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# Citrus College Celebrates Women's History Month, Honors Trailblazing Women

GLENDORA - Citrus College paid tribute to trailblazing women throughout history, including U.S. Rep. Grace F. Napolitano, at a college luncheon to celebrate Women's History Month. The event, which included approximately 50 women leaders from communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley, featured keynote speaker, Dr. Elisabeth Ritacca, history faculty member at Citrus College. Dr. Ritacca presented "The History of Women's History," an overview of the emergence of women's history as a field.

According to Dr. Ritacca, as women became involved in various women's rights movements over the previous two hundred years, they also became more interested in their history. Ritacca highlighted changes within the field of women's history, saying, "The questions that future generations will ask will differ from our own, and thus the stories we tell today will be different from those told in the future." After her presentation Ritacca facilitated a short discussion with attendees about women whose stories they



Citrus College celebrated Women's History Month during a luncheon on March 31. Attendees included U.S. Rep. Grace F. Napolitano. Front row, l-r: Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president; Congresswoman Napolitano; and Dr. Elisabeth Ritacca, Citrus College history faculty member. Back row, l-r: Citrus College Board of Trustees, Susan M. Keith, member; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president; Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, vice president; and Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, clerk/secretary.

wanted to celebrate. Guests also heard a special message of inspiration from Napolitano, who told her life story, from her childhood as the daughter of Mexican immigrants living in Brownsville, Texas, to

her election to the United States Congress. She began her remarks by saying, "All of you are trailblazing women, because you are doing something others are not." Congresswoman Napolitano also offered the following advice: "If you run for elected office, you had better be

prepared to dedicate your heart and soul, because that is what it takes." In appreciation of Congresswoman Napolitano's vision and leadership, as well as her advocacy in support of students, Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College,

presented a plaque to the congresswoman on behalf of Citrus College. In her remarks, Dr. Perri thanked Congresswoman Napolitano for the many individuals she has given a voice to throughout her career, including student veterans, students involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) studies, and students in need of mental health services. "You are the embodiment of a trailblazer. Throughout the years, you have tirelessly contributed to the communities you serve and have been an exemplary role model and mentor to Citrus College students."

The Women's History Month Celebration Luncheon was the capstone event in collegewide activities to celebrate Women's History Month. Other activities included the screening of the film, Made in L.A. and a panel discussion featuring local trailblazing women, Dr. Geraldine M. Perri; Dr. Martha McDonald, vice president of student services, Citrus College; Dr. Devorah Lieberman, president, University of La Verne; and Rev. Karen Davis, councilmember, City of Glendora.

## Questions on Illegal Immigration Interrupts Pro-Illegal Immigration Event Held By Congresswoman

By George Ogden

EL MONTE - It appears that a forum for "Know Your Rights" for illegal and undocumented immigrants which was hosted by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and El Monte Mayor Andre Quintero didn't go well at all.

The event held Friday afternoon, April 14, held at Grace T. Black Auditorium, ended up in a shouting match, pushing and shoving, and a large police response to break up the fights. The Mayor ended up shutting down the meeting because it became a circus.

A number of people showed up questioning the right of the congresswoman to be spending our money on events like this and not supporting the laws that are already in place. People on both sides brought signs to the event.

Since this was a public forum and not a Council meeting, free speech is clear here. What many felt that the mayor should have done is to have those holding signs moved to the side of the room with their signs. However, Mayor Quintero basically stated that he was going to have the signs picked up which many protested that it would be a violation of free speech. This escalated both sides into a shouting match. It appeared the mayor lost control of the people that were attending. It appeared to be about 50-50 for those in support, and those not in support.



El Monte Mayor Andre Quintero and Police try to break up an attack on a man who did not support illegal immigration.

There was already a large police presence in the town hall meeting, but things got out of hand. At one point a Hispanic lady attacked a white male and knocked his phone out of his hands. At that point he jumped up to see where his phone went and pointed out the lady to police only to be attacked by a large baldheaded male who pushed and shoved him away from his phone. The mayor was seen attempting to break up the fight by getting in between the two subjects as well as did the police officers. The victim of the assault was escorted from the town hall meeting.

He wanted to get his phone back which was on live stream and recording at the time. Another woman was seen picking up the phone via the live stream and stealing it. She did not turn it into the police. She was holding it as she was walking away with it still live streaming.

The victim was seen outside

trying to make a police report on the two assaults. More police officers arrived with lights and sirens and they blocked off the street. It took a while to restore order, however there was chanting of "racist go home".

Overall, this type of event hosted by the congresswoman and the mayor did more damage than answer any questions about the illegals and undocumented individuals and their rights.

Many felt that it would've been more appropriate to have a town hall meeting that would assist those that are here illegally or undocumented on how to become citizens and to be in the US legally. Some hope that this was an education for the mayor and congresswoman for future events concerning immigration rights.

## Easter Egg Hunt And Activities At Via Verde Park Attracts Hundreds

SAN DIMAS - On Saturday, April 8, 2017 the Friends of Via Verde Park, and the City of San Dimas held an Easter Egg Hunt at Via Verde Park. There were also FREE activities for those attending, including a bouncer, face painting, balloons and of course, pictures with the Easter Bunny.

The Easter Bunny was driven around the Via Verde area prior to arriving at the park for the Easter Egg Hunt. Escorted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, the Easter Bunny handed out chocolate Easter eggs to children attracted by the caravan.

Volunteers from the HEROES Organization, Friends of Via Verde Park and the City of San Dimas Parks and Recreation Department kept things running smoothly for the two hour event. "When you see all those children with a big smile on their face and a basket full of Easter candy it just makes it all worth while," said Gary Enderler, event organizer. The event itself wouldn't have been possible without the support of its sponsors. This year's sponsors included Pediatric Dental Care of Via Verde, East Shore RV, Toyota of Glendora, Albertsons, and San Dimas Photography Stu-



Easter Bunny handing out candy while visiting the Via Verde area of San Dimas.

dio, who provided the free pictures with the Easter Bunny. Other Via Verde businesses that helped sponsor were, Via Verde Dental, KinderCare, La Villa Kitchen, Dick McClelland Bro-



It's time for that picture with the Easter Bunny.

kerage, Vons and Via Verde Prescription Shoppe. The event photographers were Stew Hunter and his grandson, Matt Warner. It was a great family event that left everyone glad that they attended.

## Festival Of Arts

SAN DIMAS - The San Dimas Festival of Arts 2017, 'California Images & History' begins on Friday, April 28 with a Premier Opening & Reception at 6:00. The show will continue through Sunday afternoon, April 30, until 4 pm.

This year, the San Dimas community and the surrounding areas, are invited to join our professional artists to 'Paint Along With the Pros'! The community "Paint

Along with the Pros" is devoted to Saturday, April 29, 9 am to Noon.

The Award Ceremony for the winners of the "California Images & History" Art Exhibition and Plein Air Event 2017, will take place on Saturday, April 29, at 6pm (reservations required).

To learn more, please call (909) 599-5374 or go to [www.sandimasarts.org](http://www.sandimasarts.org).

## American Legion POST 475 Honored by 18th District

GLENDORA - The American Legion POST 475 of San Dimas-Glendora was recently awarded an Honor Ribbon for exceeding 100% of their projected membership for the year 2017. Eighteenth District Executive Committeeman, David Whalen, presented the ribbon to POST Commander, Rick Leffler, as POST officers Joe Mercier, Adjutant, and Miles Butterfield, Chaplain, look on. The Honor Ribbon will be added to the many already gracing the POST flag. POST 475 was originally chartered in San Dimas in 1934 but was physically moved to Glendora some 20 years ago. It has been active in the San Dimas, Glendora

and La Verne areas since that time. Although there have been varying levels of membership over the years, the level of participation has been waning as membership ages. This has prevented the POST from carrying out many of its stated goals of providing help to veterans and their families. Consequently, the POST is seeking younger, more active members in order to move the POST forward. Any qualified veteran interested in joining the organization to help fellow veterans may contact Commander Leffler at 626-533-6486 or Adjutant Mercier at 626-698-8153 or [jnmaero@aol.com](mailto:jnmaero@aol.com).





# Glendora Gavel Club

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Gavel Club is an ongoing club that meets at the La Fetra Center (333 East Foothill Boulevard, Glendora 91741) on the **1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 3:15pm-4:30pm.**

The Club's mission is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. In a Gavel Club, members enjoy giving speeches, telling stories, gaining feedback, leading teams, guiding others and building lasting friendships in a supportive atmosphere. New participants are ALWAYS welcome!

For more information, please call the La Fetra Center at (626) 914-0560.

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# Glendora Genealogy Group Meeting

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Genealogy Group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **April 25** in the Elm Room of the La Fetra Center, 333 East Foothill Blvd, Glendora. There will be a refresher course "Using Genealogy and Historical Societies" led by Pat Chavarria at 6:00

PM. Our business meeting follows at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Christine Johns Cohen. She will be presenting "DAR.org: Your Ancestor does not have to be a Patriot to use this site."

This presentation will demonstrate how to use for research the Daughters of the American Revolution's website <http://www.dar.org/org>. It has a wealth of information about the entire United States that can be viewed for free, you do not have to be a DAR member to utilize this site. The website has documentation about Patriots that can assist you, even if you do not have a Patriot Ancestor. It contains an index of surnames in published resources, unpublished resources created by DAR members over the past 100 years including bible, cemetery and vital records and a Descendants database to search for children of Patriots. Plus Membership and supplemental application papers with the existing, unrestricted supporting documentation of active, deceased, resigned, or dropped DAR members may be ordered for a fee.

Christine Johns Cohen: As a 14 year member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS), Christine has held the positions of Membership, Newsletter Editor and is currently President. In addition, at WAGS, she conducts presentations on a wide variety of genealogical topics. She is currently a member of the El Redondo Chapter of the DAR and The Society of Daughters of Holland Dames. Her interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series "Roots". She is a native Californian, a graduate of UCLA in Political Science and has worked for Vitol Aviation Company for the past 24 years.

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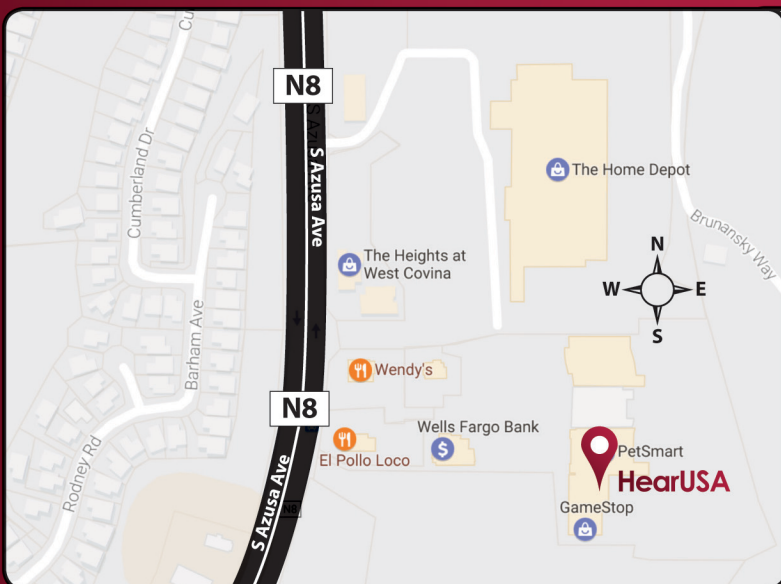
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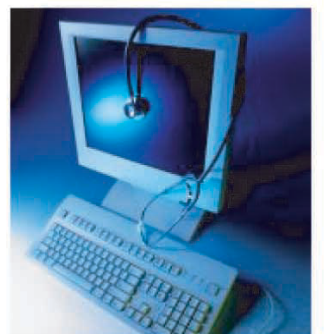
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## San Dimas HS Car Show

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

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## Earth Day Festival 2017

**GLENDORA** - Glendora's Annual Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 22 at Glendora City Hall, located at 116 E. Foothill Blvd, Glendora, CA from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This popular, free community event provides a unique opportunity to learn about the environment in a family-friendly setting. The entire day will consist of "green" education, live entertainment, vendors, food, and fun activities for all ages.

The purpose of the Earth Day Festival is to educate residents on ways to be environmentally aware and to learn how to make a difference. The goal is to remind people to take action now to protect the environment.

Event activities are listed below and will be free of charge to the public.

Collection Services - A number of collection services will be available including: Confidential Document Destruction, Used Motor Oil and Filter Disposal, Safe Drug Drop Off, and Beverage Container Recycling.

Community Bike Ride - This

leisurely family-friendly excursion begins at 9:00 a.m. The ride is approximately 4.5 miles in length and will take roughly 45 minutes to complete. Register ahead of time by visiting [www.CityofGlendora.org/register](http://www.CityofGlendora.org/register) and typing in the search code "Earth Day." Riders will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the City Council Chamber at the corner of Vista Bonita Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

Youth Activities - Kids will love the new and interactive scavenger hunt while learning about green living. Scavenger hunters will complete each clue and collect giveaways along the way. Finish the entire hunt for a chance to win a grand prize eco-basket! Youth can also make art using recycled books, jump in our bounce house, view an animal magic show, and take a picture with "Mighty Mike" of Athens Services. Other activities include: face painting, gardening, and a viewing of Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax." Watch for a special visit from Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl from the U.S. Forest Service!

Eco-Tour of Glendora - A fun and informative shuttle tour designed to teach participants about environmentally-friendly projects and points of interest in Glendora.

Explore Big Dalton Wilder-

ness Area, Nature Center, and Colby Trail - Shuttle services will be provided throughout the day, to and from both the Colby Trailhead and Big Dalton Wilderness areas.

Earth Day Workshops - Exciting classes will be offered on how to select plants that will survive and thrive in a drought at the Drought Tolerant & Native Species Plants Workshop. Maintain a successful garden at the Smart Gardening & Composting Workshop or maximize the use of rain water at the Garden Design with Rain Barrels Workshop.

ENERGY STAR® - The City of Glendora is pleased to feature the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR booth at our event. The interactive ENERGY STAR booth will be located in the Library starting on April 17 and provides information on how to use less energy to save money and protect the climate.

Earth Day Pledge - We invite all to take our "Earth Day Pledge" and promise to preserve our natural resources, reduce, reuse, and recycle.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.CityofGlendora.org/earthday](http://www.CityofGlendora.org/earthday). We look forward to seeing you at our annual Earth Day Festival.

## Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs

**SAN GABRIEL** - On Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the San Gabriel Police Department will again collaborate with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and give the public its an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the San Gabriel Police Department at 625 South Del Mar Avenue, San Gabriel, CA 91776. The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous; no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons (over 730,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 by its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its

partners have taken in over 7.1 million pounds - about 3,500 tons - of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are advised that disposing of unused medicines - by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - potential safety and health hazards.

For further information regarding the event, contact Lieutenant Brian Kott at (626) 308-2835 or BK076@sogpd.com.

## City of West Covina Seeks Community Input on Police Chief Recruitment

**WEST COVINA** - The City of West Covina will hold a Community Outreach Meeting to solicit input from residents and community partners concerning the next West Covina Police Chief. City residents and the business community are invited and encouraged to attend. The Community Outreach Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30pm at the Cameron

Community Center located at 1305 E. Cameron Avenue, West Covina. The Community Outreach Meeting will be led by Mr. Regan Williams, Senior Vice President from Bob Murray & Associates, the firm conducting the search for the next Police

Chief. During the Community Outreach Meeting, the following will be discussed:

1. The candidate search and recruitment process
2. Professional characteristics desired in the next Police Chief
3. Priority public safety issues

Mr. Williams will use the information gathered during the public input session to develop an ideal candidate profile.

West Covina Police Chief Dave Faulkner announced his retirement last month effective June 30, 2017. Chief Faulkner was appointed West Covina Police Chief in 2014. He has served more than 30 years in law en-

forcement. When he came on board in West Covina, the West Covina Police Department had 92 sworn officers. Three years later, the City increased the number of sworn officers to 102 and is currently looking at hiring an additional two officers through a bike patrol grant.

Candidates interested in applying for the position of West Covina Police Chief may contact Mr. Regan Williams at (916) 784-9080. For more information about the West Covina Police Department, visit [www.wcpd.org](http://www.wcpd.org). For more information about the City of West Covina, visit [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org).

## Man Charged with 5 Counts of Attempted Murder in Covina Shooting Spree

By George Ogden

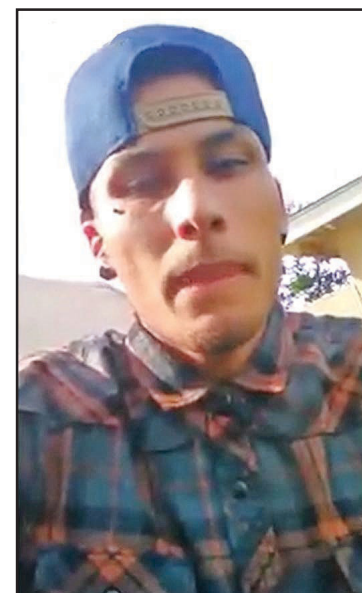
**COVINA** - Sean Vasquez, 20, who went on a shooting spree at the corner of Lark Ellen and Cyprus in Covina last week, he has been charged with five counts of attempted murder. He also took shots at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies when they arrived on scene and most likely will be charged with attempted murder of police officers as well. He also has seven counts of assault with a firearm on police officers as well.

Vasquez, who is filled with tattoos and believed to have gang affiliations, was doing a live stream on Facebook during the attack and is actually seen shooting at

deputies as they arrived. It is almost a miracle that nobody got hurt.

The deputies had every right to use deadly force to keep the community safe; however they worked diligently with the SWAT team to take the suspect into custody without killing him. A lot of credit has been given to all of the first responders that were able to make this happen and to make a safe arrest.

It has been said, that Vasquez, if convicted, can be sentenced up to 200 years to life in state prison. Originally, it was thought that the bail had been set at \$10 million; however he's being held with no bail.



Sean Vasquez as seen during his live streams on Facebook.

## West Covina PD Shuts Down Sunset and Merced After Valinda Shooting

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - The West Covina Police Department had to shut down the intersection of Sunset and Merced for a number of hours starting around 10 PM Thursday evening, April 13.

Police responded to Sunset and Merced avenues after a report of a traffic collision at that intersection. Police found that both the driver and the passenger of one of the vehicles were victims of the shooting. It appears that the man and woman were

shot in West Valinda and attempted to make it to the Queen of the Valley Hospital before getting into the traffic collision.

The investigation was set at two locations, one in West Valinda where the shooting took place, and the other in West Covina where the traffic collision took place. Both the Sheriff's Department and West Covina Police handled the traffic collision while the Sheriff's Department handled the shooting in West Valinda.

The man and the woman were both taken to the hospital with the man in critical condition. He underwent emergency surgery and his condition is unknown at this time. The woman was in stable condition.

The intersection was opened up a few hours later.

The motive for the shooting has not yet been determined and the investigation continues.

Anyone with information can reach the sheriff's Industry Station at 626-330-3322.

## New Online Service for Replacement Social Security Cards in California

**SACRAMENTO** - As part of National Social Security Month, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to inform customers who may need a replacement Social Security Number (SSN) card that they can now order one through the Social Security Administration's (SSA) website.

"California residents can replace their SSN card online, without having to travel to a Social Security Office," said DMV Director Jean Shiomoto. "That is an added benefit to our DMV customers."

The DMV collaborated with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrations (AAMVA) and the SSA on the innovative benefit. The online service is available to California residents through the SSA's my Social Security portal at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

Residents in California and 16

other states including the District of Columbia currently have the online card replacement option. The SSA is gradually rolling out the service in other states.

U.S. citizens age 18 or older and who are residents of California can request a replacement SSN card online by creating a my Social Security account. In addition, they must have a U.S. domestic mailing address, not require a change to their record (such as a name change), and have a valid driver's license, or state identification card in participating states.

In addition to California residents replacing their SSN card through the portal, current Social Security beneficiaries can also change an address, adjust their direct deposit, obtain a benefit verification letter, or request a replacement SSA-1099. Medicare beneficiaries can request a replacement Medicare card without waiting for a replacement form in the mail. Account holders still in the workforce can verify their earnings history and obtain estimates of future benefits by looking at their Social Security Statement online.

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## Trump Takes on the U.S. E.P.A.

President Trump has issued an Executive Order to curtail the overreach and power grabbing U.S. EPA. In California we've seen the EPA rules and regulations constrain the productivity and financial stability in the Central Valley and impact the cities in Los Angeles County putting all of them close to bankruptcy.

When President Trump signed the Executive Order, he said:

*"The EPA's so-called 'Waters of the United States' rule is one of the worst examples of federal regulation, and it has truly run amok, and is one of the rules most strongly opposed by farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers all across our land. It's prohibiting them from being allowed to do what they're supposed to be doing. It's been a disaster. The Clean Water Act says that the EPA can regulate 'navigable waters' — meaning waters that truly affect interstate commerce..."*

For years the EPA has been supported and coerced by former President Barack Obama and the democrats for more "clean" with no demand for a clear definition of what clean is, what the EPA jurisdictional authority is and doing this using the 1972 Clean Water Act and a multitude of court decisions.

The battle between U.S. E.P.A. and the farmers of this country has been on-going since an amendment to the Clean Water Act was proposed revising the definition of the EPA's role and WOTUS — Waters of the U.S. That battle has become the battle of Los Angeles County and the cities in L.A. County when directed by US EPA to begin to implement the MS4 regulations at a cost of plus or minus \$20 billion.

The Clean Water Act provides EPA can regulate "navigable waters." Most of us think navigable waters means something you can float a boat on ... oceans, rivers, lakes. But a few years ago U.S. EPA decided to expand their jurisdictional authority in the Clean Water Act by declaring it had the authority to monitor everything from irrigation ditches on farmland to puddles in parking lots.

Two years ago, despite the outcry during hearings concerning the amendment that would rede-



**Lois M. Shade**  
Former Mayor of Glendora

fine Waters of the U.S. in the Clean Water Act, then President Barack Obama signed the rule expanding the definition of "navigable waters" to include "intermittent streams" or streams that sometimes had water in them and sometimes didn't have water in them.

Like rainwater that sometimes fills our parking lots and streets and drains to the storm drains or flood control channels into our settling basins, then into our Main San Gabriel Basin providing us with drinking and irrigation water.

U.S. EPA has required cities and counties to obtain a NPDES permit to measure and control discharges from pipes, man-made ditches and discharges from industrial and municipal sources, including parking lots, into surface waters. Cities have spent time and money implementing the order and creating plans with no clear assurance the US EPA has the authority to issue that directive to local government.

U.S. EPA under Phase II of NPDES, called MS4, or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, U.S. EPA issued an order requiring urbanized areas, like cities and counties, to create a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to reduce the contamination of storm water runoff from their jurisdiction to storm drains/channels/rivers and ultimately to the ocean. Cities in Los Angeles County are the only ones required at this time to take those steps.

Local electeds and city managers called a meeting held at West Covina City Hall with huge numbers thrown around the room and all of those numbers had dollar signs in front of them. Front and center was Senator Ed

Hernandez, (West Covina D-22J), Chair, San Gabriel Valley Caucus. Senator Ed Hernandez promised to find a solution for cities under the burden of finding the hundreds of millions of dollars to implement the US EPA MS4 mandated regulations.

One of the solutions that has come forward is from the legislators in Sacramento and it is SB 231 by Senator Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys). Unfortunately, that proposal is another tax. Hertzberg proposes to change the definition of sewer service to include stormwater. First, Prop 218 gives voters the right to vote on new taxes with three exceptions: trash, water and sewer service. SB 231 would change the definition of sewer service to include stormwater despite the 2002 appeals court ruling that stormwater was not included in these exceptions. SB 231 would allow local governments to be the fall guys and to charge property owners for the cost of implementing the federal EPA MS4 mandate. If that passes, it could cost each of us homeowner \$1,200 to \$1,400 each year on their property tax bills.

When signing that Executive Order, President Trump said:

*[The WOTUS amendment] ... was a massive power grab. The EPA's regulators were putting people out of jobs by the hundreds of thousands, and regulations and permits started treating our wonderful small farmers and small businesses as if they were a major industrial polluter. They treated them horribly."*

*"In one case in a Wyoming, a rancher was fined \$37,000 a day by the EPA for digging a small watering hole for his cattle. His land. These abuses were, and are, why such incredible opposition to this rule from the hundreds of organizations took place in all 50 states."*

*"With today's executive order, I'm directing the EPA to take action, paving the way for the elimination of this very destructive and horrible rule."*

And, hopefully relieve the L.A. County cities and homeowners of the financial burden of implementing the MS4 rules of an out of control bureaucracy pushed forward by a liberal majority in D.C.

## The Destruction Of The American Dream

I grew up with the deeply planted dream that had shaped America. We were a nation of immigrants, including the Bayers who came here from southern Germany, and the MacDonalds who came from Scotland. We were, and still are, a fairly young nation when compared to the lands from which we had come. My forebears, like most American families, had been captured by the dream that was articulated in the poem enshrined at the Statue of Liberty.

*"Give me your tired, your poor,*

*Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,*

*The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.*

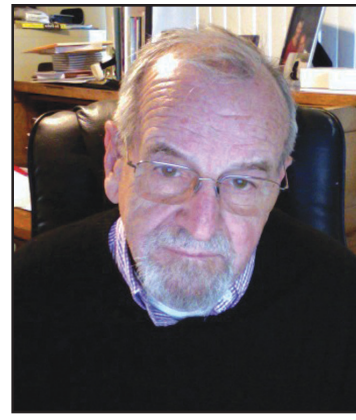
*Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,*

*I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Emma Lazarus

More than two centuries ago the dream had been made into a political reality in a Constitution. This dream had been planted in the fertile soil of democracy. Ours was to be as Lincoln later put it, a nation governed of, for and by the people. The Constitution was based on the proposition that all of us were created equal and endowed with unalienable rights. There were to be no aristocrats, but a community of equal citizens who cared deeply about each other and each other's welfare. Nobody was to be left out. Kindness and a mutual generosity were woven into the fabric that was America. While there was plenty of room for those who were smart enough or hard-working enough to prosper, even that right was embodied in an egalitarian ethos.

We longed to the land, from sea to shining sea, and we pledged to take care of it for ourselves and for those who would come after us. Slowly the dream was made incarnate in laws that guaranteed universal suffrage, the rights of women, infants, chil-



**Charles H. Bayer**

dren, the poor, the disabled, and anyone needing a hand up.

Along the way there were several disastrous wrong turns. We systematically slaughtered those persons who had been here for centuries prior to our arrival. We polluted the dream by slavery, a bloody civil war and Jim Crow Laws. And from these misadventures we have not yet fully recovered. But the embodiment of the dream has persisted.

While we were to be the world's lighthouse, calling peoples everywhere to examine the dream, we were not to be engaged in the exploitation of other nations, nor were we to exercise political, military or economic hegemony over them, or make them servants of our national interests. "America first" was not to become our version of "Deutschland uber alles." While we have not always been faithful in following that dream, it has continued to re-emerge after it has been smothered in the name of patriotism. While no political party has perfectly exemplified the dream, it has often been refocused by "the better angels of our nature."

Consider the shock of discovering that an incompetent egomaniac has attempted to destroy that dream, and is supported by a collection of misguided followers who put party over rationality. These beguiled pawns do not now know how to get out of the quagmire they are unsure how they got into.

No one has articulated the current malaise more clearly than that he editorial board of *The Los Angeles Times*. Consider these excerpts from the first few paragraphs of a weeklong series of editorials.

*It was no secret during the campaign that Donald Trump was a narcissist and a demagogue who used fear and dishonesty to appeal to the worst in American voters. The Times called him unprepared and unsuited for the job he was seeking, and said his election would be a "catastrophe."*

*Still, nothing prepared us for the magnitude of this train wreck. Like millions of other Americans, we clung to a slim hope that the new president would turn out to be all noise and bluster, or that the people around him in the White House would act as a check on his worst instincts, or that he would be sobered and transformed by the awesome responsibilities of office.*

*President Trump has taken dozens of real-life steps that, if they are not reversed, will rip families apart, foul rivers and pollute the air, intensify the calamitous effects of climate change and profoundly weaken the system of American public education for all. His attempt to de-insure millions of people who had finally received healthcare coverage ... and his projected enactment of a massive transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich ... and he has proceeded with his efforts to defang the government's regulatory agencies and bloat the Pentagon's budget even as he supposedly retreats from the global stage.*

In the weeks to come I will be detailing what I believe to be the central values that those of us committed to the dream must continue to honor.

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## Control Your Darn Kids. What's Wrong with Parents Today?

Recently, after a Commission meeting in West Covina, we met at one of our fine restaurants in the area to grab something to eat. A Councilman, a Commissioner and I sat down for a meal at Denny's. We were surprised to see how busy it was. Large groups of nicely dressed people were coming in to have a quiet meal. However, across the room there was a family of six. The parents and four kids.

I know different cultures have different ways of dealing with things, but this was completely unacceptable. They had four kids, with maybe the oldest being around seven or eight years old.

The parents could not care less about what their kids did in the restaurant nor did they care about the people around them and the servers that were working. They let their kids scream at the top of their lungs, run loose throughout the restaurant and compromising the safety of the elderly and the servers by running wild. They did not supervise their chil-



**George Ogden**  
*That's just the way it is!*

dren. As far as I was concerned, they were not parents at all.

These are the same children that will become adults later on and defy authority and most likely end up in our jail system. They let their kids run throughout the restaurant with the girl at the table screaming at the top of her lungs without any parental direction at all. The screamer, I guess was practicing for her future PMS episodes when she gets older. She was freaking loud and she was across the room bothering all of us. People turned around and looked at these parents and the parents did abso-

lutely nothing. At one point the kids ran back into the cooking area. This is where the servers have hot meals, coffee and are proceeding to carry food out to the customers. They were extremely busy this night. And again, the parents did not give a damn.

As far as I was concerned, these parents couldn't be ruder if they tried. Oh did I say parents, excuse me, I just misrepresented them.

As I made rather loud comments about their kids, the adults never picked up on it or didn't care. These people should've never have been parents in my opinion, because they are not. These were just two people that helped pollute a society of uncontrollable brats.

Most restaurants have the right to refuse service, and in my opinion, this is what should have been done for the protection of those patrons in the restaurant as well as their employees. Everyone was extremely lucky that night that somebody didn't trip over one of these little monsters and get hurt with either hot scalding food or breaking some bones. Let's not forget the injuries that could've happened to the young ones because the parents didn't retain responsibility whatsoever.

What is wrong with some of these parents today? I guess this is the future of America we must live with it.

*"That's Just the Way it Is!"*

## "TIME JOCKEY" - Robbed

By Joe Castillo

**Olympic Champion....** Jim Thorpe just may have been the greatest athlete of all time, an athlete who excelled in track and field, baseball, football and even ballroom dancing. He grew up in the rural Indian territory of Oklahoma and attended Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. Thorpe was a natural athlete and his skills showed while playing football, baseball and competing in various track and field events. Competing against better equipped and trained track athletes, Thorpe not only held his own but defeated all his rivals as well.

In 1912, he was selected to represent the United States in the 1912 Olympics and won the Gold Medal in both the decathlon and pentathlon. Individually he finished 4th in the long jump and 7th in the high jump showing the kind of versatility that other athletes had never previously displayed. Thorpe accepted his medals from King Gustav of Sweden, returned

home to New York and received a ticker-tape parade. He met President Taft and was the toast of the town. But in January 1913, a newspaper reported that Thorpe had played a semi-professional baseball game in an obscure town in Eastern Carolina in 1909 and 1910 and had been paid money to play. According to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), taking money for athletic competition was not allowed and upon hearing the accusations against Thorpe, the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) revoked his Olympic victories and medals leaving Thorpe without a reward for his greatest achievements.

Thorpe was part Irish, French, Sac, Fox and Potawatomi heritage but had little money to afford a good legal team to challenge the accusations. Other amateur athletes had also competed for money but none of them used their own name except for Thorpe. His mistake led him to a quick verdict and he became the first

Olympic athlete to have his results nullified and his medals taken back. For years, Thorpe drifted from town to town, job to job, unable to find a place to call home. He died a broke and desolate man, the complete opposite of the stature he achieved with his athletic greatness.

In 1982, seventy years after his medal were taken from him, the IOC decided to return a replica set of Olympic medals to Thorpe's family. The rules of being an amateur had changed and Thorpe's actions in 1910 were no longer considered in violation of IOC and AAU rules. The greatest Olympic athlete had been reinstated however Thorpe's legacy was already ruined but for those who saw him compete in any sport, there is no doubt that Jim Thorpe was indeed the greatest athlete of all time.....

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## 60 Acts Of Kindness Campaign Launches In San Gabriel Valley

**Goldrich Kest Marks 60-Year Milestone By Helping Less Fortunate**

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY** - Known for its many San Gabriel Valley apartment complexes including San Gabriel Villa, Fairvalley Villa, Las Palmas, Oak Park North, Walnut Ridge Apartments and Windwood Apartments, Goldrich Kest, one of the state's largest real estate development and management companies, is celebrating its 60th anniversary by launching "60 Acts of Kindness" campaign.

The company is seeking submissions from those in need who need a boost to improve their lives and/or the lives of their families and communities. Per-

haps one's bicycle was stolen and that was their primary mode of transportation to and from work, a student needs a computer to help her with her studies, a senior citizen requires a wheelchair but lacks the funds to purchase one or a single mom needs help with childcare, etc.

"Goldrich Kest was built on recognizing "Goldrich Kest was built on recognizing and fulfilling the needs of a wide spectrum of people and philanthropy has been a bedrock of our 60-year history," said company President Carole Glodney. "We are excited to launch 60 Acts of Kindness

and look forward to continuing our mission of helping those in the communities we serve."

To be considered for an "Act of Kindness", send a concise one-page description of your need to [60Acts@frankgroffinc.com](mailto:60Acts@frankgroffinc.com)

The company was founded by Jona Goldrich and Sol Kest, both Holocaust survivors who have since passed. They launched their company in 1957 with \$200 in their pockets and parlayed that into an extensive portfolio of residential, commercial, industrial, and retail space statewide.

For more information, visit [goldrichkest.com](http://goldrichkest.com)

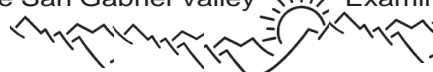


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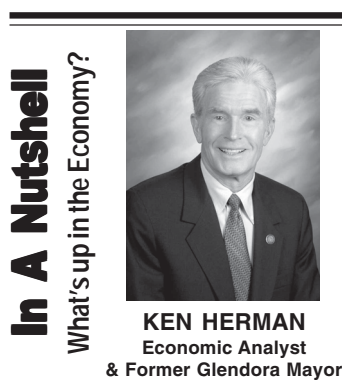


# The Latest Conflict Between Markets And Fed Policy

One would think the Fed would like to get out of the spotlight and just read the data, meet every 45 days to decide to raise (or not raise) rates, state their findings, and then return to their cozy offices. That's how the Fed operated in the past. There was no pre-FOMC forecast, nor a litany of Fed Governor speeches at every high-dollar luncheon spanning the country. Although many of the functions the Fed conducts are routine, the big difference today from "years gone by" is how the Fed fails to speak with one voice. As a result, investors have to play a guessing game about Fed policy, resulting in more market volatility.

This past Friday the 10-year Treasury briefly traded under 2.3% before reversing higher, leaving U.S. Treasuries little changed. Some of last week's key U.S. economic data fell short of expectations (like the ISM Services index and non-farm payrolls). However, the U.S. GDP growth rate for the fourth quarter of 2016 was finalized at a +2.1% (seasonally-adjusted annual rate), revised up from the prior estimate of 1.9%. GDP forecasts for the first quarter had been all over the place with the Atlanta Fed's model forecasting 1.2% while the New York Fed's model shows 2.9% growth.

It's only the first week of baseball season and the Fed threw the market a sharp curve ball, bringing up the idea of reducing the central bank's \$4.5 trillion balance sheet instead of holding assets to maturity as was the conventional thinking. This could have a material effect on future rates. New York Fed President Dudley said that the Fed could potentially pause rate hikes once it began that process. Other Fed officials have not discussed a serious pause, with nine policy makers seeing three or four rate hikes in 2018 on top of the generally-expected three rate hikes



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**In A Nutshell**  
What's up in the Economy?

this year. Those forecasts do not suggest any kind of "pause" ahead, so perhaps Dudley is a minority of one.

Over the course of history - going back to 1870 - the peak 10-year Treasury rate was in September, 1981, at 15.3%. This led to a 35-year bull market in bonds, taking rates down to an all-time low yield of 1.5% in July 2016. In the 150 years since the Civil War, the mean (arithmetic average) rate was 4.58%, while the median (that point at which half the rates lie above and half below) was lower, at 3.87%. We are currently well below the mean and median, with a closing 10-year Treasury rate of 2.30% last Friday.

Interest rates have been down so low for so long that the thought of the 10-year Treasury reverting back to its historical mean of 4.58% sounds very unlikely. That's about 2.38% higher than where the 10-yr currently trades. However, if the economy is humming on all cylinders in a couple of years, raising rates may not be a major issue as it would certainly provide the swelling numbers of retirees a decent savings rate and lofty bond yields.

Financial markets have been living the dream of an ultra-low interest rate market with low inflation, but now both are returning to a more normal level of 2%+. Investors should accept the possibility that interest rates may normalize in the coming years, given a healthier economy.

In her March press conference, when Chair Yellen said nothing has been decided with regard to the balance sheet, it turns out she meant nothing final had been decided. The March FOMC minutes laid out several scenarios for ending balance sheet reinvestment and clarified a few significant points. From the minutes, we know balance sheet normalization is likely to start toward the end of this year. Based on clues in the minutes and confirmation from San Francisco Fed President Williams, it should finish in about five years. The most important revelation is that the program is likely to be tapered, which will prevent a significant shock from an avalanche of paper rolling off in 2018. FOMC participants want to make the process gentle, predictable and as trouble free as possible. They are still sensitive to the financial market and the possibility of real economic damage. Once the balance sheet starts shrinking and everyone gets used to the idea, the Fed wants it to be background noise, something traders don't even think about.

In short, demand for U.S. dollars in the public domain alone implies that the Fed will need a much larger balance sheet than it had before the 2007-2008 financial crisis. The Fed would do well by the markets to explain these realities in rational terms - perhaps in conjunction with market-moving headlines at a post-FOMC press conference. Two things would happen. Investors would better understand the scope and scale of the Fed's intentions and the stock market would likely enjoy a smoother ride.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*My wife is employed part-time, and I am have been self-employed for over 5-years. We want to purchase a home. We're being told I'll need to show 2-years' tax returns. My income last year was considerably higher than the previous year, so they say we have to wait another year. By then, housing prices and interest rates will probably be much higher. What can we do?*



**Julia Yoder**

They want to see that your income is "reliable" and that there's a great probability that you will be able to continue making the mortgage payments. There are some lenders who only look at 1-year tax return, especially when you have been in the same line of business for a number of years and it looks like you'll continue. Also remember that there are many loan programs, both fixed interest and adjustable, and down-payments from as low as 1-percent (sometimes matched by 2-percent by a lender) for a conventional loan. There are VA loans with zero down-payment. And there are FHA loans.

*I'm not sleeping well at night, thinking about what would happen to my retirement savings if the stock market took a dive. What should I do?*

There are other places you could put your money, but you'd have to be willing to sacrifice some of the highest potential returns that could be possible in the stock market. In turn, you would gain the following advantages: You could have safety for your investment dollars, along with a promise that you cannot lose your investment (based on the strength of the company). Your

gains could be locked in annually. You could possibly enjoy deferred taxes or even no income taxes. And, you could potentially receive lifetime income.

*We're considering long-term care insurance. Some friends say it isn't worth it; others say they are very happy they have a policy. What do you have to say about it?*

Differences of opinion usually come from different experiences. The friends who have long-term care insurance have probably seen, or personally experienced, the financial burden that befalls those folks (and their families) without an LTC insurance policy. If you are financially able, and you've decided that's where you want to spend your money, and your heirs' inheritance, then go ahead and consider self-insuring. At this time, in California, you can expect to pay between \$45,000 and \$65,000 per year per person. In 20 years, the cost is expected to be over \$100,000 per year. The average stay in a nursing home is 5 years. On the other hand, if you are planning to rely on Medicaid/MediCal, then you might want to determine when you think you

might need this form of government welfare for your nursing home care, and set the date to spend-down your assets to coincide with the government's compulsory 5-year look back period. If you have other plans for your money and assets, you might want to consider long-term care insurance. Long-term care insurance premiums can be tax-deductible (within published limits). There are differences in the plans offered, so make sure to do your research.

*My business partner and I are concerned that if something happened to the other, the survivor might not be able to keep the business going while looking for a competent replacement. What can we do?*

The most common way to accomplish what you want is for the business to buy life insurance on each partner, with the business as the beneficiary. The expense of the life insurance policies can be a write-off as a business expense. Some insurance can be set up to supply retirement income, too.

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# Fake Tax Payment Checks Lead to Arrest and Conviction of Bogus Home Loan Business Operator

**SACRAMENTO**—A Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement (TRaCE) Task Force investigation led to the prosecution and conviction of Carlo Hamrahi, 44, of Santa Clarita. His issuance of fake checks led to the discovery of his fraudulent home loan modification scheme for which he was convicted of two felony counts of grand theft and a white collar crime enhancement resulting in losses exceeding \$100,000 on April 6, 2017, in Los Angeles County Superior Court in Norwalk. He was sentenced to three years state prison and ordered to pay \$140,000 in restitution to his victims.

The TRaCE investigation be-

gan after the Board of Equalization (BOE) received fraudulent checks totaling nearly \$900,000 issued by Hamrahi. After BOE discovered the checks were bogus, the TRaCE Task Force executed a search warrant at Hamrahi's home in March 2015. This turned up evidence that Hamrahi, using the alias Roberto Colleoni, was operating Colleoni Enterprises, a company offering home loan modifications.

TRaCE task force agents found that Hamrahi induced numerous unsuspecting homeowners to enter into home loan modifications, baiting them with promises of reducing their mortgage balanc-

es by fifty percent, lowering their interest rate by two percent, and extending payment terms to forty years in duration all while providing a money back guarantee.

Hamrahi collected fees and upfront money from the trusting homeowners, giving the appearance that the loan modifications had been executed to the extent of forging deeds and opening escrow accounts. Hamrahi even sent them fraudulent "payoff" checks containing stolen identities, which were eventually returned by banks as fraudulent. No homeowners received legitimate home loan modifications under Hamrahi's scheme.

# California's Economic Output Outpaces Nation for Fourth Straight Year

**SACRAMENTO** — California's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has grown consistently faster than the nation's as a whole for four straight years. In 2015, the California GDP rose 5.6 percent, while the U.S. GDP increased 3.7 percent (unadjusted for inflation). Also called "economic output," GDP measures the market value of goods, services, and structures that are produced within a particular period, and tends to be related to population, income, spending, employment, housing permits, and other measures of economic activity.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the New York-Newark-Jersey City metropolitan area led the nation with an economic output of about \$1.603 trillion in 2015. Califor-

nia was represented by two of the top 10 areas: Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (\$930.8 billion), and San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward (\$431.7 billion). The Los Angeles metropolitan area accounts for 37.9 percent of California's GDP, while the San Francisco Bay Area comprises 17.6 percent.

"The greater Los Angeles area once again leads the state in economic output," said Board of Equalization Member Jerome Horton. "I am proud to represent this region, which is responsible for almost 40 percent of California's gross domestic product."

San Jose has been the fastest growing metropolitan area within California — and the second fastest in the U.S. — with stronger economic growth than 380 of the nation's 382 metropolitan

areas in 2015. With growth rates that ranged from 5.0 percent to 10.4 percent over the past five years, the San Jose area had the largest increase in that time frame — 37.6 percent — more than 60 percent higher than the California average gain of 23.1 percent, for a total GDP of more than \$235 billion. The Los Angeles area had a strong showing in 2015, finishing above the state average in GDP growth.

One way to compare economic wellbeing among regions is to calculate inflation-adjusted GDP per capita. Real economic output per capita in the San Jose area was close to twice that of the California average in 2015. Other areas with higher than average per capita real GDP include Los Angeles, San Diego, and Napa.

# Cars Through The Ages: 1931-1960

## 1931 - 1940

**1931** — Mercedes-Benz presents the first modern independent front suspension system.

**1932** — Ford redesigns the Model A with a V8 engine and sells over 300,000 the first year.

**1933** — Ford drops to third place behind General Motors and Chrysler.

**1934** — Citroen Traction Avant is the first successfully mass-produced front-wheel drive car.

**1935** — A thermal interrupter switch is used to create flashing turn signals.

**1936** — 54% of US families now own cars.

**1937** — Buick and Oldsmobile present the Automatic Safety Transmission.

**1938** — The Volkswagen goes into production in Nazi Germany (The German People's Car).

**1939** — The first air-conditioning system is added to cars.

**1940** — Jeep is designed with more than 360,000 made for the Allied armed forces. It was the workhorse of WWII.

## 1941 - 1950

**1941 - 1945** — 700,000 GP (General Purpose Vehicles) were built for WWII through 1945 by Ford and Wyllys-Overland. GP = Jeep!

**1943** — US passenger car production falls to 139 vehicles because war production requirements took over.

**1945** — The war ends. Henry Ford resigns and his grandson, Henry Ford II becomes the president of The Ford Motor Company.

**1946** — Michelin patents the Radial-ply tyre.

**1947** — Henry Ford dies at the age of 84.

**1948** — The American motor industry produces its 100,000,000th car.

**1949** — Michelin "X" radial-ply tyres go on sale.

**1950** — Ford Motor goes from 3rd place to 2nd place, reducing Chrysler to the 3rd position.

## 1951 - 1960

**1951** — Chrysler offer power steering.

**1952** — Automatic transmission vehicles in the USA exceed 2 million.

**1953** — General Motors introduces the Corvette & Porsche the 550 Spyder race-cars.

**1954** — Tubeless tyres are now available for all new American cars.

**1955** — American car sales hit a record 7,915,000.

**1956** — Ford introduces seatbelts but it isn't met with enthusiasm by the public.

**1957** — 80% of new cars in USA have a V-8 engine & Chrysler offers in-car record player.

**1958** — Toyotas and Datsuns are imported to the USA.

**1959** — Studebaker hopes its new compact car, The Lark, will compete with European imports.

**1960** — 80% of US families own at least one car.

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# Mt. SAC Wins 10 Medals at HOSA State Competition

*Health career students advance to national competition in June*

**WALNUT** - Mt. San Antonio College health career students won a total of 10 medals, including seven gold medals and three silver medals, at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) state leadership conference held in Sacramento. More than 2,800 students competed at the state competition.

Kai Jackson (Altadena), Caroline Lara (West Covina), and Deandra McClenney (Altadena) won gold medals in the creative problem solving competition. Peace Lwanga (Moreno Valley) LaTonya McDaniel (Perris), Thalia Rochel (West Covina), and Gretchen Valdes (Rialto) won gold medals in the biomedical

debate competition.

Sarah Cruz (La Puente), Michael Soto (Montclair), and Sakhonnaroth Ven (Lancaster) took silver medals in creative problem solving.

All 10 Mt. SAC students will advance to the national HOSA competition to be held June 21-24 in Orlando, Fla.

HOSA, established in 1976 by the U.S. Department of Education, is the national organization for secondary and post-secondary health career students. The organization provides students in 40 states with skills, leadership development, and career development.





# Around the Valley & Senior News

## AZUSA

### Azusa Unified to Host All District Concert at APU

Azusa Unified School District elementary, middle and high school students will unite to showcase their musical expertise at 7 p.m. Thursday, **April 20** at the All District Concert. Themed "Americana," the concert will feature American heritage classics as well as contemporary numbers performed by more than 200 choir and band students. The event will be at Azusa Pacific University's Felix Event Center, 701 E. Foothill Blvd. Azusa. Admission is \$5 at the door.

### 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

### Bingo And Lunch For Seniors

Arcadia Senior Services is having a fun filled Brunch and BINGO event on Friday, **April 21** starting at 10am. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia. The cost is \$10 and includes; breakfast, 10-pack of game cards, and prizes. Professional BINGO equipment will be used. The event starts out with a delicious breakfast casserole, fruit, muffin, potatoes and juice. BINGO will start following the meal. Gift cards will be awarded to the lucky winners, the last game of "black out" being worth \$50. Daubers are available for \$1. This program is for individuals age 50 and over. Registration is currently underway at the Arcadia Community Center. For additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services 626.574.5130.

### Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists welcomes you to our **April 20** Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Carol Buele, subject will be The Tokyo Dome Show. Refreshments. All are invited!

### 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 infor-

mation call 626-281-6771.

## COVINA

### Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

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

### Blood Pressure Checks

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

## DUARTE

### Meals on Wheels

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

### Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$2. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

### Alzheimer's Safe

### Return Registration

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

## GLENDORA

### Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

The La Fetra Center and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank invites SENIORS (Ages 60+) to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Current Food Bank participants can receive a FREE food kit once per month which contains items such as canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, dry milk, cereals, and related products.

Participants must meet the following income guidelines to be eligible: one person household income must not exceed \$1,211 per month and a two person household income must not exceed \$1,640 per month. You must provide income verification and a photo ID with birthdate at your first visit. The La Fetra Center distribution takes place on the **Fourth Tuesday of Every Month** from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

### Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-9:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit [glenkirkchurch.org](http://glenkirkchurch.org) or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

### Glendora After Stroke Center

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

## MONROVIA

### Tenth Annual Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For ad-

ditional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Blood Pressure Screenings is at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on the **Second Tuesday of the month** from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and on the **Fourth Wednesday of the month** from 9:00am - 10:00am

### Caring Crafters

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

### Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

Classes are at the Community

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

## WEST COVINA

### Go West Shuttle Service

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

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

### Senior Lunch

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

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.

## Late Start Spring Semester Classes Available at Citrus College

**GLENDORA** - There is still time to enroll in spring semester classes at Citrus College. Registration for late-start classes is underway. Classes begin Monday, **April 24**.

Offered on an accelerated eight-week timeline, late-start classes provide a quick and convenient alternative to the traditional class schedule. These compressed classes meet for the same total number of hours as a full-term class, but in a shorter period of time. Over 80 late-start class sessions are currently available in subjects ranging from accounting and anthropology to music education and real estate. Many of the classes are provided

in an online format, which utilizes technology to deliver instruction online.

With nearly 100 associate degrees and certificates of achievement and skill awards, Citrus College serves the diverse educational needs of a wide variety of students. Individuals interested in pursuing their higher education goals at Citrus College are encouraged to register now.

Students who have been enrolled at Citrus College within the last year may register for classes using WingSpan, the college's computer system. New students, however, should submit an online application to receive a registration appointment. Applications to Citrus College and the current class schedule can be accessed online at [www.citruscollege.edu/ar](http://www.citruscollege.edu/ar). For more information about enrollment and registration, call 626-852-6471.

In addition to innovative academic programs and flexible class schedules, the college also provides students with numerous resources to enhance their academic experiences. These include financial aid, veterans support services, disabled students support services and more. Citrus College faculty and staff are committed to providing a positive learning environment designed to foster student success.

## Glendora Masonic Lodge To Celebrate Public School Month

By Kaveh Shokravi

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Masonic Lodge invites everyone in celebration of Public School Month on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California.

In 1970, as California's public schools struggled to survive teacher shortages, California Masons led a community response. The fraternity proclaimed Public Schools Week, rallying communities in support

of schools and raising the funds needed to improve the system. The Mason's of California still continue that tradition with Public Schools Month every April.

This year the Glendora Masonic Lodge is proud to honor four local students who overcame great obstacles, in their lives, to continue to strive in the educations.

The date is April 26th, 2017.

Program begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. And business attire is requested.

The Public School's celebration will be held at the Glendora Masonic Lodge, 135 N. Valley Center Avenue in Glendora.

Please R.S.V.P no later than April 24th to Kaveh Shokravi, 626-404-6682 or [shokravi@hotmail.com](mailto:shokravi@hotmail.com)

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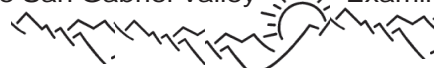
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## Citrus Valley Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary Is Looking For Volunteers


**COVINA** - The mission of Citrus Valley Health Partners is to help people keep well in body, mind and spirit by providing quality health care in a safe compassionate environment; Volunteers provide the helping hands to fulfill this mission.

Volunteers assist in many areas at the hospital such as the front desk where information

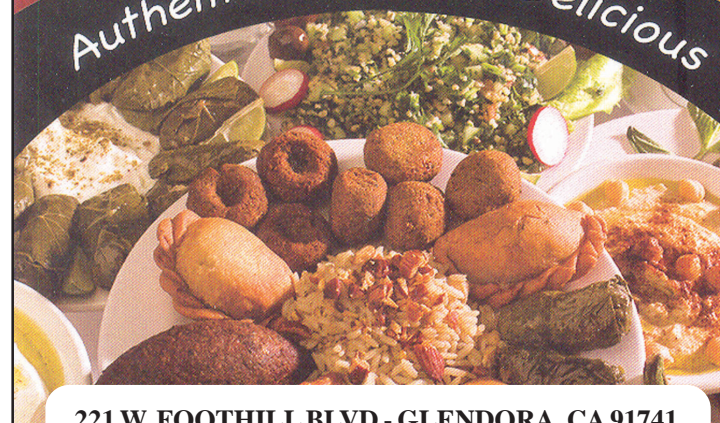
is provided to visitors, the gift shop, surgery waiting room, newspaper/magazine delivery and in other areas. The Auxiliary of Inter-Community Hospital welcomes new volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer contact Corporate Director of Volunteer Services Tiffany Ramirez at (626) 915-6237 or e-mail her at: [tramirez@mail.cvhph.org](mailto:tramirez@mail.cvhph.org).

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# Northview Collects Pennies for Patients

**DUARTE** - Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Everyone who participates is a winner!

This year, the Northview Builders Club took up the challenge and the Duarte Kiwanis Club pledged to match their efforts (up to \$500). They were able to raise \$803.05 - and the Duarte Kiwanis check brought the total up to \$1303.05. Throughout the school, all the classes participated - and Ms. Garcia's class will be receiving




Emir Villalba, Builders Club President, accepts a check from Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds.

lunch at Olive Garden for raising the most money! For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at [drdiane@drhemandezoptometry.com](mailto:drdiane@drhemandezoptometry.com)

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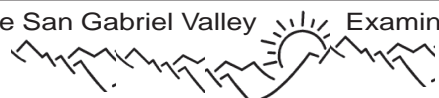


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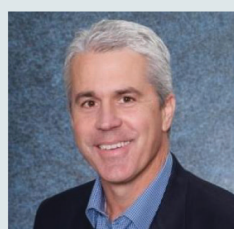
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