first option requires a 77,000 square feet or 1.76 acres parcel of land with an 11,000 square feet building with no less than 77 parking spaces included in the parcel of land. A not so desired option to the Postmaster is the splitting of services that is the retail portion in one location and in another the operation services.

The City of Azusa is diligently working with the Postal Service in finding an adequate location for combined retail and operation services. There are two possible sites in which the City can assist the Postal Service relocate, one is the old D-Club site along Foothill Blvd. between San Gabriel Ave. and Todd Ave. and the other one is within the Edgewood Shopping Center on Gladstone St. between Pasadena and Azusa Avenues. At the same time the Postal Service is trying to get a 5-year lease extension at the current location on 6th Street in order to have more time to find a new facility, prepare it, and transitioning all services to the new location.

In addition to answering questions at the meeting, Postal Service staff, including Cameron, Calderon, and Romero, encouraged the community and officials to submit written comments, concerns, or additional questions within the next 30 days following the June 16 meeting to: Dean Cameron, Real Estate Specialist-Leasing Team, 1300 Evans Avenue, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94188-8200.

Pharmacy Robbed in Glendora, **Suspects Arrested!**

By George Ogden

GLENDORA - On Friday, June 15, just before 11:00 a.m., two men robbed the Sierra Pharmacy in the Foothill Medical Arts Building at 210 South Grand Avenue. The armed suspects took drugs and pills and fled the facil-

Someone from inside the pharmacy called the police while the robbery was taking place. It wasn't clear if it was an employee or a customer.

While the police were responding, the suspects fled in a white sport utility vehicle and responding officers spotted the vehicle heading north on Grand Ave. The officers tried to pull the vehicle over but it fled turning west on Foothill Blvd., at a high rate of speed. As the vehicle came to where Foothill Blvd. 'curves' into southbound Citrus, the driver lost control and hit the guardrail.

The suspects ran from the vehicle with one running through



Sierra Pharmacy inside Foothill Medical Arts Building was robbed of drugs by two armed men.

Citrus College and the other through the Azusa neighborhood.

Citrus College was quickly notified and they went on a "Lockdown" and notifying students and staff with a tweeted: "CAMPUS ALERT: Citrus College is currently under campus lockdown. Do not leave your buildings until all clear. This is not a drill."

Around noon time, the alert was lifted as both suspects were arrested. One was arrested on the campus just outside the Student Services building. The other was found on Citrus Ave and was taken into custody.

Officers found the stolen drugs and recovered two handguns inside the SUV. Officers did not release the names of the suspects because of the ongoing investigation and they may be part of a gang and the two suspects may implicate others.

Both suspects are being held until their court dates.

Summer Concert & Movies in the Park

ARCADIA- Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE 2018 summer concert and movie series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun! The summer concerts and movies are now both on Thursday evenings. Concerts start at 6:30pm and movies at dusk on the west lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). This is fun for the entire family! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening outdoors. There is also a FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, the City is pleased to announce we will be

having The Surfer Taco Food Truck at all of the events! Their menu includes a large variety of delicious items which are sure to fill you up and have you coming back for more! A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department! Please note parking is provided at City Hall and Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 5 only. For more information, please call 626.574.5113.

JUNE 28 - Cold Duck (70s top 40) AND Despicable ME 3 (PG) and Environmental Fair

Since its inception over two decades ago, Cold Duck's philosophy has been directly responsible for their continued success: "Give the people what they want to hear and have a good time delivering it!" With this solid experienced musicianship, it should come as no surprise that Cold Duck is renowned for being one of the most versatile bands in existence. Cold Duck continues its tradition of excellent musicianship and groovin' rhythms. So let's have a good time dancing the night away!

Despicable ME 3 (PG)

The mischievous Minions are back! Together they reunite Gru with his long lost brother and team up to take down an evil man who seeks revenge against the world.

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bites, particularly mosquitoes,

which can be carriers of the Zika

virus. Experts are warning that

those located in or traveling to

the southern United States should

take precautions to guard against

the disease, especially if you are already or planning on getting

Be sure your backyard is

drained of standing water. Use

citronella candles to ward off

bugs. Apply insect repellent on hikes and other times you're in

buggy areas, and if possible,

avoid skin exposure during dusk,

when mosquitoes are most ac-

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vance, which gives users an easy

way to view the likelihood of

mosquito infestations that could

lead to greater risk of contract-

ing the Zika virus within the contiguous U.S. This new interactive

Index, available now on

AccuWeather.com, as well as the

AccuWeather app on iOS and Android, showcases a week-byweek risk index for the next seven

weeks that can help you make more informed decisions to stay

With a little preparation, you can make the most of the summer and your travel plans by dodging common weather risks and hazards. (StatePoint)

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Getting outdoors this summer? Keep in mind that weather patterns can be extreme at this time of year, introducing new safety hazards. Get weatherready in the following ways.

Prepare for the Heat

When planning a day outdoors, most people pack items such as sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. However, summer heat can be dangerous if you're not prepared, so consider the following: make sure your vehicle's air conditioning is in good working order well before a trip, have a rain umbrella on hand to shield you from the sun, as well as frozen water bottles and instant cold packs that can help cool you down quickly. Lastly, make sure you have plenty of water on hand when traveling with pets, and be sure to keep them out of unattended cars where temperatures can quickly reach fatal levels.

Know What's Coming

Before heading to the pool or packing that picnic lunch, check the weather report to make smart decisions about where the day

will carry you. For 24/7 access to accurate weather information, you can keep the world's largest, fastest-growing and most trusted provider of weather forecasts and warnings at your fingertips with the AccuWeather app for your mobile device.

Available on iOS and Android, the app can help users prepare for intense heat, lightning, beach hazards and flooding prior to summer travel, events and activities. It also provides access to educational resources on the health impacts of different weather events, including safety tips and resources, personalized weather preparedness plans, detailed checklists and more.

Helpful year-round, the app can be particularly informative in summer, with its wealth of tips and resources on topics like avoiding rip tides, staying safe in extreme heat and preparing for tropical storms. To access these resources and download the app, visit AccuWeather.com/Ready.

Don't Be Bugged

Take precautions against bug

Tips to Stay Safe in Summer Weather | Duarte Kiwanis Provides Scholarships

DUARTE - Providing scholarships to Duarte High Seniors continues to be a focus for Duarte Kiwanis Club. This year Melissa Zaragoza, Annabelle

Bustillos, Saumya Gupta and Anthony Smith were our recipients. Congratulations and great work to these Falcons!

Duarte Kiwanis Club is also

proud to present scholarships to Mt. Olive Graduates, Kimberly Garcia and Yosselin Gonzalez. Great Work Ladies!



Duarte Kiwanis Member, Lois Gaston, DHS Seniors, Melissa Zaragoza, Annabelle Bustillos, Saumya



Pictured with the graduates are Duarte Kiwanis Members, Lois Gaston, Kay Biggs and Aida Torres.

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Keep Kids Busy With A Summertime PLAYlist



Encourage your kids to express themselves with arts and crafts when school is out.

When school's out, it's up to parents and caregivers to keep kids busy. Instead of waiting to hear the dreaded "I'm bored," families can be prepared with fun activities to ensure children are playing and learning all vacation long.

According to experts at The Genius of PlayTM, a national movement to encourage more play in children's lives, research shows that play is not only critical to healthy child development—it's an important teaching tool. Through play, kids build physical skills, improve cognitive abilities, learn communication and social skills, process and express emotions, and increase creativity.

Meredith Sinclair, author and The Genius of Play Ambassador, suggests writing activities on popsicle sticks and placing them in a play jar to create a PLAYlist of fun ideas. Whenever children are bored or need inspiration, encourage them to select from the play jar to stir up their creativity.

To help get your PLAYlist started, Sinclair recommends the following activities:

• Grow a garden—A fun, educational way to let kids get dirty is by having them start their very own vegetable garden. They'll love planting the seeds to watch them grow. They'll also be learning a sense of responsibility and getting a confidence boost by

being proud of what has blossomed under their care.

• Camping—No need to go far. Gather all the camping essentials, such as flashlights, sleeping bags, s'more ingredients and a pop-up tent, head to the living room or the backyard and set up camp for the night.

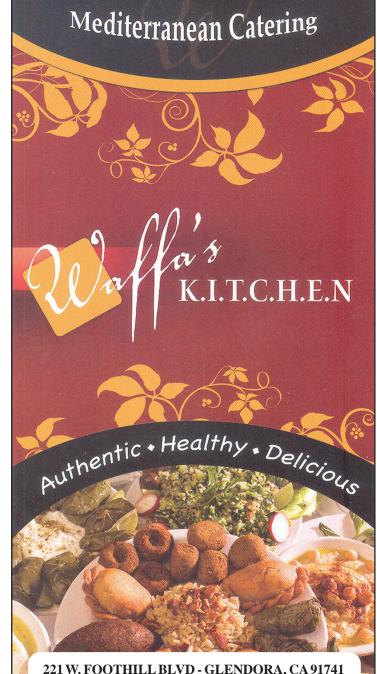
• Rock art—Whether used as decorations or to leave kind messages around the neighborhood, rock art is a trendy and easy craft. Have kids collect rocks of various shapes and sizes, and once the rocks are clean, use acrylic paint to decorate them.

• Make a movie—Nurture your children's inner filmmakers by encouraging them to create their own movie using a smartphone/tablet, some of their toys to play the characters and crafts for scenery. Once the movie is finished, gather the family and some popcorn to have a viewing party and admire your children's creativity.

• DIY T-shirts—Have children play clothing designer for the day. Let them personalize a Tshirt with craft supplies such as tie-dye, puff paints, sequins, ironon patches and anything else they might like.

More play ideas, expert advice and other play resources are

available TheGeniusofPlay.org. Follow @GeniusOfPlay on Facebook and Instagram for even further play inspiration. (NAPSI)



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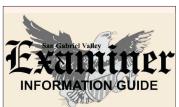
EBT Card System To Experience 24-Hour Shutdown June 23-24

Statewide and local efforts launched to disseminate information to EBT cardholders

LOS ANGELES – Due to a change in vendor operations, the state's Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) System will not be available for cardholders to make cash withdrawals or food purchases from 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, through 11:01 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, officials with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) announced this week.

DPSS is strongly urging EBT cardholders to withdraw the funds needed to purchase food prior to the 24-hour shutdown period to ensure that benefits are issued and made available to those who need it. DPSS customers use the stateissued card to receive CalFresh food assistance and cash benefits. For many in the county, CalFresh serves as the first line of defense against food inse-

In early June, the California



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Department of Social Services will send notices throughout the state to EBT cardholders, informing them that Floridabased Fidelity Information Services (FIS) will replace Conduent (formerly Xerox) as the

EBT card services operator. The decision to switch was made to improve the current card system, offering more surcharge-free ATMs and pointof-sale markets to utilize EBT benefits. FIS has also committed to providing free, unlimited in-network cash withdrawals and balance inquiries.

Locally, DPSS has initiated a community outreach plan to broaden the dessimination of information needed to minimize any impacts the changeover will have on customers during the 24-hour down period. The department is currently using its main website, social media platforms and outreach to local media outlets to inform and prepare cardholders for the shutdown.

For additional information, DPSS customers are urged to call its Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777.

La Verne's Summer **Concerts in the Park**

LA VERNE - The La Verne Heritage Foundation and the City of La Verne are proud to announce this year's lineup for Summer Concerts in the Park. We have jointly hosted these great free Summer Concerts for over 20 years at the beautiful historic Heritage Park. Mark your calendars to enjoy the evening with your family and friends. Come with your own blankets and/or lawn chairs to listen to the wonderful music while relaxing in the warm, balmy, summer nights.

Bring you appetites and support our food truck vendors. Great raffle prizes are also a part of the fun. Check out the website www.laverneheritage.org or call (909) 293-9005 for more infor-

Concert swill begin at 6:30 PM on Sundays. All concerts are held at Heritage Park, 5001 Via De Mansion, east of Wheeler and north of Baseline. The entire line-up features the following:

Sunday, July 01 - Hard Days Night (Beatles Tribute)

Sunday, July 15 - J.T.D. Motown Band (Motown)

Sunday, July 29 - RCR Band (Rock and Rockabilly) Sunday, August 12 - The Answer (Classic Rock)

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LA County Library Awarded \$5 Million in Funding to Upgrade Wireless **Technology at Its 87 Library Locations**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -Public computers and Wi-Fi access are among the most used library resources in LA County, but internet connection has been slow with an average speed of 10 to 20 MB per second. But that's going to change. LA County Library has been awarded approximately \$5 million through the Federal Communications Commission's E-Rate Program. The funding will be used to improve internet connectivity and network speed throughout LA County Library locations.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) implemented the Schools and Libraries Program (commonly referred to as E-Rate) in 1996. It provides funding to eligible schools and libraries for broadband and internet services. The funding will allow libraries to connect to the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a highcapacity network that serves the vast majority of research and education institutions in the state. CalREN is operated by the nonprofit Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), and will deliver faster, more reliable wireless access to library customers, helping to close the technology gap and remove barriers to access.

LA County Library's service area covers a vast socioeconomic landscape. In a County where rent control continues to drop while housing costs rise, many lower income communities cannot afford the added luxury of internet access in their homes. This digital divide has adverse effects—students lacking access to digital educational materials from home may fall behind in school, while residents lacking access to general information may struggle to improve their

"Because a large percentage of our customers come to the library for Wi-Fi and computer access, increasing the quality of our technology is essential to removing digital barriers and improving the Library as the center for learning for our customers, one of our strategic priorities" said LA County Library Director, Skye Patrick.

"Our current network quality is not at the level that our customers expect or deserve. This grant will allow us to upgrade our infrastructure to provide a highspeed internet connection, enabling our customers to learn and explore at a much faster pace,

while hopefully also attracting more foot traffic to the Library," Patrick added.

LA County Library has experienced an overwhelming increase in online resource usage within the last year—in addition to facilitating over 1.72 million Wi-Fi sessions and 1.8 million public computer sessions, there was a 19 percent increase in OverDrive eBook and audiobook circulation, a 12 percent increase in digital magazine circulation, a 63 percent increase in Hoopla music and movie streaming, and a 85 percent increase in Lynda.com usage. The Library expects these upward trends to continue.

In an attempt to meet customer needs, LA County Library has already increased the number of computers at many locations throughout the past year, and worked toward simplifying the Wi-Fi log-in process. However, due to slow network connectivity, customers prefer to use other Wi-Fi hotspots to get better network service. The Library plans to offer speeds of up to 1 GB per second with the E-Rate funding.

The network installation project is phased for implementation in 2018.

"Time Jockey" - Treaty Of 1851 Part 2

By Joe Castillo

Give Away... The Treaty of 1851 included the establishment of 18 different regions within California. Treaties were negotiated with tribes within each of the regions in order to establish reservations to house all the Indians in each region in exchange for the Indian tribes to give up all claims to their ancestral lands. Treaty D of the Treaty of 1851 was known as the "Treaty with the Castake, Texon, etc. tribes". This was supposed to include all the tribes of Southern California which is what the "etc" term referenced. In spite of the loss of many Native Americans from the Spanish exploitation and abuses starting in 1771, the number of tribes and Indians living in Southern California were still substan-

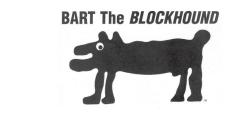
Treaty commissioners were appointed in each of the 18 regions and in Region D the Commissioner was named George W. Barbour with Edward Beale appointed to administer the reservation which would become the new home of the Southern California Indians. Region D covered a wide expanse of land in Southern California, from Santa Maria to Santa Barbara, to Los Angeles and Long Beach. Eastward the area extended into the Mojave Desert to a point between Las Vegas and Barstow. The new reservation would be known as Tejon Reservation and covered nearly 300,000 acres from Fort Tejon north toward Bakersfield and Tehachapi.

There were eleven tribes which signed the treaty: Castake, Texon, San Imirio, Uvas, Carises, Buena Vista, Senahuow, Holocalme, Sohonuts, Tocia and Holmiuh. None of these tribes were the more familiar Southern California tribes like Gabrielino, Fernandino, Tataviam, Kizh, Pala, Morongo or Pechanga but these were 'vitually' included under the reference of 'etc.'. It was a crazy way of negotiating a treaty with a tribal representative from Ventura being able to sign away land belonging to a tribe located near Barstow. But this is how the United States negotiated with the Native Americans of Southern California. The United States Senate never ratified the treaties; as a matter of fact the U.S. did not ratify any treaty with any Indian tribe from California. Giving up land was not something the U.S. government wanted to do and after the 18 treaties were negotiated and signed, the Secretary of the Senate placed the actual documents in a locked cabinet where it remained for the next 53 years. When the documents were

unsealed in 1905, the treatment of Native Americans had become a political issue but in 1851-52, California was experiencing a strong case of gold fever. Prospectors were pouring into Northern California in numbers never seen before. The California Legislature did not want to deal with issues of immigration and Native Americans and tried to move all the Indians from Southern California who signed the treaties to

the Tejon Indian Reservation. Edward Beale was appointed the only Indian Commissioner to oversee all of the Indian reservations in California. But Beale had other ideas and he pushed for the U.S. Government to patent the old Mexican land title to Rancho El Tejon. A new patent was issued in 1863 and it allowed Beale to change the status of the Indians living on the Tejon reservation to that of 'squatters'. Shortly afterward, the Indians were forcibly removed and were left to fend for themselves. With no Indians left on the reservation, Beale purchased the 300,000 acre Tejon Reservation for \$21,000. Today, Tejon Ranch still exists along the Golden State Freeway but there is still no Indian reservation in the Los Angeles area. The Treaty of 1851 was just another broken promise by the U.S. govern-

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Initiative Fix to Prop 57 For November

Counties and cities in California are dealing with Gov. Jerry Brown's "shortcut" to meet the demand of the U.S. Supreme Court to reduce the prison population in this state. His "shortcut" was AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57 that reduced felonies to misdemeanors, never adequately defined violent crime allowing reduced prison sentences that put, first, 45,000 criminals back onto our streets and then another 30,000 violent criminals without regard to the damage they have done to the law-abiders.

Props 47 (2014)and Prop 57 (2016) allowed reduced prison sentences for illegal drug possession, hate crimes, assault on a peace officer, human trafficking of a minor, rape by intoxication, attempted murder, terrorist threats, lewd and lascivious acts with a minor, battery, domestic violence and other violent offenses. The top five supporting Prop 57:

- Brown's Ballot Measure Committee - \$4.138 million;
- California Democratic Party - \$1.174 million;
- Thomas Steyer \$1.750 mil-
- · Mark Zuckerberg with \$1million;
- \$15 million was raised by PACS.
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) contributed \$3.5 million to the campaign supporting Proposition 47 in 2014.

Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom supported passage of Prop 57 but no indication of a financial contribution.

Opposing passage of Prop 57 were District Attorneys, peace officers with various contributions and Schubert for District Attorney 2018, Sacramento County, who contributed \$23,194.40.

ACLU is opposed to the current reform initiative to fix the flaws in Prop 57 and Ana Zamora, director of prosecutorial reform said: "California's elected District Attorneys are unfortunately following the lead of President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions to push a fearbased narrative that ignores the reality that crime in California is at historic lows. They would like us to believe that California is in dire straits in order to reverse many of the reforms we have put tiative titles. He did that with in place since 2012." There are no large contributions listed to oppose this current initiative to

Assistant Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA) around the state forewarned Brown of the flaws in Prop 57. Michele Hanisee, President, ADDA, released a voicemail message Gov. Brown left for Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims after she, and law enforcement leaders, put out a mailer. The mailer was regarding an inmate serving a 100-year prison sentence after being convicted in L.A. County of 10 charges involving horrific sex crimes and possession of a gun as a felon. Sims said under Prop 57, he would be eligible for release after serving 8 years.

Brown's voicemail message



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

left for Sheriff Sims: "This guy was sentenced to 100 years, and he's a registered sex offender, and on both accounts would not be getting out."

Hanisee's response to the Governor's tirade: "Why is that comment disturbing? Because not only was Governor Brown wrong, it reveals he simply does not understand his own initiative, yet chooses to berate those who do." When confronted with the problems of Prop 57, Brown promised to take care of it and fix the problems. The promised regulations restricting parole for some sex crimes were, in fact, published by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) but were challenged in court and never implemented.

We, the people, now have a chance to begin to take back control of our communities making them safer than they have been since the 2011 Supreme Court demand for prison reduction. The proponents submitted Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 on October 31, 2017; title and summary were issued by the attorney general's office led by Democrat Xavier Becerra on January 4, 2018; and, on February 7, 2018, the campaign reported collecting at least 25% of the required signatures. The proponents have until July 3, 2018, to submit the required 365,880 valid signatures to get this initiative on the November 6 ballot now titled -- Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemean-

It seems A.G. Becerra likes to get very creative with these ini-Travis Allen's attempt to Repeal the Gas Tax initiative and ended up with a judge helping him with that court ordered re-write task.

Remember when you get ready to vote in November: Proponents of initiatives are required to notify Secretary of State, Democrat Alex Padilla, when they've reached 25% of the required signatures to get placed on the ballot. Padilla then notifies the Legislature who could decide to consider the initiative as legislation. If the initiative is passed as legislation (becomes law) the proponents of the initiative could consider withdrawing the initiative. No reason not to withdraw then ... it is already the law of the land!

Bigger question is did Secretary of State Alex Padilla ever

refer this initiative to the state legislature for action?

California Public Safety Partners (CAPSP) is sponsoring the initiative led by Nina Salamo Besselman, President of Crime Victims United, Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, and Democrat Assembly Member Jim Cooper

Cooper, challenged in November by two Democrats said, "This initiative reinstates DNA collection for certain crimes that Prop. 47 reduced to misdemeanors, giving law enforcement a better chance to find and prosecute violent criminals and sexual predators. We're reforming the unintended consequences of reforms to better protect the public."

Schubert said, "Voters were promised that only 'non-violent' offenders would be released from prison early. But under current law, numerous violent crimes are not classified as 'violent,' including rape of an unconscious person, domestic violence, assaulting a peace officer and selling a child for sex. Our initiative fixes that to prevent criminals convicted of these crimes from being released ear-

Schubert has just finished winning a very contentious re-election campaign and was supported by three local Democrats who endorsed Schubert - Sacramento City Council members Steve Hansen and Eric Guerra and Sacramento City Unified School Board Member, Darrel Woo - and were expelled from the central committee of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County for endorsing her.

Labberton Part II

There is no question that Dr. Mark Labberton, President of Fuller Theological Seminary, speaks for a significant cohort of thoughtful evangelicals. On April 16 of this year he addressed a meeting of conservative leaders at Wheaton College. This is the second of three columns dealing with Dr. Labberton's speech. (When I am quoting Dr.Labberton, the text will appear in "bold print.)"

Much of the first part of his address is an affirmation that the major task of the evangelical community is calling the world to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Evangelism is the central act of all Christian witness. "Sharing the good news must be the first responsibility of every committed Christian." Clearly, for Dr. Labberton, every other loyalty is subservient to the proclamation of the gospel. When, however, his conscience compels him to reflect on what is happening in society beyond that central reality, it is always seriously addressed within the primacy of the biblical message.

In this address, therefore, Dr. Labberton moves quickly to events surrounding the presidential election of 2016, and asks what happens when "Christians in both parties find the others' candidate patently unacceptable. I feel a personal urgency to stop, to listen, to confess and to repent. But alongside the rich history of gospel faithfulness that evangelicalism has affirmed, there lies a destructive complicity with dominant cultural and racial power. We



Charles H. Bayer must deal with the current bankruptcy many associate with evangelical life."

The rest of the address is focused on four issues that must be understood in light of the primary confession that "Jesus is Lord." The first concern he addresses is:

THE ISSUE OF POWER

"As those who seek to live in the kingdom of God, we profess that Jesus is Lord and all other power must be reframed in light of this reality." Dr. Labberton laments the reality that evangelicals have often sought to be aligned with political power "from the time of Billy Graham through the Moral Majority and the religious right to the Tea Party and most recently with the white evangelical vote."

Dr.Labberton is also aware that "evangelicals have often felt marginalized, repudiated, defeated and silenced by the nation's power brokers," but he holds that any lust for power, or for the blessing of America's power brokers, is a rejection of the affirmation that all power is

from God.

THE ISSUE OF RACE

Dr. Labberton is unequivocally clear that racial bigotry has often played a role in the less than faithful proclamation of the gospel. He laments that "our story is intertwined with, and often responsible for much of the violence and oppression around racial injustice in our American story. Evangelicals ... testified to a God of redemption but whose theological, political, social and economic choices contributed to suffering and injustice." He then makes reference to "Ferguson, Charlottesville, and "shithole countries," and is deeply distressed that often "evangelicals have been inclined to support the oppressors and not the oppressed."

"When some evangelicals triumphantly pronounce that we now have "the best president the religious right ever had," this should not be an indictment of **President Trump but of white** evangelicalism."

Next week I will be looking at how Dr. Labberton sees two other vital issues, NATIONAL-ISM and ECONOMICS as playing a role in the way evangelicals have compromised the central proclamation surrounding the lordship of Christ. In conclusion I will then ask whether Dr. Labberton in this presentation answers my initial question, "How can any evangelical Christian continue to support Donald Trump."

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What Do You Say When You are Wished "Happy Father's Day" and You are No Longer a Father?

Well, hopefully those of you that still have your fathers living had the opportunity to wish him the best and maybe were able to get together with him.

There is one thing that many of us forget that there are a lot of single mothers out there that take on both roles, the mother and father... For those of you that are in that situation and are doing a good job, hope you had a blessed day.

I find it awkward when people wish me a Happy Father's Day. You see, I am no longer a father, my daughter died when she was eight.

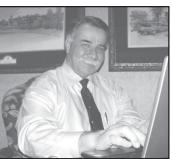
It is a long story, but I will share it with you. This young lady and I became involved and you know how this goes. We were both coming out of a long relationship and I guess you could say, we were rebounding. We had good times and had relations as some people like to put it. Sounds better than "getting it on"... She could not let go of her ex-old-man and was seeing him as well. Yeah, got my feelings hurt and broke it off.

This was during the summer and she and her girlfriends wanted to go to the beach for a month and stay there in a rental. We did talk a little, but that was

Out of nowhere she comes over and tells me she is pregnant. This was two months after we broke up. She was telling me that it was mine and she wanted some money to "do something about it" such as an abortion. Well, this sounded fishy to me and I called her girlfriend and she told me that she needed money for her share of the rental. She didn't think she was pregnant either.

Long story - short... she went on the beach vacation and told her friends that she was in fact pregnant and wanted to keep the baby. She pointed the finger at

While she was at the beach, she met this guy. I will say he was a really nice guy. They hit it off real well. After her vacation, she moved away and moved in with him. Because of his job, they moved out of the area and



George Ogden That's just the way it is!

up north. He came to see me and wanted to talk about her pregnancy. This is when I realized that she was really pregnant. He said they were interested in getting married. He had been married before but he was widowed. He was a bit older then my ex-girlfriend but she told him everything that went on, from dating me and her ex-boyfriend and becoming pregnant. The reason that they figured it was me, was because he used protection and I didn't.

Hummm... I see he wants child support... Right? He didn't want money, but was asking me if he could adopt the baby after it was born. I was taken back. He told me he couldn't have children. I told him I would have to think about it. They moved forward and the baby was born and they soon got married.

He worked in Silicon Valley and lived in Loyola (high rent district). He was doing very well.

As for me, I was getting ready to get married when he contacted me again about adopting the little girl. My deal was, if I commit to this, I would be saying that I am in fact accepting responsibility that it is my child. He had paperwork that would release me from everything. With that in place, I found that I could not put the pen to the paper... I thought, what if she is mine? He flew back down with other paperwork that I could be involved with some type of contact and I would not be alienated from the girl. I had only seen pictures. He said before I signed he wanted me to think about it, but first we would go to lunch. I got set up, but in a good way. Christina, my ex-girlfriend had come down with him with the baby who was almost 3 years-old. This was the first time that I saw

I think babies are rather ugly but she was beautiful. That's when I was pretty sure she was NOT mine, because I am not so

hot looking. Seriously, now this made this even more difficult. Christina said if you had anything for me, please consider signing. I saw the love they had for that little girl. It was awesome. I couldn't do it there. I became sad and depressed but later on that day, Christina's husband came over, I signed. We both cried, he was happy, I was sad. For a long time, I second guessed myself, but realized this did go very well for all of them. My first wife was jealous and didn't want me to have any contact whatsoever. From time to time, we would all meet. I missed out, but saw something good going on for her. Her name was Joyce.

Dave made good money and took vacations in many places. When she turned eight, she was brought down to go to Disneyland and I was invited. I couldn't say anything to my first wife or this would have started WWIII. During that weekend, we had a great time. I couldn't believe how smart she was.

All four of us were all out having dinner and she was asked if she is having a good time, when out of the blue she said, "If you don't think for a minute that I don't know that you are my real dad, you're mistaken." I totally froze. I looked at Dave and Christina and they were as shocked as I was. She looked at us and just smiled with a big grin. She went back to eating her desert. She was still smiling when she looked at me and I totally lost it and so did Dave and Christina. They never had said a word to her about this. She thought we were all nuts for cry-

I think I was still in shock for a week... I wasn't ready for that. She was able to figure it out by simple deduction... why see George.

A few weeks later, they all went on an overseas vacation. They had a great time but Joyce was under the weather at the last

couple of days. When they got back to the states, things got worse. Joyce ended up in the hospital and nobody knew what was going on. They came up with all kinds of theories but nothing concrete. They wanted a possible donor of spinal fluid (I think) and if I was her biological father, I would be a match. I was a match but it was no help. She went into a coma and passed just before her ninth birthday. It was found that she had a brain parasite (neurocysticercosis) which caused seizures and then killed her. Detecting this came too late. Dave felt that she picked up the parasite during one of their overseas trips. He was totally desponded as we all were. He blamed himself for her death. He was so totally devastated we were worried that he was going to kill himself. I had a horrible time dealing with this and it complicated my marriage as she was no help at all. This was part of the reason for the divorce a few years later. She had no compassion whatsoever.

Joyce was hardly in my life, but it was still like my heart was torn out of my chest. The one thing that I am glad about is that she knew me and how I was con-

Her parents were great parents, the best. They did such a great job.

Sadly Dave's sister and husband were killed by a drunk driver. They had two young children, a boy and a girl. Guess who adopted them. It was awesome. They have both graduated from college and are doing well.

As for me, how do I respond when someone says, "Happy Father's Day?" When people ask if I have children, I sometimes say, "not anymore." And then that requires an explanation. Too hard to explain and just say she passed a long time ago. Sometimes I say, I don't have any children, but that saddens me when I say that.

I still stay in contact with Dave and Christina... I have to; they were the "parents" of my daugh-

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Anticipating Federal Reserve Rate Increases

The U.S. Central Bank on Wednesday raised interest rates for a second time this year and projected two more rate hikes in the second half of 2018. It said the labor market "continued to strengthen" and that job gains have been "strong". The FOMC appears to be a little more eager to raise rates than it was in March. Because the balance between those favoring three hikes and those favoring four in 2018 was very close, just a little more "eager" tips the balance to hikes in both September and December. The FOMC 2019 forecast also rose, but only by a quarter point, so that the median still favors two hikes next year, after probably four in 2018.

Fed economic projections for this year also show a little more strength: GDP was revised from 2.7% to 2.8%. The unemployment rate was revised from 3.8% to 3.6%. PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure) inflation was revised from 1.9% to 2.1%. Core PCE inflation was revised from 1.9% to 2.0%. 2019 and 2020 economic projections were unrevised, except for the unemployment rate, revised from 3.6% to 3.5% in both years, and headline inflation revised from 2.0% to 2.1% in 2019.

Layoffs have remained very low amid signs of growing worker shortages across all sectors of the economy. There were a record 6.7 million job openings in April. The number of unemployed people per vacancy slipped to 0.9 from 1.0 in March, indicating that all job qualified people looking for a job are likely to find one.

The labor market is considered to be close to or at full employ-



ment, with the jobless rate at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent. The unemployment rate has dropped by three-tenths of a percentage point this year. It is near the Fed-

eral Reserve's forecast of 3.6

percent for the end of this year.

The best Q&A exchange followed a question from a Bloomberg TV reporter who asked how the Fed thinks it can increase the unemployment rate from 3.5% to a higher natural rate (previously assumed to be approximately 4.5%) by hiking just a couple of times (past the rate it thinks is the long run neutral funds rate).

Chairman Powell indicated the Fed is still trying to figure out where the natural rate of unemployment (formerly known as the NAIRU) is. If inflation does not take off with a lower unemployment rate, then the Fed will allow it to stay low. If inflation starts to push higher, the Fed will do what it must to keep it con-

Most improvements in living standards come from productivity. Productivity comes from innovation. Companies invest in innovation only when it is cheaper than adding additional workers. Hence, the only way we will ever experience faster late-cycle productivity is if the Fed allows

the job market to tighten. It is an accident the unemployment rate has fallen as much as it has. As John Williams made clear, the FOMC would have preferred to stabilize unemployment at 4.5% and wait to see if productivity would have accelerated, which it likely would not have because it would not have been necessary. But it does not matter now. The productivity experiment is underway regardless of the FO-MC's intentions.

It is heartening to hear Chairman Powell admit that the 4.5% long-run unemployment rate in the SEP (Strategic Economic Plan) was an estimate, and a fairly uninformed one at that. The committee is not wed to it. The Fed still thinks there is a NAIRU (non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment), but Powell was willing to concede it could be a lot lower than the SEP me-

This could be one of the hardest strategies to understand. The Fed always wants to stimulate economic growth, but at the same time does not want growth to create "run-away" inflation. Inflation is the Fed's worst enemy, the second is recession, and it is the Fed's job to contain both extremes (inflation and recession). In-other-words, the Fed wants a balanced economic environment; and, the Fed's best tool in containing stimulus or creating stimulus is through monetary policy - interest rate manipulation.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

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

California Insurance Code, section 798.8 requires a written advance notice to any person, age 65 or older, when offering to sell a life insurance or annuity product. There's also a Medi-Cal disclosure requirement. That salesperson broke the law and could be reported. On the other hand, if you called an insurance agent and requested an appointment to discuss finances, an advance notice would not be required.

Is there a way to have good retirement income and still

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

What are the costs involved



Julia Yoder in selling our house and buying another?

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

We're anxious to sell our home and move closer to our

grandchildren. Is now the right time to sell?

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

What is a Lease-Option?

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

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Higher Salaries and More Jobs May be Coming for U.S. Workers

Small and mid-size business owners are feeling more optimistic than they have for a long time, suggests a new survey, and experts say this could mean positive things for the overall economy -- including for workers' salaries and job-seekers' prospects.

According to the PNC Economic Outlook, optimism is running at historic highs in all categories that the semiannual survey of small and mediumsize business owners evaluates. This is reflected by the 85 percent of respondents who selected a positive emotion to describe how they feel about the business climate during the next six months, (from the time of the survey): hope (39 percent), enthusiasm (37 percent) and joy (9 percent).

The survey also points to some good news for the American workforce: 49 percent of business leaders anticipate increasing their employee compensation in the next six months and 32 percent expect to add full-time staff. However, four out of 10 respondents say it's harder to hire qualified



employees today compared to six months ago, with the biggest challenge being lack of experience or skill.

"Small businesses are a key source of economic activity and employment, and owners' perceptions can be a good indica-

tor of what's to come," says Gus Faucher, chief economist of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. "Our overall findings confirm that U.S. economic expansion will likely continue throughout 2018." (StatePoint)

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By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Goodbye Spare Tire?

Remember when cars had a full fix kit instead. size spare tire? Then they went to the small temporary spare tire called the donut. Now, in order to save weight, many manufacturers are doing away with the spare tire altogether on certain models. Certainly, less weight increases gas mileage. It is also easier and less expensive to shed weight from a car, than to introduce technology to save fuel. This year about 14 percent of new model cars in the United States have no spare tire.

The tire repair kit which replaces the spare tire, weighs in at about 20 pounds less than a spare tire and a jack assembly and do not take up much room either. But what should you do if you happen to get a flat? The car manufacturers are supplying a quick-

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If you get a major blow out that is larger than a quarter of an inch, or if the puncture is on the side of the tire instead of the bottom, the repair kit won't do the job and you will need to be towed. The manufacturers figure that in most cases the repair kit will do the job as it should take care of flats 85 percent of the

The manufacturers also feel that TPMS (tire pressure monitoring systems) will alert you in most cases that you have a leak which you can fix before you have a flat. So, if the low tire light sends a signal, don't ignore it. If you buy a new car, you might want to look for the spare tire.

Manufacturers have been mandated by the Corporate Average

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Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards and are scrambling to get better gas mileage (an average of 54.5 miles per gallon) by 2025 and are doing all they can to make it happen. Not every manufacturer is using this method to help their cause but it is something you need to be aware of. You don't want to be stuck in the middle of nowhere and start looking for a spare that you aren't going to

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Interest Rates are Rising: Should You Buy a Home or Wait?

With heightened talk of rising interest rates, many prospective homebuyers are understandably concerned about whether it's the right time to purchase a home.

Indeed, you may be wondering if you waited too long and let the historically low interest rates pass you by or if you can still find a dream home that fits within your current budget.

Experts say that it's true that rates are at their highest in almost four years and that this year has been particularly rough, however, it's not all bad news. Rates are still well below the levels seen

10, 20 and 30 years ago. "Rates are still low by historical standards, helping make mortgage payments affordable for many, but your wallet might

take a hit if rates continue to go

up," says Freddie Mac deputy chief economist, Len Kiefer.

How big will the hit be? Assume you buy a home with a 20 percent down payment, take out a \$200,000 mortgage and are getting a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. At a 4.5 percent interest rate, your monthly payment would be \$811 with total interest paid over the life of the loan being \$131,851. With a 7.5 percent interest rate, your monthly payment would be \$1,119 with a total interest paid of \$242,748. With an 18 percent interest rate, your monthly payment skyrockets to \$2,411 with a total inter-

est paid of \$708,081. If rates jump a half percentage, you'll pay a bit more each month, which isn't ideal, but the added expense will unlikely be a dealbreaker. However, if rates jump to the levels they were in 1981 (an average of 18 percent), you can expect to pay a whopping \$1,600 more per month, which may cause you to think twice about taking the plunge into homeownership.

To find out how much you'll pay, check out Freddie Mac's free Fixed-Rate Mortgage Calculator at calculators.freddiemac.com. For other free tools and resourc-

myhome.freddiemac.com.

Don't let current rising interest rates prevent you from buying a home this year. Experts suggest that while rates have risen recently, historically speaking, it is still an overall great time to buy. (StatePoint)



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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

ARCADIA Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite everyone to our Annual Auction, June 21 at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Ayres Hall. Preview 6:00 p.m. Auction promptly at 7: p.m. Checks & cash payments only. Refreshments. Join us for great fun and lovely orchids!

Specialty Summer Camps

Looking for something fun and educational for your children this summer? Registration for week-long specialty camps is now open. These Specialty Summer Camps offer academic and creative programs for youth of all ages. A list of these fun and exciting camps are 3D Art, Computer Animation, Engineering with Legos, Science, Sewing, Skateboarding, Video Game Cod-

Specialty Summer Camps are one week long from June 11-August 10. Prices vary depending on the camp. Extended care in the morning and afternoon is also available for most camps. Don't miss out and sign-up early! For more information, please visit website www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

Instructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more informa-

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.

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For more information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245,

McNeill Fitness

Program

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

COVINA

Summer Madness -(Ages 50 And Up)

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting Free Summer Madness of Games and activities at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on Tuesdays, (June 26, July 24 and August 28) from 11-11:45 a.m. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

The Basics - Memory Loss, Dementia And Alzheimer's Disease

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Alzheimer's Association presents a seminar "The Basics - Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease" on Friday, **June 22**, 10:45-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Learn about detection, causes, risk factors, stages, and treatments of Alzheimer's disease. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Tech Talk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Tech Talk. This is a great opportunity for seniors to learn how to navigate the digital world. Bring one electronic device at a time, such as a cell phone, tablet or nook, iPad, laptop computers, and more! Tech Talk is free and is taught by members of our Covina T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) in a one-onone setting. Program takes place at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Tech Talk is on **June 28**, from 3:30-4:30 pm. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

BUNCO!

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is hosting BUNCO at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Senior Lunch

Program

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department hosts a daily nutrition program for senior citizens at their senior programs site, located at the former Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 12 pm. For those 60 and older there is a \$3 suggested donation. For those under 60, the fee is \$5. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Community Garden Parcels

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department has a Community Garden located at Cougar Park. Parcels are now available. Grow your own vegetables alongside other gardeners who are passionate about gardening and growing healthy organic produce! Annual fee of \$50 for large or handicap accessible parcel, and \$44 for small parcel. Applications are available at covinaca.gov. For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Basketball And T-Ball

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is offering Winter Basketball for ages 18 months-11 years and T-ball for ages 3-6. These programs provide instruction and fun in a noncompetitive atmosphere. For more information or to register, please call (626) 384-5340 or visit covinaca.gov.

Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers "Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

Meals on Wheels

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

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or

the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington

Alzheimer's Safe **Return Registration**

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-

GLENDORA

Glendora Adult **Basketball Program**

Southland Sports Association is offering adult basketball leagues in Glendora. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday leagues begin the week June 25, 2018.

Registration will be accepted, Monday, June 18, through Friday, June 22, 2016.

For more information, please contact Frank Ortiz, Adult Sports Coordinator, at (818) 425-9789 or go to www.ci.glendora.ca.us.

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Cars 4 the Community

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

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Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148or email jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us.

LA VERNE

Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is free.

To Register: (909) 621-9900 To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

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

<u>SAN DIMAS</u>

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.

WEST COVINA

TOPS Meeting

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

Go West Shuttle Service

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

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.
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- The fare is only \$1.00 each way. No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and In-

dependence Day. Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center has an award-winning lunch program that provides a daily lunch service for seniors, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program is funded in part by the Los Angeles 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.

Summer Evening Entertainment Series

COVINA - The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department will be presenting its annual Summer Evening Entertainment Series starting on Monday, June 25. This free entertainment series will take place at two locations this year. At Covina Park, 301 N. Fourth Ave. the City will host live concerts on Mondays (7:30 p.m.), Kids' Night Out on Tuesdays (6:30 p.m.), and Covina Concert Band on Thursdays

At Heritage Plaza, 400 N. Citrus Ave. will have Millennial Night (7:30 p.m.) that will show various live action films on June 25, July 11 and 18. Bring your chairs and blankets, food trucks and ice cream for sale, and for those 21 and over, bring your favorite craft beer or bottle of wine to enjoy with friends.

For more information, please visit www.covinaca.gov or please call (626) 384-5340.



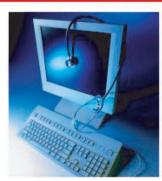
Legally Blonde The Musical

The Musical

By Patrick Murphy

CLAREMONT - This fun and entertaining musical has the premise of what happens when a fashion-obsessed sorority girl, Elle Woods, is accepted into prestigious Harvard Law

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School. Upon arrival, clutching her little chihuahua, Bruiser, she is mercilessly mocked for her pink fashionista outfits and ditzy style. She has followed her college crush, Warner, attempting to prove to him that she is not just another dumb

blonde. The play opens with the Delta Nu sorority girls breaking into song. They are celebrating Elle's impending engagement to Warner. The set is pink, and bright, and pink, and impressive, and pink.... oh, and very, very pink. Barbie's fun house come to life. Perfect for this fun frolic of a musical. Even if you are not a fan of pink, you will be a fan of this musical.

Callandra Olivia has excellent stage presence and such a fine voice that Reese Witherspoon would be envious. You will find that this is not just a play which has juxtaposed songs. It is a true musical with each successive number advancing the story. There is a plethora of dancing, singing, and witty dialogue interspersed between the songs.

A few of the catchy tunes include: "Omigod You Guys", "Blood in the Water", "Ireland", "Serious", "Whipped into Shape" and "Bend and "Snap".

I know you are wondering, "So does Elle win the heart of Warner?" Well, no spoilers here. You will have to head to the Candlelight Pavilion for an enjoyable evening, or matinee, and find out for yourself.

Legally Blonde The Musical. Music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin. Book by Heather Hach. Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Motion Picture. Directed by Chuck Ketter. Choreographed by Amanda Brown. Music direction by Rod Bagheri. Starring Callandra Olivia as Elle Woods, Matthew Malecki as her erstwhile boyfriend Warner, Jordan Killion as Emmett and Ron Hastings as Professor Callahan.

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Audience: Rated PG-13 Schedule: 06/08/2018 - 07/ 14/201. Wednesday at 2pm and 8pm, Thursday and Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and

8pm, Sunday at 2pm and 7pm. Ticket prices: Thursday-Sunday Evenings:: \$69- \$78/ person. Saturday and Sunday Matinees: \$63-\$70/person. Tickets include meal and show.

Tickets: 909.626.1254 ext.1.

Methodist Hospital Offers Free Heart Lecture

ARCADIA - The American cans are living with a serious condition called Atrial Fibrillation, also known as AFib, which is a quivering or irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) that can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart-

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related complications.

The Good News: AFib is treatable. You're invited to a FREE lecture with board certified cardiologist Jesus Vazquez. MD, who will address the signs, symptoms, treatments and prevention techniques for AFib. The free lecture will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 23 at Methodist Hospital of Southern California, 300 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

RSVP via our community calendar

www.methodisthospital.org/ lecture or call 626-821-2389.

Heart Association reports that more than 2.7 million Ameri-

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San Gabriel Unified Student Selected for Junior Honor Orchestra, to Perform at Carnegie Hall

SAN GABRIEL – Budding cellist Melanie Hsiang will receive the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall on June 23 as part of the Honors Junior Orchestra, which brings together exceptional young musicians from across the world to perform as an ensemble under a master conductor.

Hsiang, who will begin ninth grade at Gabrielino High in the fall, became interested in music during a pre-band course when she was in fifth grade. She discovered the cello at Jefferson Middle School in sixth grade and began private lessons shortly after.

"I love the feeling of freedom and expression that playing the cello gives me," Hsiang said. "When I first started playing, I didn't think I was anything special, but I've worked hard and have had teachers who believed in me along the way. This opportunity feels unreal, and I'm honored to be part of it."

The Honors Junior Orchestra is one of several ensembles that will perform in the 2018 Honors Performance Series. Presented by WorldStrides OnStage programs, the series invites middle- and high-school vocal and instrumental musicians to perform at celebrated concert venues, such as Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

Students must be nominated by a teacher to audition; Hsiang was first nominated as an incoming sixth-grader by Rachel Chew, SGUSD's fifth-grade strings teacher and Jefferson's choir director. Hsiang decided not to apply as a sixth-grader,



Melanie Hsiang, a soon-to-be freshman at Gabrielino High, will have the opportunity to play the cello at Carnegie Hall on June 23 as part of the Honors Junior Orchestra.

opting instead to practice for two years until she knew she was ready.

"Melanie is incredibly talented, and I am so proud of her for pursuing this opportunity to become an even better musician," Jefferson orchestra teacher Esther Minwary said. "I hope that all my students realize the joy music can bring to their lives and are empowered to continue developing their talents as well."

Hsiang and her fellow musicians were given seven pieces of music to learn over the course of six weeks. The students will rehearse as an ensemble – under the direction of conductor Curt Ebersole – five

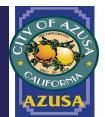
times before performing on June 23.

While in New York, participating students will also have the opportunity to see a Broadway show and visit the city's famous landmarks before enjoying a post-performance celebration in Times Square.

"The arts are a cornerstone of education in San Gabriel Unified, and we are proud to see students like Melanie Hsiang go above and beyond to pursue advanced learning opportunities," SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. "Congratulations to Melanie on her well-deserved place in the Honors Junior Orchestra."

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Now Playing: Summer Movie Nights in Your Own Backyard



Creating a drive-in theater in your backyard is easier than you think. With the right equipment, and some planning, the most difficult step will be picking out the movie.

Looking for a way to get the most out of your summer evenings? Make it a night at the drive-in at home! With the right equipment and planning, you can easily enjoy your favorite movies under the stars, right in your own backyard. Here are a few simple steps for bringing your new favorite tradition to life.

The Setup

Designing your outdoor screening space is a simple process. To begin, determine where your screen should be placed. You will want your screen positioned where there is minimal light once the house lights are off and the sun has set. There should be ample space for guest seating, and room for the projector's image throw distance. For optimal image quality, your projector should be elevated.

For seating, an assortment of lawn chairs, floor chairs, outdoor ottomans and outdoor rugs will accommodate preferences for guests of all ages.

Since you will be limiting ambient light as much as possible, keeping pathways lit for safety purposes is a sensible exception. Solar LED pathway lights are a tasteful accent that will keep guests safe around tripping haz-

The Basics

Select the right projector. Since outdoor settings include a number of light sources that are not always within your control, such as street lights and moonlight, choosing a projector with the right lumen level for your space is critical for clear image projection. As a rule, the more ambient light in your backyard, the higher you will want your projector's lumen level to be.

The second component to consider is sound. No home theater system is complete without quality sound, and your outdoor screening experience is no exception. Your guests will appreciate an audio source with enough output to cut through ambient

For simplicity and convenience, consider an all-in-one outdoor movie theater kit, such as the one offered by Improvements, which is Wi-Fi enabled and features everything your backyard home theater needs, including a 1,200 lumen projector with 800x480 DPI, Bluetooth speaker and a 90-inch screen.

The Extra Details

Since you'll most likely be waiting for the sun to set before starting the movie, get creative with activities for both kids and adults to pass the time. It's a smart step to spray the area for bugs before guests arrive, and keep additional pest control solutions on hand.

Hosting an outdoor movie party is a fun opportunity to put a twist on movie theater snacks, especially ideas that can be prepared in advance. However, fresh popcorn is an absolute must. (StatePoint)





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