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# Azusa's "Kathy's Cool Kutz for Kids" Held Sunday

By Jorge V. Rosales

**AZUSA** - On Sunday, August 13, Azusa Council Member Robert Gonzales kicked-off the ninth annual "Kathy's Cool Kutz for Kids" a free back-to-school hair cut event at Memorial Park in Azusa.

This year for unknown reasons approximately only 100 school-aged girls and boys from Azusa showed-up to receive free professional back-to-school hair cuts from stylists and barbers who have their business in Azusa or daily work in one of the establishments in Azusa.

Hair Salon such as IN STYLES HAIR SALON in Azusa-Yvonne Potter, Owner, Patty Guillen, Kasey Nguyen, and Sonia Del Villar; STUDIO IMAGE in El Monte-SokSan Chorn; FIRST AVE SALON in Arcadia-Ashanti Garcia; OPTIONS in San Dimas-Maria Becerra and Denise Jimenez; GREAT CLIPS in Alta Loma-Daniel Chavez; STAY GOLD in Upland-Sam Rosales; STEWS BARBER SHOP in Temecula-Karla Buck; STEWS BARBER SHOP in Temecula-Raeann Ramshaw and Patty Tomassacci.



Kathy's Cool Kutz for Kids IX took place at the Memorial Park Gymnasium on Sunday August 13, 2017.

Potter and Councilman Gonzales came up with the idea for this event nine years ago. During the first year in 2009, 97 kids were serviced. The next year in 2010, the number of kids who received a free hair cut increased to nearly 200 kids. By 2016 the number of kids who received free haircuts increased to over 300.

Kathy's Cool Kutz for Kids IX was a success. It took place from Noon until 4:00 P. M. at the Memorial Park Gymnasium, which for one day be-

came the largest hair stylist shop in Azusa or perhaps in the San Gabriel Valley at over 5000 square feet.

The event aimed to give children preparing for their first day of school a free hair cut to relieve some burden off the parents while giving kids the opportunity to look sharp on the first day of school.

This year's "Kathy's Cool Kutz for Kids IX" was coordinated by Councilman Gonzales

and sponsored by Azusa Mayor, Joe Rocha, the City of Azusa, several hair stylists previously mentioned, as well as Vulcan Materials, Cory's Kitchen Foodbanks, Cardinal Laboratories, and Royal Coaches.

Vulcan Materials Company donated very colorful backpacks to each boy and girl. The other organizations contributed much needed school tools, such as pens, pencils, writing note-

books, and other tools for school use.

"I can't begin to express the gratification that overcame to me in seeing all those kids with their 'Cool Kutz' and smiles," said Gonzales. "They are now ready to face the new school year with a clean-cut look and with some very special free back-to-school back packs and school tools that every child received with their 'Cool Kut!'"

## Police Arrest Man for Major Injury Hit and Run Crash in Irwindale



Mario Anthony Barillas, 37, of Baldwin Park.

By George Ogden

**COVINA** - Just after 3 p.m. on July 29, police and fire responded to Arrow Highway and Bleecker Street to a major traffic collision. When the first responders arrived, they found that a stolen 2010 Nissan Pathfinder SUV had been traveling at an excessively high rate of speed when it slammed into a 2004 Dodge pickup truck's passenger side as it was attempting to turn left into a recycling

center.

The driver of the SUV got out and ran from the scene. He attempted to carjack another vehicle, but that driver was able to drive away. Witnesses said that an over-weight male Hispanic was the driver and he ran from the attempted carjacking attempt.

A married couple, both 70-year-olds, was injured in the crash. The man was driving and his wife was the passenger when the SUV crashed into the passenger side crushing the woman into the wreckage. The man was seriously injured with the woman in extreme critical condition. Firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to cut the woman from the wreckage. She was in grave condition.

Although the suspect was able to get away, the detectives did not give up on the investigation. They checked with and interviewed a number of witnesses, reviewed video surveillance cameras from the area. They were able to identify Mario Anthony Barillas, 37, of Baldwin Park as their suspect. He is a career criminal and they were able to obtain an arrest warrant and arrested him in Covina on Tuesday. Barillas' was being held on \$1.01 million bail. He is being charged with hit-and-run with injury, possession of a stolen vehicle, attempted carjacking, reckless driving and violating his pre-existing probation stemming from a narcotics-related conviction.

## GHS Class of '97 Twenty Year Reunion



GHS Class of '97 Reunion organizing Committee Erin Riley, Aliko Djahanshahi, Jeff Proctor, Carinne Ball, Todd Porter, Carolyn Toby, Linda Espinosa and Daniel Ferrari.

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - Glendora High School's Class of 1997 Reunion Committee has been in the process of making big plans for over a year, in organizing their Twenty Year Reunion. The celebration will be held at Sweet Pea Ranch in Upland, California. The Reunion Committee met at the City Cafe Restaurant in Azusa recently, to finalize the arrangements. According to the Committee, the beautiful setting of the Sweet Pea Ranch will be a great backdrop to the enjoyable program planned for the evening. The Reunion is planned for Saturday, September 16th, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The \$100 ticket includes an open bar, cigar rolling, Tri Tip BBQ Buffet and a DJ playing 90's music to dance the night away. This event is expected to be remembered for years to come.

Sweet Pea Ranch is located at 2901 North Mountain Avenue, Upland, Ca. 91784. For more information please contact Carolyn Toby at 909-319-6741 or via email [carolinetoby24@hotmail.com](mailto:carolinetoby24@hotmail.com). To purchase tickets, you may go to: [1997GHSreunion.eventbrite.com](http://1997GHSreunion.eventbrite.com). Please buy your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will not be available at the door.

## Foothill Gold Line Community Meeting in Glendora



Lesley Elwood, Art Manager, Foothill Gold Line, Glendora Council Member Judy Nelson, Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib Balian, Glendora Council Member Michael Allawos, a Glendora resident and Albert Ho, Media Relations, Foothill Gold Line at the event.

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - The Foothill Gold Line held a community meeting on August 7th with guests arriving at the Bidwell Forum between 5.30 and 7.30 p.m. There was no formal presentation. Hundreds of Glendora residents and residents from surrounding cities took advantage of this event to learn about the project's time line and other factors related to the Foothill Gold Line.

Similar meetings had already been held in the cities of San Dimas, Pomona, Montclair, Claremont and La Verne to keep the residents of the various cities informed.

The Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair is a 12.3-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail system that currently runs between Los Angeles and the City of Azusa, along the Foothills of the San Gabriel Valley. The extension is part of the growing network of rail lines being built throughout Los Angeles County, and will add new Gold

Line stations in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. Once completed, a trip from Glendora to Pasadena will take approximately 22 minutes and further to downtown Los Angeles will take approximately 51 minutes.

The Glendora to Montclair project will break ground in late 2017 and take nine years to complete. It is being funded by Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The portion of the project within Los Angeles County (Glendora to Claremont) is being funded mostly by Metro's Measure M half-cent sales tax that was approved by voters in November 2016 and went into effect on July 1, 2017 (additional funds are coming from Measure R). The portion from Claremont to

Montclair is being funded by San Bernardino County.

The Glendora station and associated parking facility (with 420 parking spaces, charging stations for EVs, bicycle parking, and bus and drop-off areas) will be located just south of the city's historic downtown, east of Vermont Avenue and west of Glendora Avenue. The station will be a center platform station, with light rail tracks on either side (one for westbound and one for eastbound trains). Once completed, three tracks will run through the City of Glendora within one shared corridor - with two light rail tracks on the north side for the Gold Line and one track for freight on the south. While they will share the rail corridor, light rail trains and freight trains do not share tracks.

## Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to [SGExaminer@aol.com](mailto:SGExaminer@aol.com). We request that articles be in Word format while photos be in jpeg.

# One Of Last Two Remaining Azusa WWII Veterans Passed Away

By Jorge V. Rosales

**AZUSA** - On Saturday, August 5, 2017, the community of Azusa lost one of the last two remaining World War II veterans. Manuel Michael Gonzales died after a brief period of illness and recent hospitalization at Inter-City Community Hospital in Covina in late June and released early July. The last time that Gonzales had been seen publicly was during the Azusa Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29, 2017.

Mike Gonzales, as he was most commonly known, was born February 24, 1922 in Dallas, Texas to Jose and Cesarea Gonzales. His father Jose worked in the railroad and early in his childhood they moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Prior to entering the U. S. Navy in 1943, Gonzales worked in the children's clothing industry in a company known as JK Industries in Chicago. During his WW II tenure in the Navy he served in the USS Decatur until his Honorable Discharge in May 1947.

On August 21, 1947 he was married to Josephine Luna who had been born in Azusa but was



**U. S. Navy World War II Veteran, Manuel Michael Gonzales is greeted by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano during the May 29, 2017 Azusa Memorial Day Ceremony in the front lawn of Azusa City Hall. Standing behind them is Diane Chavira, Gonzales' youngest daughter.**

visiting a sister in Chicago when she met Gonzales. The first two, Michael and Robert, of their five children were born in Chicago prior to their move to Azusa in 1952 because his wife could no longer tolerate the cold weather of Chicago.

In Azusa Mike and Josephine had three additional children, Teresa, Marie, and Diane. As an Azusan, Gonzales worked for the Azusa Post Office until his retirement in 1981.

Josephine died November 2,

2011. Nearly seven years later Gonzales passed away on August 5, 2017. He'll be buried on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Oakdale Mortuary in Glendora, CA following a 7:00 p.m. Rosary at White's Funeral Home on August 16 and a 9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at Saint. Frances of Rome. is Johnny Granados

The only known remaining WWII veteran from Azusa, CA is Johnny Granados.

# SilverSneakers Celebrates 25 Years of Health and Happiness

While the fitness industry has changed over the decades with workout "fads" that have come and gone, one exercise program has stood the test of time—SilverSneakers®. As the nation's leading community fitness program designed for older Americans, SilverSneakers has changed thousands of lives through fitness for the past 25 years. What began in 1992 as a first-of-its-kind fitness class for older adults has evolved to inspire a health revolution that is shattering stereotypes of aging and health, supporting member transformations and creating countless friendships.

From weight loss and flexibility to strength and endurance, SilverSneakers guides members through all aspects of their fitness journey. Marvin Bradley, a participating member, began running marathons at age 52. Now at 78 years old, Bradley trains five days a week, and has completed more than 240 marathons. Training through the SilverSneakers program, Bradley accomplished his fitness goals while breaking age stereotypes.

Bradley's story is one of thousands from members who have reached their fitness and personal goals—whether that be running a marathon, taking a dream vacation, or playing



**Getting and staying fit can be easier at any age with the help of a good program.**

actively with grandchildren. SilverSneakers offers a vibrant and welcoming community, offering its 14.5 million eligible members fitness opportunities that allow them to live their fullest life.

If you are looking to embark on your own fitness journey, consider the following tips to get started:

- Seek out an exercise that you enjoy
- Find a workout partner to help you stick with the routine
- Write down your fitness goals to ensure accountability
- Consider any limitations and share those with your instructor
- Start slow so that you don't risk injury.

SilverSneakers partners with more than 13,000 participating

locations and fitness centers, giving members access to the site's basic amenities, including weights, treadmills, pools and other facilities, as well as specialized SilverSneakers exercise classes led by a certified SilverSneakers instructor. The SilverSneakers benefit is offered at no additional charge through the nation's leading Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage and group retiree plans—saving members money on a fitness membership.

To learn more about SilverSneakers history, legacy and member transformations, visit [www.SilverSneakers.com](http://www.SilverSneakers.com). (NAPSI)

# Glendora Mayor Boyer Tackles Districting Issue

By Lois M. Shade

**GLENDORA** - Glendora Republican Koffee Klatchers listened as Mayor Gary Boyer explained the complexities of establishing voting by districts as demanded by Attorney Kevin Shenkman in his June 7th letter.

The charges in the letter said, "... voting within Glendora is racially polarized, resulting in minority vote dilution ..." Boyer categorically denied those charges and said Glendora, as other cities that have been challenged, just can't afford to go to court to challenge those charges. So far, Glendora, West Covina, Duarte and 60+ other cities, as well as 146 school districts, 27 community college districts, one (1) county Board of Supervisors and eight (8) water and other special districts have received a Shenkman letter or the same kind of letter from other attorneys.

Boyer said every city that tried to fight it has lost and cost them bunched:

Palmdale - \$4.7 million plus another \$3 million in other expenses; Modesto - \$3 million; Anaheim - \$1.1 million; and, Whittier - \$1 million.



**Mayor Gary Boyer explains Glendora vote by district while Glendora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Joe Cina, operated the graphics.**

The Mayor pointed out in 2001, when California Voting Rights Act was initiated and Gov. Gray Davis implemented in 2002, it took out several key requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act that would have prevented this situation for Glendora and many other cities being challenged. Boyer told the group, Attorney Shenkman gets \$30,000 for sending out the form letter making discrimination charges and demanding a vote by district

or get sued. Boyer made it very clear he and the rest of the Glendora City Council are not in favor of giving up city wide elections to go to vote by district. He encouraged those attending to take a look at the map provided by the city-hired demographer, Johnson, and create a four-district or 5-district voting map. Complete information is on the Glendora website: <http://www.ci.glendora.ca.us/>

# The Glendora Police Department Promotes School Safety

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Police Department wants to welcome back all of our students for the 2017-2018 school year. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and we join you in looking forward to a successful and productive school year. Chief Lisa Rosales said, "The Glendora Police Department cares very much about the safety of all our students and school staff." We value and enjoy our great partnership with the Glendora Unified School District. Last school year we successfully worked together for Child Safety Seat Awareness and developed a new Helmet Safety Program targeted at our middle schools, Goddard and Sandburg.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety in and around our schools. In this effort we re-evaluated the effectiveness of our crossing guard locations and we will be reallocating two crossing guards to new locations. We based our determination on several factors including observation of the current

locations, interviews with the crossing guards, direct input from the crossing guard company supervisor, our School Resource Officer, the local schools, and input from community members we receive throughout the last school year.

We currently have 14 crossing guard locations in Glendora. We will move the crossing guards from two locations:

**Lone Hill Ave / Route 66** (4-way lighted intersection) serviced less than 10 students.

**Grand Ave /Mauna Loa Ave** (4-way lighted intersection) serviced less than 15 students.

The crossing guards will be relocated to:

**Live Oak Ave / Whitcomb Ave** (3-way stop signs) will service 80-100+ students.

**Sierra Madre Ave / Live Oak Ave** (4-way stop signs) will service approximately 75+ students.

The two locations we are moving away from serviced a smaller number of students, while the newer locations will

service a much higher number of students and have no lighted controls. The Glendora Police Department will continue to evaluate new census data as it becomes available from our schools on the number of impacted students.

The Glendora Police Department is also excited to announce the start of a pilot education program designed to encourage residents to drive safely around our schools. The "Glendora Safe Driving Pledge" will begin this week with the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Participating residents will "pledge" on the City of Glendora website to drive safely. Residents who make the "Glendora Safe Driving Pledge" will be entered into a drawing and winners will be announced at the Glendora Police Department Open House in May 2018. Residents will no longer be eligible for the program if they receive a traffic or parking citation in a school zone during the school year. More information will be released in the near future.

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<p><b>Villa Mesa Care Center</b></p> <p>99 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility  <b>Programs provided include:</b>                  Physician directed plan of care                  Post surgical and wound care                  Pain Management                  Skilled Rehabilitation services                  Cable TV provided to each resident                  Wi-Fi availability throughout the facility                  Accepting Medicare, Medi-Cal and HMO Insurances</p> <p><b>867 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Upland, CA. 91786</b>  <b>(909) 985-1981</b></p>	

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## Dog Licensing Canvassing Efforts to Begin in the City of West Covina

WEST COVINA - Officers from the Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will be in the City of West Covina beginning September 2, 2017, checking for current rabies vaccinations and ensuring residents are in compliance with licensing requirements. Securing a dog license is an important part of identification and can assist animal control agencies if your pet becomes lost.

Pet owners are advised to be in compliance with licensing requirements. The licensing fees for pets for City residents are as follows:

- Unaltered dog - \$60
  - Altered dog - \$22
  - Altered dog belonging to a senior citizen (60+)- \$10
- West Covina's seniors are allowed to license an altered pet at the senior rate (limited to one (1) per household).
- Disabled Veteran dog - \$10
- Proof of spay/neuter required in addition to proof of military

service related disability.

- Penalty fee - Equal to the license fee, except senior citizen penalty is half of the license fee.

Residents with pets that are not in compliance will be subject to license fees and delinquency charges, including a \$40 field enforcement fee, to offset the cost of DACC's field services. In order to avoid penalties, be sure to license your dog now. Cat licenses are optional but encouraged.

To help residents come into compliance, the City of West Covina is hosting a low-cost vaccination clinic and licensing event on Sunday, August 27th from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Cameron Park located at 1305 E. Cameron Avenue in West Covina. A variety of vaccinations will be available as well as microchipping services. All dogs should be brought on leash or carrier and all cats in carriers. Bring medical records if you have them as well. Payment will be accepted via cash or credit card. Pre-registration

for this clinic is not required as services will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Vaccination and deworming pricing:

- Rabies - \$10
- DHLPP - \$14
- Bordetella - \$15
- Roundworm - \$5
- Tapeworm - \$15
- FVRCP - \$15
- AVID microchips for dogs and cats - \$15

You can also secure a new dog license by printing the application online at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>, or visiting the Baldwin Park animal care center, located at 4275 Elton Street, Baldwin Park. If your license is not delinquent, you can also renew it online.

DACC offers low cost vaccination clinics and low cost assistance (for individuals who qualify) for spay and neuter surgeries. Please visit their website <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov> or stop by the Baldwin Park animal care center for more information about these services.

## Supervisor Barger Announces Proposal To Establish Blue Ribbon Commission On Public Safety

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced today that she will introduce a motion, co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, at the August 15th board meeting which will establish a "Blue-Ribbon Commission on Public Safety" to explore innovative solutions to criminal justice challenges resulting from statewide reforms.

The motion builds on a previous motion unanimously approved by the Board on February 21, 2017 which was also by Supervisors Barger and Hahn. The February motion requested a report on the murder of Whittier

Police Officer Keith Boyer by a "Post Released Supervised Person," including an historical analysis of the gunman's involvement with the state parole system, his probation supervision, as well as recommendations for policies and procedures to help identify risk factors and ensure the highest level of public safety.

"Moving forward, Supervisor Hahn and I will be calling on our colleagues to support us on our collective goals of delivering meaningful treatment programs as well as enhancing public safety, including for our brave men and women in law enforcement," said Barger. "We have an oppor-

tunity to work collaboratively with all of our stakeholders to identify and implement lasting and meaningful solutions to these important goals which are not mutually exclusive."

"The tragic murder of Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer has raised real questions about the County's policies and procedures regarding probation and our ability to adapt to statewide reforms," said Supervisor Hahn. "Public safety is our first priority. This commission would give us an opportunity to have this long-overdue conversation and allow us to take a critical look at our public safety policies."

## Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Launches Landmark Age-Friendly Survey

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Purposeful Aging Los Angeles (PALA) — an Age-Friendly Initiative — launched a landmark survey today to gather feedback from County and City of Los Angeles residents that will guide the development of an Age-Friendly Action Plan for 2018-2021 for the Los Angeles region.

PALA seeks to prepare the Los Angeles region for a rapidly aging population through an innovative, sustained initiative that unites public and private leadership, resources and strategies. The older adult population (65 years and above) in the Los Angeles region will double between

2010 and 2030, from approximately 1.1 million to more than 2.2 million people.

"This is an opportunity for County and City of Los Angeles residents to speak out and help us make the Los Angeles region more age-friendly, allowing people to age in place and in community," said Cynthia Banks, Director of Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services.

"We ask residents of every community in the County and City of Los Angeles to join us in changing the future of aging in our region by taking this incredibly important survey," said Laura

Trejo, General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging.

The confidential PALA survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and can be filled out by anyone 18 years of age or older who resides in the County of Los Angeles. The survey is available in 10 languages at [purposefulagingla.com](http://purposefulagingla.com) and will be available from August 14, 2017 – September 15, 2017. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to help promote the survey to County residents using a Toolkit available at [purposefulagingla.com](http://purposefulagingla.com).

## Get Ready for the Great American Eclipse!

GLENDORA - On Monday, August 21st, 2017, a total solar eclipse of the sun will be visible in the continental United States for the first time in almost 40 years. It is a scene of unimaginable beauty; the Moon completely blocks the Sun, daytime becomes a deep twilight, and the Sun's corona shimmers in the darkened sky.

Most of the country, being outside of the path of totality, will view a partial eclipse, which is still a beautiful experience. In the Los Angeles area, we can expect to see about 62% of the sun's surface covered by the moon.

If you would like to learn all about this event, the Glendora Library is the place to be on Monday, August 7th, at 6:30 PM. "Get ready for the great eclipse!" will be led by Tom Mason, a local astronomer and operator of the 60 and 100 Inch Historic Telescopes at the Mt Wilson Observatory. Mr. Mason will cover the following:

- How to view an eclipse
- Why does an eclipse happen?
- Equipment and safety

All attendees will receive a free pair of solar glasses! These glasses allow anyone to safely view the sun at any time of year. The library has received a large shipment of these glasses, most of which will be distributed to second graders who attend Glendora schools. But a limited number will be set aside for anyone who attends the August 7th eclipse program. Don't miss out! Limit one set of glasses per person.

This program will be held in the Library's Friends Room. For more information regarding this program or other Library programs and services, please contact us at (626) 852-4891 or visit the Library's website @ [www.glendoralibrary.org](http://www.glendoralibrary.org). The Glendora Library is located at 140 S Glendora Ave, Glendora, CA 91741.

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## Supporting Higher Education For Foster Youth

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis to support Senate Bill 12 (Beall) which seeks to increase access to postsecondary education for foster youth.

"Access to financial aid and an awareness of how to navigate what is considered a complex and complicated financial aid system prevent many foster youth from even considering postsecondary education as an option after high school," said Supervisor Barger. "SB 12 streamlines the process and addresses some of the challenges that prevent foster youth from achieving their academic goals by providing much-needed support and guidance."

"Because of factors outside

their control, youth in foster care often have lower levels of educational attainment compared to their classmates," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "Youth in foster care face tremendous challenges in their young lives, including suddenly changing schools and unexpected absences, and they need additional resources to meet their full potential. I am pleased to co-author this motion so that this vulnerable population can access college with greater financial and on-campus support. It is my hope that if we can alleviate these issues, we will see more youth in foster care graduate from high school and succeed in college."

Many foster youth are entitled to financial aid but are unaware of its availability, and do not have

support or assistance in filling out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

The key provisions of SB 12 include:

- A requirement for each county child welfare agency to identify a representative to assist foster youth with applications for postsecondary education and financial aid.
- Streamlining the financial aid verification process for foster youth who apply through Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Expanding an existing on-campus based support program from 10 to 20 community college districts, thereby enabling foster youth to receive the support they need to succeed.

## West Covina Resident Pfc. Ruben Velasco Dies in Helicopter Crash off the Coast of Australia

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - This past week, it was reported that a U.S. Marine helicopter crashed over the weekend when attempting to land on a U.S. Navy ship. The personnel were participating in a training exercise off the coast of Australia. Twenty three out of the 26 Marines were rescued at sea and taken to a hospital. One of the pilots and two Marine passengers however were not found and are considered lost as a result of this tragic accident. One of those lost was a West Covina High School 2016 graduate and City of West Covina resident, Pfc. Ruben Velasco (Age: 19). West Covina Police Department

School Resource Officer Eddie Flores knew Pfc. Ruben Velasco. Ruben played football the four years he was at West Covina High School.

West Covina Mayor Corey Warsaw authorized on Monday this week that all flags at City of West Covina facilities be flown at half-staff through Friday in honor of Pfc. Velasco.

On Tuesday evening, West Covina Police Department Lieutenant Dennis Patton, Lieutenant Pat Benschop, Officer Eddie Flores, and West Covina Police Department Chaplain Dane Johnson met with the Velasco family to express condolences on behalf of the Mayor/City

Council and the entire City of West Covina extended family.

The West Covina Planning Commission adjourned its Tuesday, August 8, 2017, meeting in his honor. In addition, the City Council adjourned the Tuesday, August 15, 2017, City Council Meeting in his honor.

The City of West Covina City Council and staff are deeply saddened by the heartbreaking loss of West Covina resident Pfc. Ruben Velasco as well as his two fellow marines, 1st Lieutenant Benjamin Cross and Corporal Nathaniel Ordway. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who knew Pfc. Velasco and his fellow marines.

Services are still pending and the West Covina VFW has offered the use of their facility for a reception after his services if needed.

*The San Gabriel Valley Examiner's Publisher grieves for this very young Marine and prays for his family. He gave his young life to the country he loved.*

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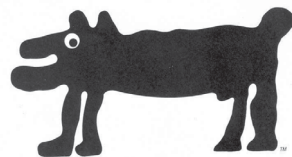
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### BART The BLOCKHOUND



The last person I know who is he... is me.

## Bully Pulpit Strikes Repercussions

Republican Assembly Leader, Chad Mayes and the gang of 6, rolled over voting for Cap and Trade giving us another gas tax increase and electricity rate increases. A vote by Republicans, not necessary for passage, and money, agreed across the aisles, will be targeted to funding the bullet train, otherwise known as the "train to nowhere".

Republican organizations, one after the other, wrote letters to Chad Mayes asking him to resign his Assembly leadership position.

**Republican Party of Orange County said:** "The harm of the Cap and Trade extension can't be understated. It will continue to drive small businesses from our state at a greater speed and in larger numbers, while increasing costs for those that can least afford it. In my written appeal to you last week imploring opposition to the legislation, I shared the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's warning that the Cap and Trade extension would raise fuel prices by 21cents per gallon come 2022 and by 71 cents per gallon come 2030 - this is in addition to the 19 cents per gallon hike rammed through by the Democrats in April. Cap and Trade also artificially increases the costs of electrical generation, and all products that use fuel or electricity in the creation of their products or services ... After long and careful thought, I respectfully ask you to resign your position as Assembly Republican Leader immediately and allow another Republican to lead."

**Republican Party of San Diego County said:**

"While Republicans come in all flavors, and certainly not everyone agrees on every policy issue, the **ONE** thing voters should be able to count on is that Republicans will **NOT** raise their taxes. While I realize that the choice of Leader rests with Republican Assembly Members, it is with a heavy heart that I respectfully ask you to resign your position as Assembly Republican Leader immediately and allow another Republican caucus member the opportunity to lead."

Other letters have been sent letting Assembly Leader Chad Mayes know he has lost party support. RNC Committee Mem-



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

bers, Harmeet Dhillon and Shawn Steel and L.A. County Lincoln Clubs sent their requests.

For me, comments closest to home were those from Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, (R-Lake Elsinore) who ended up resigning her Assistant Republican Leadership position unable to continue to support Mayes. She said it well replying to the vote, "Californians are struggling to make ends meet and unfortunately, what I have witnessed by the Assembly Republican Leader is a dereliction of duty to preserve and promote the American Dream for every single Californian. Assemblyman Mayes' actions on Cap-and-Trade demonstrate we no longer share the same leadership principles. I was elected by the people of my district to fight for a more affordable and decent California, a place where every Californian knows their child will have a better life than their own. Regrettably, I can no longer, in good conscience, serve as the Assistant Republican Leader."

Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, because of her comments on Mayes and his vote, has been "relocated" to a smaller office and lost her leadership position as Vice Chairwoman of the Assembly Insurance Committee.

Press Enterprise quoted her as saying, "Actions have consequences. I made a decision to stand up for Californians against higher fuel and utility costs, a decision I do not regret."

Press Enterprise also reported:

"Mayes' office declined to comment and indicated the decision to remove Melendez from the insurance committee position

came from Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Paramount. Rendon's office declined to comment beyond a one-sentence letter issued by the speaker Wednesday announcing Melendez was no longer vice-chair."

The Democrats didn't need her vote for Cap and Trade to pass ... it passed ... so what's the issue with Melendez speaking up to challenge her own Republican Leader on his leadership and his vote?

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

Or how about conservative Republican, Ann Coulter, being shut down and outed at the University of California at Berkeley. The college Republican Club had invited her to speak on illegal immigration on April 27th but University officials cancelled the engagement based on safety concerns for Coulter. Really?

We should now see clearly the control the supermajority Democrat Party has in Sacramento and to what ends they will go to maintain their supermajority control and further each other's personal agendas to maintain themselves in office.

But incredibly more important is the fact Conservative Republicans and any others who disagree with Gov. Brown, Democrat candidate for Governor, Gavin Newsom and their party loyalists, are no longer allowed to speak. Democrats have virtually shut down free speech and counter opinions.

Melendez, the nay-sayer, was really punished for her harsh criticism that challenged what has become the imperialist center of California politics — the Democrat leadership in Sacramento.

## Council Districts Come to Mayberry

**By Doug Boyd**

Glendora residents recently received in their mailboxes the August/September 2017 issue of Glendora Report, our official city newsletter.

Page Four describes the cynical shakedown letter Glendora received from Malibu attorney Kevin Shenkman, who specializes in forcing cities and school districts with at-large voting in local elections to switch to district elections or face a sure-to-lose lawsuit in which he makes lots of money. The legal hook making this scheme so viable is innocently called the California Voting Rights Act, passed in 2002 by the Legislature and signed by then-Governor Gray Davis. Supposedly patterned on the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, the California version has a vastly lower burden of proof and empowers attorneys to sue local governments and put millions of taxpayer dollars in their personal pockets unless the local jurisdictions submit to district voting.

The Glendora City Council bowed to political and fiscal reality and approved districting last month. Let's look at three common approaches to districting and see what you think of them.

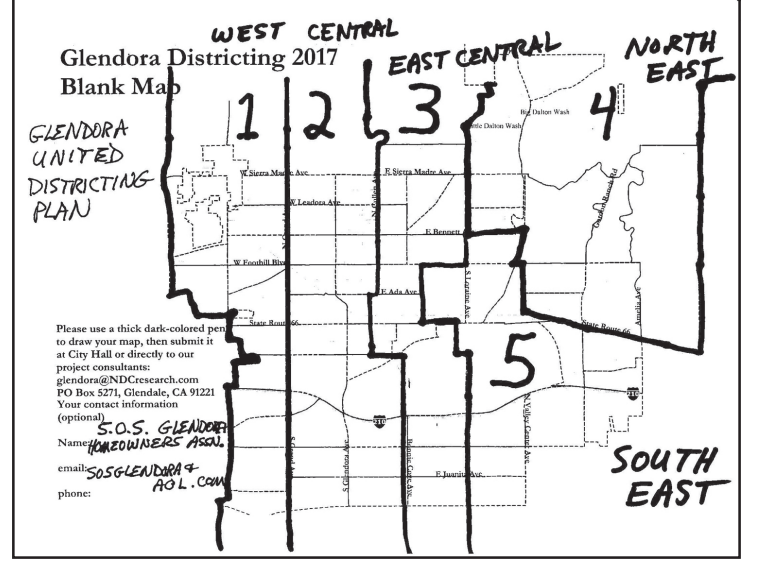
The first approach is to create five council districts as small as geographically possible on the theory that the elected councilperson will represent their neighborhood. The experience is that they will indeed do just that. The problem is that they won't represent the city as a whole, and it could cause intra-city warfare between neighborhoods.

Long time SOS Glendora members will remember that Monrovia Nursery tried just such a divide and conquer tactic on us in 2005-07. They divided the Nursery area into 11 "neighborhoods", had local leaders in each one, and a series of catered meal (yum!) meetings in each one. In each one, they explained to the assembled residents how much they loved them, and how they were trying to do their best to make sure their neighborhood's concerns were taken care of in

the development plan. They intimidated other neighborhoods were the problem, and that Mom loved them the most!

SOS Glendora recommends Glendorans do not set themselves up for a divide and conquer strategy for developers and other interest groups in Glendora through this "My neighborhood first!" approach.

The second approach is four council districts and an elected Mayor. That lends itself to quartering the City, and promotes a citywide elected Mayor who usually tries to be a king maker throughout the four council districts to maximize his/her own influence.



The third approach is the Glendora United approach, and it is the one recommended to you. In this strategy, five council districts are created and the rotational system for selecting a Mayor that Glendora has successfully used for over a hundred years is continued. After consulting our local homeowner leadership group, SOS Glendora officially recommended the following map to the City for the new districts.

Please note that a majority of these proposed districts unite Glendora by running from the north end to the south end of our town. We don't want to be fractured into north and south, east and west. Some geographic division is intrinsically required by the very concept of districts, but we want to unite Glendora as

much as possible while we are doing it!

Please note that all five districts share a piece of Route 66 by virtue of council districts being oriented north to south. That means that all five council people own a piece of that Route 66 Corridor Specific Plan, and we can hold all five of them accountable to us residents for future developments in that corridor. Nobody gets to wash their hands of it and say "it's not in my district!" Nobody gets to ignore south Glendora either. Four out of five will have a piece of south Glendora, and all of them had better be responsive to residents from ALL parts of Glendora.

What can you do to help? Go to the Glendora City website and register your support! Please go to the city website <http://www.ci.glendora.ca.us/>. The districting information will be on the front page and you click more information. Then click Meetings/Documents and go down to the presentation link. Click it and you will see a live link to the City Clerk email. Click that and write:

Dear City Council  
Please approve the Glendora United Districting Plan to keep Glendora unified and provide our citizens with the best representation.  
Sincerely,  
Name  
Please send the same email to the consultants at [Glendora@NDCresearch.com](mailto:Glendora@NDCresearch.com)

## Deadly Violence at Virginia Protest Rally over Removing Robert E. Lee Statue. Are You Kidding Me?

When a group of people came together to protest The State of Virginia's decision to remove a statue of Robert E. Lee, a piece of history for that state, all hell broke loose. It turned into a deadly event. The protest was apparently led by a group who people say were a white supremacist group. A bunch of counter-protesters showed up to show support for removing the historical monument. Apparently the state feels the statue is racist.



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

After the war, he went on to become president of Washington College. He was a West Point Military Academy graduate and one of only 6 who graduated without any demerits. He married Mary Custis, the granddaughter of George and Martha Washington and had 7 children. Lee distinguished himself as a brave battle commander and brilliant tactician during the war with Mexico and praised as a hero. But Lee's commitment to the Army was superseded by his commitment to Virginia. After turning down an offer from President Abraham Lincoln to command the Union forces, Lee resigned from the military and returned home. Later, when the states became divided, he took the job to lead the Confederate Army. As we all know, he eventually got his rear whipped and he surrendered to General Grant.

So there is a small piece of history on this man... so the history is there.

Now, for the mess that went down last week in Virginia... You have a bunch of white boys who

show up in riot gear. Helmets, face-guards, riot shield and the whole enchilada. What did they expect would happen when the counter-protesters showed up...? This so called "white man SWAT Team" was there to agitate those people in my opinion. Well, it worked. Pushing, shoving and chemical spraying back and forth.

Then you have this "good old white boy" 20-year-old James Alex Fields Jr., who shows up in his car. Not sure what he did to gain the attention of the counter-protesters, but whatever it was, it worked. They started attacking him and throwing things at his car. They smashed out his rear window and he got down and gunned his car to get the hell out of there before the angry crowd pulled him out of car and lynch him. In the process, he mows down and injures nearly two dozen people and killing one along with smashing into a car. So what does Fields do, fearing for his safety, he throws the car in reverse and continues to run over people.

He was later arrested and charged with murder and all kinds of other charges.

This would have never happened if he didn't drive up there in the first place.

In my opinion, if Virginia would have just let history be and quit trying to remove it, we would be better off. Trying to eradicate the history is the same thing that the NAZI's did back in their day.

*"That's Just The Way It Is!"*

**By Joe Castillo**

**Rancho Owner...** Recent housing values in the San Gabriel Valley suggest an escalating price in home values however the price of land in the San Gabriel Valley has always been an appreciable investment. In 1865, land was a valuable commodity and owning it provided owners with an asset in which to further build one's estate and value.

In the San Gabriel Valley, William Wolfskill and Leonard Rose each purchased subdivided parts of Rancho Santa Anita from Hugo Reid, most of which was located in the present City of Arcadia. Wolfskill was from Kentucky, arrived in Mexico California in 1831 and acquired 11,000 acres of the prime acreage throughout the eastern San Gabriel Valley for \$20,000. He was a horticulturist, who developed the first commercial grape in California, and in 1856 was deemed to have the best vineyard in the state. In 1862, Wolfskill owned two-thirds of all orange trees in California. With his purchase of Rancho Santa Anita, Wolfskill and his expertise were seen as a perfect match to make the rancho prosperous again.

But one year later, Wolfskill took ill and his life was cut short. In that short year, he only had time to do one thing, plant Eucalyptus trees, which still exist today on Santa Anita property.

His son, Louis, took over ownership of Rancho Santa Anita and soon the increase of American businesses turned the rancho into valuable real estate property. The price of land continued to escalate throughout Southern California, and Louis began to sell off parcels of Rancho Santa Ani-

ta in order to increase his profits. Alfred Chapman purchased 1,700 acres on the west boundary for \$19,800, nearly the same price his father paid Hugo Reid for over 11,000 acres nearly 3 years before. Chapman's property would later be called Chapman Woods, as it is still called today. Louis Wolfskill offered the majority of his property, especially around the Reid homestead and lake, for sale. Today the site is located on Los Angeles County's Arboretum.

In 1870, Rancho Santa Anita was offered for sale at \$9.00 an acre, by 1872 it had increased to \$10.50 an acre. Finally, a Los Angeles merchant, Harris Newmark, purchased the entire rancho for less than \$10 per acre. Newmark had learned of a pro-

posals to build a railroad adjacent to Rancho Santa Anita and sensed an increase in value of his recent investment. With no intention of developing the rancho, Newmark held on to the property, hoping eventually to turn a hefty profit with a big sale.

Enter E.J. 'Lucky' Baldwin, who after some shrewd negotiating by Newmark, purchased Rancho Santa Anita for \$25 an acre, a 150% increase in what Newmark paid just a few years earlier...

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# Weak U.S. Dollar Boosts Multinational Stock Profits

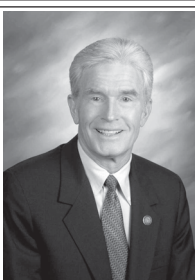
Recently I read a great report that illustrated how the "international" stocks within the S&P 500 (defined as those with more than 50% of their revenue outside the U.S.) are soundly beating the "domestic" stocks (defined as companies that earn over 90% of their revenue within the U.S.). This report showed that since the 2016 Presidential election international stocks have risen 28.4% while domestic stocks were up "only" 12.8%.

One reason international stocks rose faster is the weaker dollar. Another reason is international stocks were cheap in comparison to U.S. stocks. A third reason international stocks have been hot is that China's National Bureau of Statistics announced that its GDP expanded at a 6.9% annual pace in the second quarter. This acceleration in GDP growth is being boosted by a surge in both exports and imports, so China appears to have resumed its leadership role as one of the strongest economies in the world and investors are aggressively buying Chinese ADRs. Many have questions if China's economic numbers are accurate.

The failure of the Republican-led Senate to pass healthcare reform became another factor causing the U.S. dollar to hit a 13-month low. A weaker U.S. dollar is good for most multinational companies and exporters. The Trump Administration is not encouraging a strong U.S. dollar, since a weak dollar boosts exports as well as making imports less competitive. In addition, the Fed's recent admission that inflation is cooling off and that it will not raise key interest rates soon has also contributed to a weaker U.S. dollar. A weak dollar tends to narrow the trade deficit, which has been a persistent drag on U.S.

## In A Nutshell

What's up in the Economy?



**KEN HERMAN**  
Economic Analyst  
& Former Glendora Mayor

GDP. One key to getting GDP growth back to 3% is to significantly narrow the trade deficit.

Meanwhile last Thursday, the European Central Bank (ECB) left key interest rates unchanged and painted a picture that inflation has been "subdued" due to low energy prices. The big surprise was that ECB President Mario Draghi said that a "substantial degree" of monetary accommodation is still needed despite improving economic growth in the European Union. Furthermore, Draghi said that the ECB had not discussed the future of its bond buying program (e.g., quantitative easing), but would do so in the fall.

This essentially squelched any speculation that the ECB might wind down its quantitative easing sooner than later. When Draghi speaks at the Kansas City Fed's conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in mid-August, it looks like he may not make any significant announcement that would impact financial markets.

Commodity prices were down in the first half of 2017 but are now rising, since commodities are universally priced in U.S. dollars. A weak dollar tends to lift commodity prices higher.

Housing Shortages Have Also Impacted the Economy

One clear reason for our housing shortage is the lumber tariff enacted recently. Back in April,

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced a 20% tariff on Canadian softwood lumber imports due to the Trump Administration's determination that Canada improperly subsidizes its lumber exports. Lumber prices are now on the rise, which apparently caused the National Association of Home Builders' sentiment index to decline to 64 in July, down from 67 in June.

Interestingly, homebuilder sentiment is now lower than it was prior to the Presidential election. The reason that homebuilder sentiment is important is that there is a shortage of housing, so builders still have tremendous power to raise home prices. Their sentiment shift is an interesting development worth watching.

The Commerce Department recently announced that housing starts in June rose to an annual pace of 1.22 million, significantly above economists' consensus 1.16 million estimate. June's housing starts were 8.3% higher than May and 2.1% higher than a year ago. Building permits also rose 7.4% in June compared to May and are now up 5.1% vs. a year ago. Single family home starts rose 6.3% in June compared to May, so builders are still favoring multi-family homes. The acute shortage of new homes for sale may have to be addressed politically. Median home prices should continue to rise due to the lack of inventory of new homes for sale, so hopefully building activity will improve in the upcoming months.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*A number of years back, we got a line of credit to do some major repairs on our home. Our 'draw' period ended almost 5 years ago, and the bank gave us 5 more years to continue making interest-only payments. In 2 months, our payment amount will almost double when we have to start paying principle plus interest. It's not in our budget; we know we cannot afford it. What do we do now?*



**Julia Yoder**

It's commendable that you are aware of this impending financial problem and are ready to take some kind of action now. Here are 3 steps to start with: 1. Let's find out what amount of equity you have in your home (now that house values have risen), and see if you qualify to refinance your first and line-of-credit into one loan. 2. If not, then we'll need to look at your budget to see where you might be able to re-allocate funds. 3. Sometimes it becomes necessary to get a part-time job. But, don't panic. Just take one step at a time.

*My wife and I are looking into getting some life insurance. I am insurable, but my wife has some health issues and will be 'rated.' Is there a way to get some life insurance on her without paying the higher 'rated' premiums?*

We could look into a second-to-die life insurance policy with a first-to-die rider. Normally, a second-to-die life insurance policy is used to pass more money to heirs. The cost is typically lower because the payout is based on

the lives of two people, while the insurance company only pays when the last one dies. By paying extra for the first-to-die rider (typically less than 'rated' premiums) the insurance company will pay at the passing of the first person insured on the second-to-die policy.

*Now that a new school year is starting, I'm thinking that I should be saving for my children's college educations. What are my choices, and what's the best?*

The earlier one starts to save for expensive things in life - college, home purchase, retirement, the better. Setting up a savings plan is a wonderful gift from parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Choices include College Savings Plans, Roth IRA's, Annuities, and Life Insurance with a cash account. What's best for you and your children really depends on your specific situation - how much money you have available to invest, how many children you have to save for, and your personal concerns. I personally

don't recommend a College Savings Plan (ScholarShare/529, etc.).

*We are totally stressing out with worry that we won't have enough money for retirement. Is there something we can do to relieve our stress?*

You have just taken a big, brave step in the right direction! You spoke up, and asked for some help. Roughly 80-percent of Americans feel the same way, and over half are so worried that it's affecting their sleep. The majority of these people are actively saving for retirement, but are still full of anxiety. On the other hand, those who are saving toward a specific goal, with a detailed plan to reach that goal, also gain a high level of confidence that they are going to be okay! Let me know when you'd like a free consultation with someone who can help you make a plan for your retirement years.

Ask Julia by email: [juliayoder@yahoo.com](mailto:juliayoder@yahoo.com)

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# City Offers Business License Amnesty Program Until December 1, 2017

**AZUSA**- The City of Azusa is offering a temporary amnesty program for business license tax.

The City's Municipal Code authorizes the levy and collection of a Business License Tax from businesses operating in the City. The City of Azusa has retained MuniServices to conduct a business license compliance review.

Residents and local business owners, who might be unaware of the requirements to obtain a license, will have the opportunity to obtain one without penalties being assessed, during the provided amnesty program, beginning Sept. 1st through Dec. 1st, 2017.

Under the City's temporary amnesty program, businesses

will receive a one-time penalty waiver, if the application is submitted in accordance with the program guidelines.

To take advantage of this amnesty program and for more information regarding requirements for business licenses, please contact the City's Business License Division at (626) 812-5249.

# What To Do If You See A Suspicious Credit Card Transaction

You scan your monthly credit card bill, only to find a suspicious transaction. Don't panic. Fortunately, credit card companies largely shoulder the financial burden of unauthorized credit card charges. By law, you're only on the hook for \$50, and it's unlikely you'll even be dinged for that much.

Now it's time to take action through these four steps.

## Let Your Issuer Know, And Fast

If you find a peculiar transaction, call your credit card issuer right away to report it—that's if your issuer didn't alert you first. Your issuer will ask you to verify the most recent transactions to make sure no other suspicious activity was recorded.

Your issuer will close your current credit card and issue another one with a new number within days. If your account has any authorized users on it, the issuer may send them new



You can protect your finances and your reputation if you act fast when you encounter credit card fraud.

cards, too. Confirm that the new card is linked to the payment history of the old card account, so they appear as one on your credit history. Update any recurring bills with the new card number.

**Stay Vigilant**  
When you place a fraud alert on your credit report, you'll get a free report as well. This doesn't count toward your annual free credit report under federal law. Check your credit report for any unauthorized accounts and for the accuracy of your personal information. If anything looks funny, report it to the credit bureaus. File a police report if you find an account that you didn't open. Often, companies that experienced data breaches will offer free credit monitoring to victims. Use it.

**Be Proactive**  
In the future, use best practices with your credit card. Opt for two-factor authentication

when available while shopping online to make it more difficult for scammers to take over your accounts. Consistently update your online passwords to protect your financial information from data breaches. Always check the security credentials of online retailers before making a purchase with your credit card.

**Be On The Lookout**  
Regularly and carefully check your recent transaction history for any fraudulent charges. A fraudster only needs your card number to make purchases, so fraud can happen even if your card is in your wallet. Signing up for alerts—either via e-mail or text message—is another way you and your issuer can flag any odd transactions in real time.

For more information on credit card fraud, and other personal finance advice, visit [www.ValuePenguin.com](http://www.ValuePenguin.com). (NAPSI)

**THE CAR GURU**  
*WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW*  
By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# The Light... What Does It Mean? Understanding your service reminder light

Most of us don't read the owner's manual, if you even have one anymore. Many car manuals can only be found online now. Carmakers have come up with service reminders in the form of a warning indicator light, that appears on the gauge cluster (near the speedometer). Often, it comes on well before the service is required to give you time to schedule the appointment.

There are several types of warning systems:

1. Set mileage system. The light comes on every time you have driven a set number of miles and an oil change is needed. This varies among different carmakers, but it is roughly every 5,000 miles. In some systems, you can set the interval yourself.

2. Oil sensor system. An on-board computer analyzes how

the car is being driven, and the light comes on when an oil change is required. Driving only short trips will trigger the light sooner; highway driving means you can go many more miles between service visits.

3. Oil Level or Low System. This light should not be ignored! It means the oil level is low and needs immediate attention. You should visit your trusted shop for advice or check and add the correct type of oil for your vehicle. Using incorrect oil is not recommended unless it is an emergency and you have no choice.

Servicing your car is a choice made by you. I recommend finding a trusted maintenance shop and consulting with them for service intervals. The random statement of changing oil every 7,500 miles does not apply to every car. Some manu-

facturers have issued service bulletins to rescind the extended oil change interval due to excessive engine sludge build up

New technology, the direct fuel injection, the 0W20 oil, the higher system temperatures and the smaller engines creating more power is great for fuel economy, but makes servicing your car on time a must. Ignoring your fluid changes will cost you big time in the future.

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# CARA Fundraiser

**COVINA**- The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) is having a fundraiser on Saturday **August 19th** from 5pm to 7pm at 409 North Cedar Drive, Covina. The keynote speaker will be State Senator Ricardo Lara (Co-Author of SB 652, the healthcare bill). Join us with seniors, retirees, and other community activists to learn more about the universal healthcare BILL 652 from Senator Ricardo

Lara. There will be four kind of Tacos, beef, pork, chicken and fish with drinks and water. The event is being Co-hosted by the San Gabriel Valley CAT (CARA ACTION TEAM) and the South Los Angeles CAT. Co-host for the event are Lorenzo Rios and Sharon Nakamoto and to RSVP please contact Lorenzo Rios at (626) 825-1422 or for more information.

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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 Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists welcome you to our **August 17, Monthly Meeting**, at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker Linden Burzells program will be on *Catleya trianae*. Refreshments. All are invited.

### Fall Classes For Adults 50 Years +!

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department - Senior Services Division is offering fall classes for adults (50 years of age and older). The course offerings include oil painting, yoga, strength training, line dancing, tai chi, zumba gold and aerobics. Registration opens **August 14** online for residents only at [www.arcadiaCa.gov](http://www.arcadiaCa.gov), and August 21 for walk-in, fax-in or mail-in at the Arcadia Community Center. Courses are offered at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive.

For specifics on class dates, times and locations, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto the City of Arcadia Website at [www.arcadiaCa.gov](http://www.arcadiaCa.gov).

### Senior Dances for Adults 50 years +!

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department - Senior Services Division offers a live band dance on Monday, **August 21**, featuring Elkjon Combo from 1:30-3:30pm. Tickets are sold at the door for \$3 per person and include light refreshments. Dances are located at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive.

For specifics on future dance dates, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto the City of Arcadia Website at [www.arcadiaCa.gov](http://www.arcadiaCa.gov).

## Senior Seminars

ARCADIA - Arcadia Senior Services is hosting FREE informational seminar concerning seniors at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive on Thursday, **August 17** at 1:30pm: Peripheral Neuropathy, Presented by Arcadia Chiropractic Center

To RSVP for either of these seminars or for more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

### Improving Your Posture, Improves Your Health

Arcadia Senior Services is having a special health presentation for individuals with movement disorders including Parkinson's disease. Dr. George C. Win will discuss how changing your posture can improve the health of the spine. Dr. Win is a member of Diplomat American Chiropractic Neurology Board and Doctors for Health and Wellness Foundation. This lecture will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Friday, **August 18** at 1:30pm. If interested in attending please call Arcadia Senior Services, 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

### Tennis Anyone, Classes and Camps

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

This summer, Tennis Anyone is offering Pee Wee, Beginner Junior Tennis, Intermediate/Advance Junior Tennis, Small Group, and Adult classes, as well as weeklong camps. Don't miss out and sign-up today! For more information, please visit our website at [www.arcadiaCA.gov](http://www.arcadiaCA.gov) or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

### Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

## COVINA

### Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

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

email at [tramirez@mail.cvhp.org](mailto:tramirez@mail.cvhp.org) to start the application process.

## DUARTE

### 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.

### 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 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

### 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, visit [glenkirkchurch.org](http://glenkirkchurch.org) or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

## Glendora High School All Class Reunion 2017

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

There will be Music, Potluck Lunch and a Potluck contest.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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, to be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

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

## MONROVIA

### Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Blood Pressure Screenings is at the Community Center, 119

West Palm Avenue on the **Second Tuesday of the month** from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and on the **Fourth Wednesday of the month** from 9:00am - 10:00am

## Caring Crafters

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

## Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

## SAN DIMAS

### San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Monday 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

### West Covina Woman's Club - Summer Picnic

The Woman's Club of West Covina will be hosting it's summer social event - a Summer Picnic on **August 19** at the home of a member. Picnic will be catered by Jacob and country western entertainment will include singer Dianne Chavarría with favorites "I Fall to Pieces," "Your Cheating Heart," "On the Road Again," "Wayward Wind," and many other great songs. Line Dancing is encouraged. Tickets for the Summer Picnic includes fine food, fun and entertainment for \$25.00. Summer Picnic is from 5:00pm to sundown.

Reservations are a must - please call (626) 339-6173 or (626) 339-0874 for more information.

## Go West Shuttle Service

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

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.
- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

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

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

## Glendora Genealogical Group Meeting

GLENDORA - The Glendora Genealogical Group will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday **August 22** in the Elm Room of the La Fetra Senior Center, 333 East Foothill Blvd, Glendora. There will be a refresher workshop led by Pat Chavarría from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This will be followed by our business meeting at 7:00 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Kenyatta Berry. Kenyatta will present "Beginning Your Genealogical Journey." Join Kenyatta D. Berry, Host of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) to learn more

about Beginning Your Genealogical Journey.

Kenyatta D. Berry is a Professional Genealogist, Entrepreneur and Attorney with over 20 years of experience in genealogical research and writing. She began her genealogical journey whilst in law school studying at the State Library of Michigan in Lansing. A native of Detroit, Berry graduated from Michigan State University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She has deep roots in Detroit, the city her ancestors have lived in since the 1920's.

## City of Monterey Park Mourns Loss of Police Officer Adrian Carrillo

MONTEREY PARK - The City of Monterey Park and Monterey Park Police Department experienced a tragic loss of one of our employees.

Police Officer Adrian Carrillo, 36, died tragically in a off-duty vehicle collision on the north bound 605 freeway early Monday morning. Officer Carrillo had been with the Department since December of 2015 and was well liked by both his colleagues and the community. He was highly regarded and respected by those who knew him. His loss has deeply affected the department personnel and he will be missed by all members of the police department and by fellow Monterey Park city employees.

We grieve alongside his family and friends. City Manager Ron Bow and Police Chief Jim Smith on behalf of the Monterey Park City Council, police department employees and all city employees express their condolences to Carrillo's family and friends.

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# The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce and the City of Irwindale Announce Jonathan Almazan as the Irwindale Young Citizen of the Year for 2017

**IRWINDALE** - The 2017 Young Citizen of the Year Competition was held at the Irwindale Senior Center on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Irwindale Chamber Chair of the Board and City of Hope Associate-Community and Government Affairs, Victor Benavides served as the event emcee to a packed room of local residents, family members of the contestants, local elected officials and business representatives. Three outstanding Irwindale youth competed by presenting an original essay discussing how they dealt with a particularly stressful time in their lives. The contestants also responded to impromptu questions from the judges. Sergio Torres, Aaron Acevedo, and Jonathan Almazan all impressed the judges with their confidence, poise, enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and community involvement. Marlene Carney, Irwindale Chamber CEO, said "We are so proud of these smart and thoughtful kids that care about the community and are willing to step out there and do what it takes to make a positive difference in their lives and the lives of others. The Irwindale Chamber considers this a very important chamber event and applauds the participants."

Irwindale Mayor Mark Breceda, Mayor ProTempore Albert F. Ambriz, and



**Aaron Acevedo, Sergio Torres, Mayor Pro Tempore Albert Ambriz, Councilmember H. Manuel Ortiz, Mayor Mark Breceda, 2017 Irwindale Young Citizen of the Year, Jonathan Almazan, Victor Benavides, Marlene Carney and 2016 Irwindale Young Citizen of the Year, Brandon Fraijo.**

Councilmember H. Manuel Ortiz, Planning Commissioner Loretta Corpis were in attendance, along with the 2016 Young Citizen of the Year, Brandon Fraijo. Also in attendance were Irwindale Chamber Board members and staff and Dave Carson, representing the 2017 Joe DiShanni Business of the Year, Kare Youth League. Vocalist Loretta Corpis provided an uplifting musical interlude. Picasso's Café, Bakery & Catering catered a lovely dinner.

This event could not have been possible without the generous

support of our sponsors, committee members, judges, and attendees. Special thanks to DINNER sponsors

MillerCoors and Picasso's Café, Bakery & Catering, BEVERAGE sponsor Sparkletts and SPEECH sponsors City of Hope, Foothill Transit, and United Rock Products. Many thanks go to the Irwindale Young Citizen of the Year Committee: Delfina Osterheim from Irwindale Recreation Center, Melissa Merez, from the Irwindale Senior Center and Irwindale Chamber staff

members, Marlene Carney, Veronica Orosco and Sari Canales. Additional thanks go to all the Irwindale Senior Center Staff, Loretta Corpis, Steve Castro of Eagle Photography as well as to the event judges: Mark Blue (Embassy Suites-Arcadia/Pasadena), Mayra Serrano (City of Hope and Linda Apodaca (Foothill Transit). A special thank you to Victor Benavides for the time he took coaching the kids and helping them with their public speaking skills.

# Keep Your Kids On The Road To Safety

There's good news, bad news and great news about children and safety on the road.

The good news is that car seats, booster seats and seat belts save lives. In fact, in 2015, car seats saved the lives of an estimated 248 children under age 5.

The bad news is every day in America, too many children ride in car seats that have been installed incorrectly, or are riding in the wrong car seats for their ages and sizes. Some children even ride while completely unsecured. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 59 percent of car seats are not installed correctly. Every 33 seconds in 2015, a child under the age of 13 was involved in a crash. On average, two children under 13 were killed and 319 children were injured every day in 2015 while riding in cars, SUVs, pick-

upups and vans. installed their child's car seat, many have not.

What's more, according to NHTSA data, in 2015, about 25.8 percent of children 4 to 7 were prematurely moved to seat belts, when they should have been riding in booster seats. Technicians can also help educate consumers about choosing the right car seat for their child, the importance of registering that car seat with its manufacturer, and what to expect if the seat is subject to a safety recall.

Anyone driving with a child in the car should read and carefully follow the installation instructions included with a car seat as well as the vehicle owner's manual.

NHTSA recommends keeping children in rear-facing car seats as long as possible, up to the car seat's top height or weight limit. Then, it's time for a forward-facing car seat with a harness and



ups and vans.

The great news is that when used correctly, car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the corresponding reductions were 58 percent and 59 percent, respectively. By law, all children must be buckled up in appropriate car seats or booster seats while riding in cars.

Keeping Kids Safe During Child Passenger Safety Week, September 17-23, 2017, many communities will have Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians on hand to provide training on how to use car seats, booster seats and seat belts for children. While most parents are confident they've correctly

tether. After outgrowing this car seat, the child should ride in a booster seat until he or she is the right size to use a seat belt safely. For a seat belt to fit properly, the lap belt must lie across the upper thighs, not the stomach, and the shoulder belt should be snug across the shoulder and chest, not the neck or face.

Whether they are in a car seat, a booster seat, or buckled in their seat belt, children under 13 should always ride in the backseat because it's safer there.

Learn More Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat safety and locate a certified child passenger safety technician at [www.NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat](http://www.NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat). (NAPSI)

# Glendora Kiwaniannes To Host Membership Meeting on September 6

**GLENDORA** - The Kiwanis Club of Glendora Kiwaniannes will host a membership meeting September 6 at Rubel Castle from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost to attend and feast on a tri tip dinner is \$20. Women in the community are invited to attend.

The Kiwaniannes, chartered as a club in 1984, meets in friendship and raises funds for scholarships for local students, grants for teachers to bring art into the classroom, and supports other nonprofit organizations.

The club's main fund rais-

ers include a Designer Bag Binge event in the fall and a Community Tea in the spring.

At the September 6 meeting, guests will be able to take a guided tour through Rubel Castle, a large structure built completely of rocks from the area and furnished with antiques,

memorabilia and novelty items. The castle was built by Michael Rubel and is run by the Glendora Historical Society.

To access the flier with more information about the meeting, go to the Kiwanianne website at [www.glendorakiwaniannes.org](http://www.glendorakiwaniannes.org).

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# Woman Kidnapped by Three in Azusa Escapes

By George Ogden

**AZUSA** - A woman was kidnapped by three men just before 3 a.m. Sunday morning. The 34-year-old woman was waiting for a ride in the 200 block of East First Street, just east of Azusa Ave., when a black minivan, similar to a Nissan Quest, pulled up. One man jumped out and grabbed the woman and forced her into the backseat of the van. The van was

occupied by two other men. All had their faces covered according to the victim.

As the van pulled away, the woman fought off her attackers and was able to get the door open and she jumped from the moving van.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Azusa police at 626-812-3200.

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All proceeds from our fundraiser go to provide scholarships to our graduating students, local community programs and business development within the city.

## "Families Are Forever" Statue Unveiling



Members of the Azusa City Council, members of the Azusa Park and Recreation Commissioners, Azusa City Clerk, prior Azusa Council member, and Recreation and Family Services Director stand behind the new "Families Are Forever" statue in front of Memorial Parks office.

By Jorge V. Rosales

**AZUSA** - There is within the City of Azusa a Recreation and Family Services Department which manages and maintains the 21 parks within the City of Azusa ranging in size from 0.20 acres to 15.09 acres. The Department has been under the leadership of Joe Jacobs for the past 29 years.

For years the motto of the Department has been "Creating a Lifetime of Memories for

the entire Family." Mr. Jacobs will be retiring at the end of 2017, that's why he felt the need to leave a legacy at Memorial Park.

The legacy to the Department and its motto consists of the placement of a bronze statue. "Families Are Forever," statue was created by the Randolph Rose, Inc. in Yonkers, New York. The statue consists of five figures, a Mother and Father with a baby daughter in his arms and a young boy and girl. The statue was made possible thanks to the following contributing funders: Kids Come First Golf Tournament, YWCA San Gabriel Valley, City of Azusa Economic Development Pub-

lic Art Fund, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Revel Canyon City, and City of Azusa Gym Ad Campaign.

Prior to unveiling the statue, Jacobs introduced the entire City Council, the five members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Acting City Manager and Executive Staff, the current Department Staff and with extreme gratitude he invited all past Recreation and Family Services Department staff in attendance to be recognized.

Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha and Recreation and Family Services Department Staff unveiled the "Families Are Forever" statue prior to the summer concert in the park.

## Ribbon Cutting for Penny Lane Senior Care Services



Glendora Councilman Michael Allawos, Penny Lane Senior Care Services Executive Assistant Crump Osby, Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer, Penny Lane Senior Care Services Administrator Ty Harden and Glendora Councilman Mendell Thompson.

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - Penny Lane Senior Care Services opened their new office in Glendora on August 8th with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony organized by the Glendora Chamber of Commerce, the San Dimas Chamber and the San Gabriel Valley Chamber.

All the Glendora Council Members, representatives of Congressmen and Senators, employees of Penny Lane Senior Care Center, fellow members of

the Glendora, San Dimas and San Gabriel Valley Chambers of Commerce and friends were all present to witness the Ribbon Cutting and to wish this business well at their new location on Route 66.

Penny Lane Senior Care Services is a quality home care agency which originally started in 2009. They moved to Glendora a year ago. The services they offer are: Dementia Care, Alzheimer's Care, Recovery care, One on One care, Sitter services, Live in

Care, Hourly care, Fall prevention training, Personal care, Companionship services, Medication reminders/assist, Transport to doctors appointments, errands and grocery shopping.

They service Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange Counties. Penny Lane Senior Care Services is located at 620 W. Route 66, Suite 106 in Glendora and are available 24 hours/7 days a week. "You will always reach a Live person." said Ty Harden, Administrator.

## HEROES Golf Tournament

**SAN DIMAS** - The 7th Annual San Dimas HEROES Golf Tournament will be held at Via Verde Country Club on Monday, September 11, 2017. Registration starts at 9AM with a shotgun start at 11AM. A banquet dinner will be provided at 5PM, followed by a raffle and silent auction. So put on your best patriotic attire and join us for a day of golf and fun. For further information please call the golf tournament hotline at 909 542 8511 or visit their website at [www.SanDimas-HEROES.com](http://www.SanDimas-HEROES.com) or by email at [SanDimas-HEROESGolf@gmail.com](mailto:SanDimas-HEROESGolf@gmail.com). Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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