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Champion Glendora Celebrates Grand Opening

GLENDORA - Champion Glendora, a grocery-anchored neighborhood retail center located at 655 S Grand Ave in the City of Glendora held its grand opening on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017. The opening was celebrated with the City of Glendora, Glendora Chamber of Commerce, and the center's tenants, inaugurated by a ribbon cutting ceremony.

City of Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer was in attendance, alongside city council and representatives from the region's legislative offices, as well as the Glendora Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Fawn Imboden. The ceremony also highlighted the center's tenants including Marshalls, Sprouts, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Orangetheory Fitness, Creamistry, and Oke Poke.

"We are excited to be able to bring stores like Sprouts and Marshalls to the community," comments Chris Wilson, Executive Vice President and Retail Partner of Champion. "This new shopping center will serve the residents' growing needs while providing quality services close to home."

Champion Glendora was acquired by an affiliate of Cham-



Valerie Escalante, Assistant to the City Manager, Councilman Michael Alloway, Councilwoman Karen Davis, Mayor Gary Boyer, Chris Wilson Executive Vice President of Champion Real Estate, Councilwoman Judy Nelson, Councilman Mendell Thompson, Parker Champion Partner of Champion Real Estate, City Manager Chris Jeffers

pion Real Estate Company in 2016 and reconfigured and repositioned into a 70,500 square foot grocery-anchored neighborhood shopping center. Two new retail pads were also added in the existing parking field that features drive-thru accessibility.

"We are very pleased to see the progress that Champion has made with the center," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "In

addition to the aesthetic improvements completed, Champion worked with City staff to

attract tenants that would be a welcomed addition to the residents of Glendora and sur-

rounding communities."

Sprouts and Marshalls are now open, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf is expected to open next month in June, and the other tenants will soon after follow.

The center is conveniently located just north of the I-210 Freeway at the intersection of West Route 66 and South Grand Avenue, and just minutes away from Azusa Pacific University's East Campus.

Champion Real Estate Company ("Champion") was founded in 1987 by veteran investor, developer and CEO, Bob Champion. Based in West Los Angeles, Champion's investment strategy is to acquire infill properties in "A" locations within markets that are core, core adjacent or gentrifying to core and implement value accretive improvements. For more information, visit www.ChampionRealEstateCompany.com

Baldwin Park Adult School Students Celebrate Graduations



Students in Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education's high school equivalency program - clad in white - celebrate their graduation on May 18 at Baldwin Park High School.



Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education Class of 2017 valedictorian Valeria Figueroa speaks to her class at commencement at Baldwin Park High School. Figueroa's purple robe indicates she is in the high school diploma program.

BALDWIN PARK - More than 1,200 family members and friends cheered as 200 Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education (BPACE) students received career technical education certificates, diplomas and high school equivalency certificates at the Vocational and Academic Programs Graduation Ceremony on May 18.

The event, held at Baldwin Park High School's Ted K. Gorrell Stadium, featured a rainbow of robes reflecting the many programs available

through BPACE: purple for high school diplomas, white for high school equivalency and yellow for career tech training in automotive services, barbering, cosmetology, electrician, food service and hospitality, medical assistant, pharmacy technician as well as heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC).

In all, 284 students graduated from BPACE programs this year, with 200 attending the ceremony. Twenty-five students earned high school diplomas; 38 earned high school

equivalency certificates and 221 earned career technical education certifications.

During the ceremony, the National Anthem was sung by the Baldwin Park High School Choir. BPACE Senior Director Dr. John D. Kerr presented the class and recognized academic honor and CTE honor students. Baldwin Park Board of Education President Christina Lucero accepted the class.

Valedictorian for the class was Valeria Figueroa; salutatorian was Noemi Esquivel.

America's Christian Credit Union Salutes Community Heroes



Lieutenant Matt Williams, Captain Joe Ward, Police Chaplain Karen Davis, Sonia Jones, Councilman Mendell Thompson, Rick Leffler Commander, seated Corporal Carl Harstine USMC and Patti Aldrich of American Legion Aux Unit 475 at the ACCU Patriots Day ceremony.

GLENDORA - America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) concluded its fourth annual Patriot Week festivities Tuesday May 23rd, with the Family Day & Awards Ceremony hosted at the credit union's Glendora headquarters. Throughout the week, ACCU honored local veterans, U.S. military, and first-responders in partnership with Project Glendora Yellow Ribbon and American Legion Riders - Chapter 835.

Patriot Week had begun in earnest with the opening ceremony on Tuesday. Mayor Pro Tem and ACCU's President/CEO Mendell L. Thompson was joined by Pastor Mike Platter of Glendora Community Church who gave a blessing over the week. Rev. Karen Davis, a Glendora Police Chaplain and First Christian Church's Pastor, added significance to the event with a heart-

warming flag presentation that morning. On Wednesday, Patriot Week continued as Dennis Navarre of the American Legion Riders - Chapter 835, spoke about the work that he and his organization do to honor the men and women in our country's military.

On Thursday, first-responders, current military personnel, and veterans were honored by family members and the community for the Family Day & Awards Ceremony, where Col. Vic Bezjian was recognized for his years of dedication and exceptional service to the United States Air Force. "This country has given me every opportunity to serve in uniform for the past 37 years. It has been a gift, a generous gift; a gift to belong to the greatest country in the world," said Col. Bezjian, as he reflected on his time in the U. S. Airforce. The ceremony concluded with the at-

tending family, friends, and community members together in fellowship, snapping photos with the local military, veterans, and first-responder heroes.

Patriot Week has also served as an opportunity to raise funds for this year's spotlighted charity, the Patriot Guard Riders. A day of fundraising at Chili's restaurant in Glendora, and an ACCU product promotion - a new, limited-time "Patriot Term Share Certificate" - generated additional revenues for this worthy cause. "This has been a special week for us at ACCU. We have had the chance to celebrate veterans, the police, the fire department, and first responding heroes who step into the gap to keep us safe from danger. We want to say 'thank you' to each one of them and hope that the events of this week served to encourage and honor them," commented Thompson.

U.S. Army First Lieutenant Kady Schwartz Comes Home From Kuwait

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - On Tuesday, May 23rd 2017, Kady Victoria Schwartz drove to Glendora in her rental car to reunite with her Mom, Denise Schwartz. The home was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, small flags lined the walkway and a large personalized welcome sign decorated the front of the house. Of course a large American flag was also waving in the breeze.

It was a teary hug, as Kady embraced her Mom and wouldn't let go. Their friends were in the house waiting to toast her with non-alcoholic champagne.

U. S. Army First Lieutenant Kady Schwartz returned from her deployment in Kuwait where she served as the Battle Captain for Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 553rd Combat Sus-



1LT Kady Schwartz shakes hands with an Iraqi General in Baghdad, Iraq during a daily mission in support of the Iraqi Training Equipment Fund (ITEF).

tainment Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade, originally based out of Fort Hood, Texas. She graduated from Glendora High School in 2006.

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National Food Drive Gets and Gives Locally with Volunteer Help in Glendora

by Mark Erickson

GLENDORA - On May 13, 2017 the Stamp Out Hunger national food drive was aided in Glendora by Shepherd's Pantry food bank, the New Unto Others community charity thrift store and BSA Troop 491 of Glendora. The event collected, stored, and will eventually distribute 100,000 pounds of donated food throughout the local community. Organized by the NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers), this is the 25th year for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

In Glendora, the food drive was possible due to the hard work of several volunteer groups working together as well as the NALC. As with previous years, postal customers left pre-labeled bags of non-perishable goods next to their mailboxes before the delivery of that day's mail. Letter carriers collected these food donations as they delivered mail along their postal routes and returned them to their respective post offices.

At the post office near downtown Covina, more than 18 Boy Scouts from Troop 491 Glendora spent the afternoon unloading the bags of donated food and organizing them with the assistance of volunteer staff from Shepherd's Pantry. Located in Glendora, Shepherd's Pantry is a non-profit organization that provides walk-in food service for the cities of East San Gabriel Valley. They also provide food delivery and clothing services, as well as children's reading and math tutoring, resource counseling, and even haircuts to those in need. Shepherd's Pantry also received food from the Glendora post office as well as the main Covina post office.

Items sorted, the Scouts loaded the food items onto the truck provided by the New Unto Others thrift store to be



(Photo Credit: Carmen A. Rosales)

Top row (on truck): Brian Vancleave, Ryan Healy, Sam Liau, Matthew Lopez, Jonah Ivory, Shane King. **Middle row:** Adam Erickson, Jose Vasquez, Spencer Moya, Alex Chice, Isaac Le, Tyler Tran **Bottom row:** Zachary Klein, Kevin Yuan, Tom Yuan, Andres Vasquez, Fred Khudanyan Jr.

taken to their location in Glendora. This is the first year that New Unto Others has aided Shepherd's Pantry with not only transportation but storage as well. Finding room to store the sudden influx of food had always been a challenge. "Last year we had food stacked to the ceiling at our location. This is a huge deal" said Craig Cerro, Executive Director of Shepherd's Pantry.

New Unto You is a thrift shop offering secondhand apparel, housewares, and antique furniture. New Unto Others collaborates with local non-profits who collect, sort and volunteer at the store with a portion of the proceeds returning back to the community via the non-profits.

The Stamp out Hunger food drive traditionally takes place on the second Saturday of May

and involves nearly 800 branches of the Postal Service. Joining NALC this year as national food drive partners are the U.S. Postal Service, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, United Way Worldwide, AFL-CIO, AARP Foundation, Valpak and Valassis.

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San Gabriel Names Derrick Doehler Fire Chief

SAN GABRIEL - San Gabriel officials announced that Derrick Doehler, former Deputy Chief and a 19-year veteran of the San Gabriel Fire Department, will be returning from retirement to become the city's next Fire Chief.

Doehler, 50, is a former United States Army veteran who began his career with the San Gabriel Fire Department in 1997 as the station's first fulltime firefighter/paramedic. Since joining the department, Doehler has held the rank of Captain, Division Chief and Deputy Chief before initially retiring in 2016.

"I'm happy to be back, and I'm extremely proud to serve the City of San Gabriel. For the past 26 years of my life, I've always waited for the next call to come in, and not having that sense of urgency during retirement proved to be a challenge," Doehler said.

City Manager Steve Preston said that Doehler's personal integrity positioned his candidacy for the position. "Chief Doehler



Derrick Doehler - San Gabriel Fire Chief

has the respect of the staff, the City Council, the management team and myself. He has the blessing of former Chiefs Joe Nestor and Kirk Summers. It will be a pleasure to welcome Chief Doehler back," Preston said.

Doehler succeeds Chief Mario D. Rueda as the city exits shared command, which sought to link the command staff of the San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena Fire Departments. Chief Rueda remains the

Fire Chief in neighboring San Marino.

"We want to thank Chief Rueda for his service," said Preston. "There were many challenges associated with the shared command model, but we appreciated Chief Rueda's efforts.

Doehler will assume the position of Fire Chief effective immediately, and will begin assessing the station's current vacancies moving forward.

Learn "Hands Only" CPR in 10 Minutes with "Sidewalk CPR"

CPR Trainings to be held at over 50 locations across Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES—Ninety percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. It takes 10 minutes or less to learn how to keep a cardiac arrest victim alive until paramedics arrive. The County of Los Angeles Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the American Heart Association (AHA) are once again coordinating free hands-only CPR training on Sidewalk CPR Day, June 1, at over 50 sites across Los Angeles County to help improve cardiac survivability. Last year, more than 7,000 people in Los Angeles County learned how to save a life in just a few minutes with a quick lesson from local firefighters and medical professionals. This year, the goal is to

train at least 6,000 more.

"Bystanders are the first link in the chain of survival when every minute counts," says Cathy Chidester, director of the County EMS Agency. "Learning Hands-Only CPR empowers anyone to be able to save a life when someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest. With 70 percent of all cardiac arrests occurring at home, family and friends can double or triple their loved one's chance of survival by learning CPR."

Hands-only CPR focuses on the first few minutes following a cardiac arrest, since the lungs and blood contain only enough oxygen to keep vital organs healthy for that amount of time. While emergency responders are on their way to the scene, chest

compressions using hands-only CPR will provide the ongoing blood flow needed to give the patient a much better chance of survival once responders arrive. Once trained, citizens are encouraged to download the PulsePoint mobile app for iOS and Android to receive notifications that someone nearby is in need of CPR. To learn more, visit the PulsePoint Foundation website at www.pulsepoint.org.

Less than 10 percent of the nearly 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims survive nationwide. Only 46 percent of victims receive CPR from a bystander. Don't be a bystander in a cardiac emergency – be a lifesaver! For a list of training sites, visit <http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/ems/>.

Draft Coyote Management Plan Now Available For Public Comment - Town Hall Scheduled For June 7

ARCADIA - In response to increasing community concerns regarding coyotes in Arcadia neighborhoods, in April 2017 the City Council directed the City Manager to develop a Coyote Management Plan (Plan) to provide guidance for the community and City staff in response to frequent human/coyote interactions in Arcadia. The Draft Plan has been developed based on research and best practices that include a full spectrum of tools to effectively respond to coyotes in an urban area.

In order to ensure that the Plan fully addresses the concerns of the community, the City is inviting the public to review and com-

ment on the Plan. The public comment period is ongoing through June 11, 2017. The City Council is scheduled to consider the Draft Coyote Management Plan on June 20, 2017. To review the Plan, please visit the City's website at www.arcadiaca.gov/coyotes. Residents are encouraged to submit their comments through any of a variety of convenient formats, which include:

- MyPD Mobile App - Download the MyPD mobile app from your app store. Use the Submit Tip feature to send us your thoughts.
- Twitter - Follow us @City-OfArcadiaCA. Use the hashtag

#CoyotePlan when submitting your comments.

- Email - Send your remarks to coyotes@arcadiaca.gov.
- Call Us - Use the newly-established coyote hotline at (626) 574-5463 to submit your feedback.

Further, the City of Arcadia and the Pasadena Humane Society are partnering to offer a Coyote Town Hall meeting on June 7, 2017, at 7:00PM in the City Council Chambers located at 240 W. Huntington Drive to receive further feedback on the Plan in addition to offering coyote tips, resources, and information.

New Passport Application Location in West Covina

WEST COVINA - Effective Monday, June 5, 2017, the City of West Covina will move its location for U.S. passport application processing from West Covina City Hall to the new larger location at the Cameron Community Center. The available days for U.S. passport application processing will be on Mondays and Wednesdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The U.S. passport application services will be made available by appointment only during the allocated times. Passport photo service will also be available as part

of the appointment time select.

The City of West Covina has experienced an increase in U.S. passport processing and the Cameron Community Center is a larger venue, more equipped to serve the public's needs. Cameron Community Center is located at 1305 East Cameron Avenue across from West Covina High School.

For more information on how to apply for a U.S. passport please call our Passport Hotline at (626) 939-8744 or visit www.westcovina.org.

Newcomers and Friends Invites Local Residents to June Events

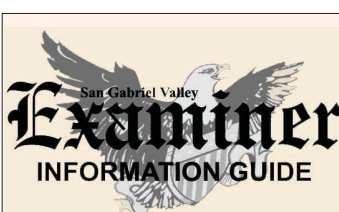
ARCADIA - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local residents to attend their June meeting.

On June 7, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held at the Fireside Room, Santa Anita Church, 226 West Colorado Blvd., in Arcadia. This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

Later in June, members of Newcomers and Friends will have a recognition and installation luncheon at a Pasadena hotel. The new President, for the group's fifty-third year, is Mary Hodge.

Additional Newcomers and Friends' mostly-daytime weekday activities include a Book Club, Bridge, Crafters, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Hiking, Hump Day Happy Hour, Day Trips, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Movies, Golf, and Wine Tasting.

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at sgvnewcomers@gmail.com or visit them online at <http://www.sgvnewcomers.com>



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Reward Increased For Suspect In Murder Of Duarte Father

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger increasing to \$20,000, a reward for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of a suspect or suspects responsible for the murder of Kirinda Morehead, a 39-year-old husband and father of two, who was shot to death on Bashor Street in the City of Duarte on February 18, 2017, at approximately 8:18 p.m. A white BMW with tinted windows was

seen driving away west on Bashor and then north on Mount Olive Drive.

The reward previously approved by the Board on February 28, 2017, is due to expire on May 28, 2017. It has been three months since the murder of Mr. Morehead and detectives believe someone may have information about the vehicle, the driver, or circumstances surrounding this murder. In order to encourage the public's assistance, detectives are asking for an increase

in the reward and information that may lead to the apprehension of the suspect or suspects.

The Sheriff's Homicide Bureau is seeking assistance from the public with information that may aid in their investigation of this heinous crime. Supervisor Barger encourages anyone with information to contact Sheriff's Detective Philip Guzman at (323) 890-5500, Sergeant Eric Arias at (323) 890-5500 or L.A. Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

Real Talk: Pre-Planned Funerals Ease the Burden for Survivors

By Jenny Park

"I don't want to be cremated. I don't want to die twice." These words echoed in Maria Cho's mind on her way to the hospital. A thousand questions ran across her mind. Would Mom be alive when she got there? What would she do next? How am I to pay for the funeral costs?

In 2016, over a thousand people walked into a cemetery without any funeral plans. Children are left not only with the burden of burying their parents, but are also left with lack of guidance and knowledge of their choices. However, there is a growing percentage of people who opt-out of the frustration and second-guessing over what their loved ones would have wanted.

When Denise Lee's mother passed away, she was surprised to find that her mother had already had a pre-arranged funeral plan.

"My mother was very organized. She never wanted to burden us with anything. She met Maria Cho over 20 years ago and planned her own funeral. I

am so thankful that she did this because I would have no idea of all that I had to do. I don't have the words to describe how thankful I am that she was there for us."

Pre-planned funerals are the greatest gift one can leave behind. Ester Seo knew that business was bad and she worried about her elderly mother. She had heard from her friends about the huge emotional and financial stress they were going through planning a funeral. She also decided to plan not just her mother's funeral, but also for herself and her husband. "I have peace of mind that comes from knowing that we have a plan. I know exactly what we are going to pay and we don't have to leave this expense on our children," said Seo.

In a 2010 survey conducted by the National Funeral Directors Association, 66 percent of adults would choose to arrange their own funeral service, but only 25 percent have already made them. Those who planned their funerals stated

the main reason of having a pre-funded funeral agreement with the funeral home is so that the expense would not be left on the survivors and secondly so their wishes were on file. The pre-planned funeral process is very simple and takes less than an hour. Without it, families are left guessing and in the dark about the entire process.

Today, Maria Cho uses her own difficult experience as motivation to help others. "I am sure people know of all the work and detail that goes into planning a funeral or a cremation, not to mention the expense of it all. I will take care of every single little detail for families before the stress, shock, and grief hits that special person, who would have to deal with it on that day," says Maria Cho. "People do not always realize what options they have. There are many myths surrounding the convenience of cremations as well." For more information, please call Jenny Park at (310)427-0974 or (626)963-8807.

\$400 Billion Health Care Plan And No Funding

May 22, 2017, Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee, spoke before his Committee on his bill SB 562, The Healthy California Act, universal health care for all Californians, requesting the Committee pass the bill with his promise he will share the final total costs and how it will be paid for when a special study comes back from Amherst University in Massachusetts. Without knowing the full cost of the bill, or how it will be paid for, the bill passed out of Appropriations 7-2, with Republicans Patricia Bates, Vice Chair, and Jim Nielson voting against the bill. SB 562 meets the criteria for referral to the Suspense File as noted by Consultant Brendan McCarthy.



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora
employer sponsored health insurance.

Lara made the following remarks: "Current health spending is approximately \$350 billion ... or 14% of our state's gross domestic product ...

Health care spending is growing faster than the overall economy ... by 2025 [health care] will be 20% of the national GDP ... at the same time Americans pay more than any industrialized nation for health care, almost \$10,000 per person, yet we do not have better health outcomes and cover fewer people. "

Lara's comments took aim at Washington, D.C. and failure of the health care system because of inefficiencies and costs. I believe that is what conservatives on both sides of the aisle, and particularly Republicans, have been saying all along about the Affordable Care Act better known as Obamacare. And, what the current Republican President Trump and Congress are trying to resolve by repealing Obamacare and establishing a viable, affordable health care system everyone, who chooses to, can participate in at their level of need.

Senate Report provided California statistics:

- 45% of Californians have

- 26% are covered by Medi-Cal.

- 10% are covered by Medicare.

- 9% buy their own health insurance.

- 2% are covered by other federal plans

- Even after Obamacare's mandatory enrollment, 8% of Californians are uninsured.

The Report says of 3 million Californians, uninsured and under age 65, 1.8 million are undocumented adults not eligible for Medi-Cal or subsidized coverage through Covered California. Additionally:

- 550,000 uninsured are eligible for Medi-Cal but not enrolled.

- 400,000 are eligible for subsidized coverage under Covered California but not enrolled.

- 550,000 are individuals who are not income-eligible for subsidies through Covered California.

Estimated cost for implementation is \$400 billion with an awful lot of supposition to pay the cost of SB 562.

- Existing federal, state, and local funding of about \$200 billion could be available to offset a portion of the cost.

- \$200 billion additional tax revenues would be needed to pay the remainder cost.

- If the shortfall cost was raised through a new payroll tax (no cap on wages subject to the

tax) the additional payroll tax rate would be about 15% of earned income.

Senate Staff note ... "That means between 25% and 50% of the payroll tax revenues would represent a new tax on employees, not likely to be offset by higher wages."

We've just seen a \$5.2 billion gas tax thrown at us and now a health care tax is looming. To put this health care tax into perspective, the whole state budget just proposed is \$290 billion covering education, law enforcement, roads, everything.

Lara's SB 562 raises questions with no answers:

- How much will it really cost?
- What are the financial sources?

- How will this affect full service providers like Kaiser:

- How will paying for this with a payroll tax affect the middle-class?
- Impact the average retired person.

- Impact on education funding requirements for Prop 98.
- Impact on the Gann Initiative constraining overall state spending

- How public safety realignment under Prop 30 (2012) would be affected.

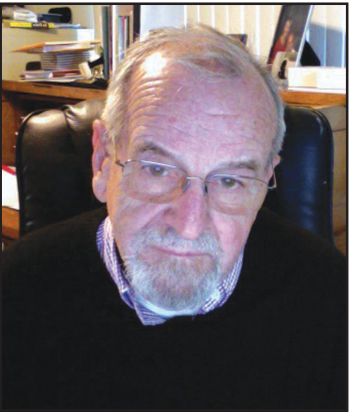
You have seven Democrats with access to the Senate Staff Analysis (Beall, Bradford, Hill, Lara, Wiener) bowing to the will of their Committee Chair instead of considering and knowing the impact on their constituents.

The Senate Report designates 22 provisions of SB 562 needing review and consideration. First on my list, beside those above, is a 9 member board appointed by the governor and legislature. Appointed boards rarely make decisions on what is in the best interests of those to be served or best financial decisions, but only make the best political decisions for the existing sitting powers that be.

SB 562 moves forward to a floor vote the first week of June.

Bill Moyers Speaks To Me And For Me

A few days ago our community was again enriched by a visit from Bill and Judith Moyers. They did not come to make a series of formal presentations, but to renew a long-time friendship with Joseph and Heidi Hough. Joe is the retired President of Union Theological Seminary in New York. While he was a guest in our retirement community, which he claims it to be the site of his favorite audience, Bill engaged in a Q and A session with about 150 of us, and presented his latest made-for-TV documentary. It is a 55 minute series of interviews with former Rikers Island inmates, and explores the inhumanity of that New York City prison. The film will be released publically in a few weeks. You will want to check out when it will be shown in your area.



Charles H. Bayer

More than 7,500 people are detained at Rikers Island on any given day. Eighty percent of them have not been found guilty or innocent of the charges they face. Rikers Island prison is a scandalous example of the increasing shame of our legal system. The United States is witnessing a crisis of mass incarceration with over 2.2 million people packed into our jails and prisons. The US currently jails a larger of its citizens than does any other nation. To understand the human toll of this crisis, Rikers Island is a good place to start. See the film!

Early in his career Moyers was educated and ordained as

a Baptist minister, but soon developed a working relationship with Lyndon Johnson, and became the President's spokesman and later his press agent. You can find a number of biographical accounts of his long and distinguished public career on the internet, but it is not the purpose of this column to repeat that story. There is a gracious human quality to Bill Moyers that goes far deeper than his professional career. He brings that persona to every article, documentary, interview and informal chat.

In an age when it is increasingly a problem to respect almost any public figure, Bill Moyers is for me the epitome of someone whose insights and veracity are worth trusting. Not only is he right on the issues, he comes at them with a powerful ethical perspective, and encourages everyone he meets to take an active role in addressing some critical issue. While he remains hopeful that the American people will successfully turn back the disastrous

course this administration has taken, he is not sure we can survive as the world's best example of a democratic republic. Moyers reports that Trump is staffing every area of government with officials whose prior commitment is to destroy the agency or department they have been selected to serve. These Presidential appointments cut at the heart on the humanizing role of government probably best seen in FDR's New Deal.

Bill and Judith are easy conversationalists. There is not a shred of arrogance in either one of them. Yet one quickly realizes that their command on the facts and the implications for the well-being of the nation and its people are uppermost now and throughout their long careers

Bill has gone out of his way to affirm these weekly commentaries of mine, and how they have sounded a positive note as well as a issuing a warning. His one suggestion was that I needed to pay more attention to the disastrous posture of the conservative religious community, and be clear about my reluctance to allow fundamentalists to define the nature and implications of the Christian faith, particularly in addressing the most important public issues. You, therefore, can expect that I will be returning to these matters in the coming weeks.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Alhambra

By Joe Castillo

Growth.... In the 1870's, Benjamin Wilson and James De Barth Shorb developed the new Alhambra tracts into an attractive destination for newcomers coming from the Midwest. Those who migrated from the Midwest were educated people with an extensive cultural background. Many had moved from bigger cities and were more accustomed to the finer necessities of life. The draw to the west was better health conditions and many of those coming to Southern California left established careers and fine homes to gain a healthier life style. The early settlers were looking for a satisfactory site to build a home to meet their needs and were not looking to establish a new career or invest in other land related property.

In the beginning, Alhambra was only a tract of San Gabriel with ranchers shipping hundreds of thousands of dollars in citrus fruits, grains, wine and brandy through the Alhambra location. One of the first settlers of the Alhambra tract was Mattie Wallace and her family. Wallace was the niece of Benjamin Wilson

who came to Alhambra at his request. She eventually purchased 10 acres and lived in an adobe close to the Old Mill. Wallace eventually built the first house in the present city limits of Alhambra located at the southwest corner of Granada and Huntington Drive and today a condominium complex occupies the location.

Another early settler was George Adams who would build the first house in the Alhambra Tract on property located at the corner of Vega and Alhambra Road. Adams had come west as part of a railroad excursion party which also included a number of other distinguished early residents. One of them was Dr. T.D. Kellogg, who would become Alhambra's first physician. Kellogg hired the only carpenter in town, Charles Browne, to build his new sanatorium. The building was to be a 3-story redwood building located at the southwest corner of Almanson and Boabdil, which is now Main Street. Unfortunately, what would have been Alhambra's first hospital was burned down by a fire and the next attempt to build a hospital also ended in a disastrous fire. Dr.

Kellogg not only was the first physician in Alhambra but also in the San Gabriel Valley and saw patients as far away as San Bernardino.

One settler who showed a greater interest in Alhambra than others was Hiram Willard Stanton. He was always interested in Alhambra and those living in the community. Stanton became the first schoolteacher, the first storekeeper, the first postmaster, the first telephone agent and the first promoter. Alhambra used the San Gabriel post office for its mailing and delivery service, and Stanton pushed for Alhambra to establish its own post office. He petitioned the United States Postal Service and directed the building of Alhambra's first post office in 1885. It became the center of the community with Stanton remaining in charge through 1899. In the early 1900's, Alhambra continued to grow but it was the early settlers which provided Alhambra with the foundation to become the city that it is today.....

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Thank You for Your Service: Serving Student Veterans as They Continue Serving Others

California has one of the largest veteran populations in the nation, conservatively estimated at over two million people. The number of veterans returning to civilian life and entering the state's institutions of higher education is projected to grow significantly in the next few years, and California's community colleges will enroll the largest number of student veterans of any segment of higher education.



Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson
President, Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees
distant VA offices.

At Citrus College, we take special pride in our veterans program, and our commitment to the success of student veterans is a top priority. The Citrus College Veterans Program began in January 2007, and since that time, the college has earned a reputation as an award-winning provider of educational programs for veterans. To cite just two from a long list of awards, accolades and recognitions, in 2010, Citrus College was awarded a Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) grant by the Department of Education, and the college has been designated a Military Friendly School® for seven consecutive years by GI Jobs Magazine.

Known for its welcoming atmosphere and as a place where student veterans can access a wide range of services, the Citrus College Veterans Success Center (VSC) serves as a hub for the college's veterans program. The 3,000-square-foot VSC facilitates direct services to veterans and provides a holistic approach to serving veterans and their families. For example, student veterans can receive assistance with priority registration, help filling out Veterans Administration (VA) documents, a special veterans' orientation, academic advising and tutoring, and mental health support. The college is one of five Southern California colleges with a dedicated VA rehabilitation counselor, and the telehealth project provides student veterans with the opportunity to receive health check-ups on campus, saving them time and money required to travel to

Perhaps one of the most remarkable and unanticipated outcomes of Citrus College's Veterans Program is the eagerness of student veterans to help fellow veterans and others through their participation in community events and outreach programs that serve the homeless and others in need. They have stepped up to take part in Azusa's Field of Valor and Veterans' Memorial Service; the Women's Veterans Collaborative; American Legion Family Day; National Guard Family Day; March Air Force Family Day; and many other community events. Additionally, students have visited Skid Row during the holidays and local homeless encampments throughout the year, providing food, water, alternatives to homelessness and hope. It can truly be said that, after years of service to their country, Citrus College student veterans continue that tradition of service at home in their communities.

I think you would agree that our military veterans have made an impact on all of us in many positive ways. Therefore, I encourage you to tell veterans you know about two upcoming community events focused on their needs. On June 17, Congresswomen Grace F. Napolitano and Judy Chu will present the 6th Annual Veterans Forum at the National Guard Armory in Azusa. The purpose of the event is to assist veterans who have cases pending with the VA. There will be breakout sessions on mental health, woman warriors, education and financial planning and assistance for homeless veterans. On July 13, Citrus College will be a key contributor to Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis' inaugural Veterans Job and Resource Expo. The event will feature information on jobs and career planning, health care, legal services, education, senior services, housing and many other topics. It will take place at Pomona Fairplex. Information about both events is available online.

As president of the Citrus College Board of Trustees, I am very proud of the college's veterans program and its remarkable success in meeting the needs of this unique population that has sacrificed so much, served our nation well and continues to serve our local communities. I know I speak on behalf of the entire college when I say that we are honored to serve our student veterans.

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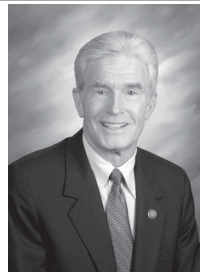
The firing of FBI director Comey has been bringing forth somewhat premature parallels with Richard Nixon. The parallels are premature as 20 people were convicted of criminal offenses relating to Watergate while Nixon was unconditionally pardoned by President Gerald Ford to save him from prosecution after he resigned. Nevertheless, the Comey firing seems to have put the Trump economic agenda in limbo. The firestorm raised a legitimate question: With the talk of special prosecutors digging for evidence, how is the President's economic agenda going to progress?

One status indicator of the "Trump trade" - the expected shift into high gear of the U.S. economy because of the promised (but not yet delivered) tax cuts and deregulation - is the U.S. Treasury yield curve. Any way you slice it, the yield curve has flattened massively as the initial euphoria after the election wore off.

This particular President proved he can be a "come from behind" kind of guy so it is too early to write him off. But suffice to say that the same manner in which he won a low-odds election is not working nearly as well since he moved into the White House.

The slope of the yield curve is highly relevant to the banking sector, which was a standout in the rally that commenced after the Presidential election. The banking sector's initial lead (in the relative bank index) has now paused and it is too premature to say if this is "the pause that refreshes" or "the end of an affair." I think it will all depend on how fast President Trump can find his rhythm. So far, the jury is out.

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

Here are some "Key Economic Metrics":

Earnings Scorecard: As of today (with 91% of the companies in the S&P 500 reporting actual results for Q1 2017), 75% of S&P 500 companies have "beat" the mean EPS estimate and 64% of S&P 500 companies have beat the mean sales estimate.

Earnings Growth: For Q1 2017, the blended earnings growth rate for the S&P 500 was 13.6%. Assuming 13.6% was the actual growth rate for the quarter, it will mark the highest (year-over-year) earnings growth for the index since Q3 2011 (16.7%).

Earnings Revisions: On March 31, the estimated earnings growth rate for Q2 2017 was 9.0%. Nine sectors have higher growth rates today (compared to March 31) due to upward revisions to earnings estimates and upside earnings surprises, led by the Industrials sector.

Earnings Guidance: For Q2 2017, 61 S&P 500 companies have issued negative EPS guidance and 29 S&P 500 companies has issued positive EPS guidance.

Valuation: The forward 12-month P/E ratio for the S&P 500 is 17.5. This P/E ratio is above the 5-year average (15.2) and the 10-year average (14.0).

So far this year, the S&P 500 is up considerably less than the 13.6% EPS growth last quarter.

From a glass-half-full perspective, this means the market can go quite a bit higher if the commotion in Washington turns out to be a tempest in a teapot. From a glass-half-empty perspective, if what happened in Washington gathers momentum - with special prosecutors and the like - I believe that tax reforms will be delayed.

One major reason for the explosive nature of the stock market rally after the election was hope for tax reform, which is highly necessary, in my view. Tax reform is also one of the major reasons why stocks are trading at above-average valuations, even though they are not close to historic extremes. If tax reform fails to pass in 2017 - and it is starting to look that way - there will be many disappointed investors.

All this tweetstorm drama comes at a time when the U.S. economy is expanding for a far longer time than the historic norm. Next month will mark "year 8" of the present economic expansion (96 months), which is the third longest in recorded history. In such a mature economic expansion the question that needs to be asked is: Can we beat the all-time record of 120 months, or 10 years, from March 1991 till March 2001?

My answer: Under the right tax reform and deregulation plan, a record recovery looked possible as of January 21, 2017. Nearly four months into Trump's first term, my answer is that I remain optimistic.

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I welcome your questions and comments:
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Your Money - Ask Julia

We're thinking it's time to buy a house. Do you have any guidelines?

Before you do anything else, get pre-approved for a mortgage loan. (See link below to apply online.) Pre-approved means that a lender has your application and supporting documentation, and has agreed to lend you 'up to' a specific dollar amount. With your pre-approval letter in hand, the offer you submit on the house you want can be taken much more seriously. While you are getting pre-approved, make and prioritize a list of "must-haves," "don't wants," and "might consider." For example, a "must-have" might be the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, while the "don't wants," might be a condo, or a busy street, and "might consider" might be a pool. Also take the time to select the neighborhoods you'd really like (perhaps for school district, or community amenities), some you "might consider" (those bordering areas you'd really like), and those you definitely wouldn't live in (for example, too close to a freeway or railroad tracks). Schedule time to meet with a Realtor. Let me know if you'd like me to email a short list of Realtors I have found to be knowledgeable, ethical, and trustworthy.

I'm self-employed, so my income fluctuates radically. How can I budget better?

On those months that you make more than you need to pay your bills, you must have the character and determination to save that excess for a lower-income month. In the meantime, cut back your expenses wherever you can, and prioritize your



Julia Yoder

bills, paying the most important ones first. Do not be late on your mortgage or credit cards, as this negatively affects your credit scores.

I'm in my late-60's and have a \$150,000 IRA. I'm concerned that when I begin my RMDs, if the market goes down again, I'll run out of money. Is there somewhere better for me to put my money so it has a better chance of lasting my whole life?

If you qualify, consider a Fixed Income Annuity with a Lifetime Income Benefit Rider. You'd be guaranteed no losses, and your initial funds plus any gains could then be paid to you over your lifetime. (Guarantees are based on the strength of the issuing company.)

We lived in our home for 7 years, but could no longer afford our full mortgage payment. For about a year now, we've been renting our house out. This rental income just about covers the mortgage payment, taxes and insurance. We're okay for now, but what should we be thinking about doing next?

Since you lived in your house

2 of the last 5 years, you still qualify for the homeowner's exemption (\$250,000 single/\$500,000 couple) - deducted from the profit of the sale of that property, before capital-gains taxes. Once you have rented that house out for more than 1 year, you might want to convert that property to a 1031 exchange property, sell it, and reinvest all the proceeds to a "like" property. The definition of "like" property means any property that is not foreign. In other words, you could sell your home and buy a piece of land, a couple of smaller homes, an apartment complex, or a commercial building. These transactions have specific guidelines and timeframes. 1031 exchanges allow you to defer taxes. Ideally, you would time your transactions to defer, defer, defer, and then die, leaving the final property(-ies) to heirs. Since this inherited property would have a stepped-up value at that time, they might not have to pay the income taxes you'd deferred over the years.

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Glendora Chamber's Annual Installation and Awards Dinner

GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce will hold this year's Annual Installation and Awards Dinner "A Red Carpet Event" at the Glendora Country Club on June 28 starting at 5:30 pm. At this year's event, it will be a fun filled retrospective on a great year and we will thank our outgoing Board of Directors including our Board Chair, Fawn Imboden of America's Christian Credit Union for all their tire-

less work to help make the Glendora Chamber what it is today. We will then welcome the incoming 2017-2018 Board including our new Board Chair, Gary Clifford of Athens Services.

The dinner will also include the presentation of awards for Business of the Year, New Member of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, Ambassador of the Year and others to celebrate the great work our local

business owners and employees do on a daily basis.

The recipients of these are:

- Glendora Business of the Year: Dance Street West
- Glendora Non-Profit of the Year: Foothill Christian School
- Glendora Chamber New Member of the Year: Spin 360 Core Fitness
- Glendora Chamber's Ambassador of the Year: Deidre Charles Young, Juice Plus

Works and Wonders

The Glendora Public Library Director's office is tucked away on one edge of the main floor, and since the Library Plaza is our roof, these edge offices are essentially underground.

I do get out of my office quite frequently, usually with a few (or many) file folders and a couple of electronic devices, on my way to meetings. At those moments I'm on a schedule, so I take the shortest path from the Administration door to my destination.

This morning, I took a few minutes (without a meeting looming) to take a long-way-around stroll on the main floor. Now, we have a lot of electronic services, so there are many Glendora Library things you can get around the clock, from anywhere with online access. But I love being reminded of all the things that you can get done real time, hands on, face to face, inside the Library itself.

You can actually see - at 8.5 by 11 inches, instead of smart-phone size - the wiring diagrams for your 1993 Saab ... or get step-by-step engine performance self-diagnostic instructions for that treasured family Volvo.

You can connect someone with the gift of reading by bringing them to visit - or by



By Janet Stone

volunteering with - the Glendora READS adult literacy program.

From art history to physics to Spanish, you can find help studying for that Advanced Placement exam.

You can gather a few favorite (and brand new!) magazines into the crook of your arm, find a comfortable chair, and literally flip through them at your leisure - without the dread that might come in a waiting room or impatience that might come in the checkout line.

You can glory in the genius of Rembrandt, the French Impressionists, Norman Rockwell, and other favorites, with gorgeous oversized art volumes spread across your lap.

Tired of seeing the same "new release," "trending," and "featured" movies available online, then paying to rent them for 24 hours? You can browse

shelf after shelf after shelf of DVDs, discover the best from action to humor to westerns, and check them out for a week at no charge.

You can ease that eyestrain -- without having to swipe a page every six words -- by finding your favorite reads in our Large Print section.

You can decide whether times are a-changing or history repeats itself (or both) by scrolling through microfilm of historic newspapers like the Glendora Gleaner, Glendora Press, and Glendora Signal.

If dynamic images immerse you, you can take the plunge in our new Graphic Novels section.

You can gather with one to five other friends, fellow students, colleagues, or clients and do some whiteboard brainstorming in one of our study rooms for an hour or two.

You can grasp picture books, feel them in your fingers, anticipate the turning of their pages, and discover their stories together.

And, since I've barely scratched the surface, you can always find smiling staff to show you the rest of the Library's layers. They're as engaged and as present in this world of ideas, information, and imagination as you are.

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

Cars Through The Ages: 1991-2016

Here is our final segment of Cars Through the Ages! In many ways we have come a long way but it seems we still have more exciting times ahead of us in the car industry. I wonder when self-driving cars will be common place and what about flying cars? We live in exiting times!

1991 - 2000

1991 - The Cadillac comes standard with anti-lock brakes.

1992 - Chrysler minivan line has integrated child safety seats available.

1993 - Fiat buys Maserati

1994 - Volvo has side impact protection airbags.

1995 - Only one state in the USA doesn't have mandatory seat belt laws.

1996 - The new Jeep Wrangler has coil springs.

1997 - Cadillac offers automatic stability control.

1998 - Dual airbags become standard in passenger cars.

1999 - Ford buys Volvo.

2000 - Ford buys LandRover.

2001 - 2010

2001 - BMW releases the new Mini.

2002 - Rolls-Royce is all BMW and Bentley is all Volkswagen.

2003 - Rolls-Royce Phantom is ready for delivery.

2004 - Volkswagen's all-new Golf named Car of the Year

2005 - New car coating - polyurethane film - park car in sun and the scratch will be gone in an hour.

2006 - 30,000th Aston Martin is produced.

2007 - Manufacturers around the world more concerned with building eco-friendly vehicles.

2008 - Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS) is required on new cars and light trucks.

2009 - GM announces 2007 losses of \$39 billion - the largest ever by a US car manufacturer.

2010 - Nissan will put a pure EV on the road in the U.S. and Japan in 2010 in small volumes.

2011 - 2016

2011 - With a groundbreaking combination of range, room and price, the Nissan Leaf is the first all-electric car for the masses.

2012 - People's Car Once Again: 2012 Volkswagen Beetle Attracting Both Sexes

2013 - Car sales make comeback in 2013

2014 - On December 23, Google announced its first driverless car ready to test on public roads.

2015 - U.S. vehicle recalls hit an all-time high in 2015

2016 - Volkswagen reaches \$14.7B emissions settlement due to cheating on emissions tests

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Don't Pack This Pest

If you're moving to a new home this year, watch out for certain stowaways: gypsy moths.

These insects are among the most destructive pests of trees and shrubs in America. Gorging themselves on leaves, gypsy moth caterpillars weaken and can kill more than 300 different species of trees. Since 1970, they've defoliated more than 75 million acres.

The Answer

That's why the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires

homeowners by law to inspect and remove gypsy moth egg masses from household goods prior to moving across state lines—and get an official certificate of inspection.

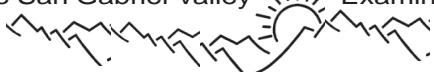
What You Need To Do

- Check all outdoor household goods—lawn furniture, grills, outdoor toys, camping equipment—for egg masses.
- Use a putty knife, stiff brush or similar hand tool to dispose of any egg masses you do find into a container of hot,

soapy water, or place them in a plastic bag, seal it, and set it in the sun.

To get the certificate, you can perform a self-inspection or hire a state-certified pesticide applicator. The American Moving and Storage Association says you should then give the inspection certificate to your moving van driver.

A free gypsy moth removal checklist and additional information can be found at www.Moving.org. (NAPSI)



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 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 pinocle. 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 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 \$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 6:30-8:30 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 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.

Cars 4 the Community

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

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

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 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. Partici-

pants 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.

Social Dance

San Gabriel Valley Social Group will sponsor a dance, from 7:30 to 11:30pm Friday, **June 9** at the Elks Lodge; 841 W. Merced Ave., West Covina. Admission cost \$12. For more information call (626) 332-9530.

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.

Toastmaster Club 5880 Toast To The Best Meeting

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Nancy U. won best Table Topics. On Thursday, **June 1st**, Rich Watson ACS will be Toastmaster and speakers will be Elsa Tovar and Idaly Acosta ACS CL. Idaly will be the Table Topics Master as well.

At our May 18th meeting we elected new officers for the year beginning July 1st. President - JoAn Haase, VP Education - Rich Watson, VP Membership - Art Douglas, VP Public Relations - Idaly Acosta, Secretary - Shauna Gilkinson, Treasurer - Art Douglas and Sergeant-At-Arms - Elsa Tovar. That night Idaly Acosta won best Speaker, Elsa Tovar won best Evaluator and our guest,

You can stop by to meet with us at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave (Between Walnut & San Dimas canyon Rd) San Dimas., [http://5880.toastmastersclubs.org/]. Contact is Art Douglas, President of Toast To the Best (951) 505-0555.



Senior Seminars

ARCADIA - Arcadia Senior Services is hosting **FREE** informational seminars on various topics concerning seniors at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. The topics and dates are as follows:
 Thursday, **June 15** at 1:30pm: Natural Solutions to Sleep Problems, Presented by United Integrated Health Care Center

Thursday, **July 20** at 1:30pm: New Laws Affecting Living Trusts & Probate, Presented by Carlos Arcos, esq.
 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.

Mt. SAC Students Organize Walnut Parks Clean-Up Day

Volunteers needed for community service event on June 3

WALNUT - Students from more than 10 student clubs at Mt. San Antonio College are uniting to help clean up the City of Walnut's parks on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and volunteers are needed.

The Mt. SAC EAGLE (Environmental Action Group for a Livable Earth) Club is spearheading the event, which also includes the college's Accounting, Finance and Management Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha

Gamma Sigma, Honors Ambassadors, Transfer Club, MEChA, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Chemistry Club, and Veterans Club.

"We wanted to show the residents of the City of Walnut that we're here for them like they've been there for us," said Rene Jimenez, president of the EAGLE Club at Mt. SAC. "Our goal is to help make a big difference in these parks."

Volunteers are encouraged to

join the students. With enough volunteers, student organizers are hoping to clean all 11 Walnut parks.

All participants will be meeting at the Snow Creek Park parking lot at 9 a.m. to be divided into teams and receive supplies. Snow Creek Park is located at 20633 Snow Creek Drive in Walnut, off Grand Avenue.

To join the community service event, email Rene Jimenez at rjim11@gmail.com.

Summer Specialty Camps

ARDADIA - Looking for something fun and educational for your children this summer!? Registration for week-long specialty camps starts April 3. These Specialty Summer Camps offer academic and creative programs for youth of all ages. Below is a list of these fun and exciting camps:

- Engineering - Play-Well TEKologies
- Science - Mad Science
- Digital Media - Freshi Media
- Skateboarding - Skatedogs
- Acting & Improvisation -

Melinda Milton, Creative Artist Sewing - Diana Aria, Certified Fashion Design Teacher

Specialty Summer Camps are one week long from June 12-July 21. Prices vary depending on the camp. Extended care in the morning and afternoon is also available for most camps. Don't miss out and sign-up early! For more information, please visit our website at www.arcadiaCA.gov/recreation or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

EYE-DAS Potluck and Bingo Night

WEST COVINA - This is an annual end-of-year party for all three clubs. Potluck and Bingo Night with prizes is always a fun way to cap off the year. Meetings resume in September.

EYE-DAS ["Eye Diseases are serious"] provides social and educational services to the visually impaired throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Clubs meet in West Covina on **June**

5 at noon in the West Covina Senior Center on Cortez; in Glendora on **June 12** in the La Fetra Center at 6:30p.m.; in Arcadia on **June 13** at the Assistance League Building on Alta at noon. Both the visually impaired and their friends and family members are always welcome. For more information, contact EYE-DAS at (626) 335-3937 or (909) 392-0488.

Baldwin Park High Science Instructor Named District Teacher of the Year

Raquel Viramontes is known for her project-driven approach



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Viramontes teaches biology, forensics and human anatomy, and brings the lessons to life with a focus on project-based instruction that goes beyond the mechanics of the science.

"She truly is an educational leader," Principal Anthony Ippolito said. "She makes the content of her courses come to life for her students, and shares her ideas with her colleagues. So not only is she improving the instruction in her own class, she's improving instruction throughout her entire department."

Viramontes, for example, created a genetics lesson in which students must create designer babies. Students must examine

all the technical aspects of their choices for character and physical traits, as well as the implications behind why they value specific traits and the impact of breeding other traits out of the gene pool.

"She takes it the extra step," Ippolito said. "She will have a conversation with the students where they talk about the ethics, the morality of those choices. This is true critical thinking. And isn't that what we want our kids to do?"

Viramontes holds a Master of Arts in education from Claremont Graduate University, a Bachelor of Arts in biology from Pomona College and an associate degree from Rio Hondo College.

She has been teaching at Baldwin Park High since 2008 following a stint as a student teacher at Chaffey High School.

She also serves as Youth Ca-

reer Connect student mentor, an assistant coach for the Pomona-Pitzer Women's Basketball team and a member of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Committee. She formerly served as head girls varsity basketball coach for Baldwin Park High.

Viramontes likens her class to an amusement park ride.

"Being a student in my class is like riding a rollercoaster; there are plenty of ups and downs, twists and turns, but waiting in the long line to ride it is worth the wait," she said. "Every day that a student comes to my class, the student can expect something different, interesting, challenging, impactful, and something to look forward to."

She strives to create an inclusive environment where students feel free to ask any question, she tailors her approach to each student's needs and pushes students to see the scientists in themselves.

"To help students care and understand, I have to show them real-life scenarios in order to connect their reading material to actual substantive examples. I believe that the most significant learning occurs in situations that are both meaningful and relevant," she said.

The result: A freewheeling, idea-rich environment where science isn't just a class, but an enjoyable and inspiration journey of discovery.

"Raquel's hands-on, project-oriented approach to instruction exemplifies Baldwin Park Unified's focus on engaging our students in real-world applications," Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza said. "Congratulations to her for an honor so very well deserved."

Duarte Unified Announces Employees of the Year

DUARTE - A reception was held to honor the teachers and classified employees of Duarte Unified School District (DUSD). Special recognition was given to the teacher and classified employee from each school elected by their colleagues as being most deserving of the award for professional excellence.

From this group of highly qualified and dedicated personnel, Mrs. Jennifer O'Donnell was selected as the district's Teacher of the Year and Humberto Macias was selected as the district's Classified Employee of the Year.

Duarte Unified School District Teacher of the Year

Jennifer O'Donnell has been teaching at Beardslee Elementary for the last sixteen years. She began her career in DUSD as a long term substitute at Maxwell Elementary.

"Jennifer O'Donnell is an over-comer, a problem solver, an innovator and a dynamic member of the 3rd grade team," said Beardslee Principal, Jennifer Romero.

"Mrs. O'Donnell does not work for awards or accolades, but simply to inspire and impact those she comes in contact with daily. Jennifer has remained current with the latest instructional strategies and technologies. Mrs. O'Donnell has always been a collaborative colleague. She works with her peers regularly, whether, weekly lesson planning, developing new instructional plans, discussing the implementation of strategies learned through various PD opportunities, or be it working to develop her own craft."

Jennifer has served on the Beardslee Leadership Team for the entirety of her tenure at the school. She has also supported Beardslee by serving on the School Site Council. Jennifer is always seeking opportunities to give back to the students. She is one of the Beardslee track coaches and supports the annual district track meet. For many years now she has organized Beardslee's annual winter program, a very successful event.

Principal Romero shared, "Though she supports the school community in the many ways mentioned, it is not solely for these reasons she is Beardslee's Teacher of the Year. You see, Mrs. O'Donnell is one of those teachers you come across once in a great while. She has mastered the elusive art of being firm but fair, having rules yet maintaining relationships, and keenly remembering that though she



Duarte USD 2017 Teacher of the Year Jennifer O'Donnell and Classified Employee of the Year Humberto Macias. (Photo provided courtesy of the Duarte Unified School District)

teaches numerous content/subject areas, she is really teaching children whom she freely offers love, acceptance, and grace.

"Students love her because she is kind, loving and cares about them. Mrs. O'Donnell gets to know every student in her class as a whole person. She is able to see what each child brings to the classroom community and her whole teaching approach includes finding and using children's unique strengths to help them overcome their struggles and develop a positive self-concept. She connects with a troubled or struggling student with simple, yet profound empathy while still holding them to the highest expectations. Likewise, she can accelerate and challenge her brightest of students.

"Ms. O'Donnell did not know that she was going to like teaching when she took her first long term substitute position, yet she has since never looked back. She had a calling to teach! She teaches her students to strive for excellence, to love reading, to wear a smile, and to always remember that they can be and do anything they set their minds to."

Congratulations to Jennifer O'Donnell on being the 2017 Duarte Unified Teacher of the Year.

Duarte Unified School District Classified Employee of the Year

"When Hum joined the maintenance crew ten years ago, he was hired for his plumbing skills, but we got so much more," shared Brad Patterson, Chief Facilities Officer.

"While most of us know Humberto as our plumber and resident comedian, not everyone knows how much he gives back to the Duarte community. Many DUSD employees have benefited from his home repair

skills, and his work is always worth signing his name to like a piece of art.

In addition, he and most of the district maintenance crew, have volunteered multiple weekends to repair and improve homes in the community when presented with the need. Hum also takes every opportunity to read to children at the sites, and has served as the master of ceremonies for the Royal Oaks Talent Show more than once.

"Hum arrives each day with a big smile, a hearty handshake, and always with a new joke. His positive attitude is infectious. Hard work, or big tasks seem a little easier when Hum is around," said Patterson.

Congratulations to Humberto Macias on earning the 2107 Classified Employee of the Year award for Duarte Unified.

Listed below are the 2017 Teacher and Classified Employees nominated by each school site and district department:

Teacher of the Year 2017

Andres Duarte - Cynthia Woodman

Beardslee - Jennifer O'Donnell

Duarte High School - Dean Tsuyuki

Maxwell - Erin Gregorio

M.I.T. - Stephen Clayton

Northview - Heidi Quirk

Royal Oaks - Felice Mittman

Valley View - Mara Leppaluoto Goldwhite Page 1 of 3

Classified of the Year 2017

Andres Duarte - Alejandro Ledesma

Beardslee - Leticia Tapia

Child Development - LaVena Martinez

Duarte High School - Bernardine Adams

District Office - Claudia Hernandez

Ed Center-Technology - Henry Vera

Maxwell - Ricardo Ledesma

M.I.T. - Jose Trejo-Amaya

Maintenance, Operations & Transportation - Humberto Macias

Northview - Alison Escobar

Royal Oaks - Christine Baldwin

Valley View - Zoe Chapjian

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10th Annual Azusa Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Held at APU

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - The Azusa House of Prayer (AZHOP) and Azusa Pacific University (APU) hosted the 10th Annual Prayer Breakfast with Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha at APU's Upper Turner Campus Center this year to remind those in attendance about the importance of "Not Being Afraid: Finding Peace In Troubled Times." The prayer breakfast took place on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

The program started with welcome remarks by Pastor Rick MacDonald of Azusa House of Prayer, followed by the presentation of colors by Gladstone High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, the pledge of allegiance by Edson Ibanez, Assistant Planner City of Azusa and the national anthem sung by Anna Aguilar, a resident of Azusa. Prior to some comments by Mayor Rocha, the event's opening prayer was delivered by Pastor Jack Montoya of Calvary Chapel Azusa.

A couple of faith songs were sung by the sister and brother duo of Anna M. Aramburo-Aguilar and Ron Aramburo. There was one religious song in particular where they asked the audience to sing along with the help of screens, the melodic stanzas of the song "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" which brings a certain reflective feeling that prompts one to ponder the love that God has for His children. The music led to the introduction of the keynote speaker by Maureen Taylor, Associate V-P for External Affairs at APU, Bishop David G. O'Connell, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, San Gabriel Pastoral Region.

Bishop O'Connell is the Episcopal Vicar, the bishop assigned to the pastoral supervision of the



Azusa Mayor's Prayer Breakfast keynote speaker Bishop David G. O'Connell of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles San Gabriel Pastoral Region with (from left to right) Dr. Jon Wallace, APU's President, Azusa Councilman Eddie Alvarez, and Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha.

San Gabriel Pastoral Region, one of the five pastoral regions of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He was appointed Titular Bishop of Cell Ausaille and Auxiliary Bishop in 2015. Since his ordination to the priesthood, he's served as Associate Pastor at St. Raymond in Downey, St. Maria Goretti in Long Beach, and St. Hillary in Pico Rivera, and then as Pastor of St. Frances X. Cabrini, Ascension Catholic Church, St. Eugene and St. Michael Parishes. He also served as a member of the Priest Pension Board, and currently serves on the Together in Mission Board as well as the Archdiocesan Finance Council, and continues to be a long-time member of the Council of Priests. He is a Knight of Peter Claver. In his pastoral ministry, Bishop O'Connell has always been very active in serving those in need.

The event was attended by over 100 persons. During the breakfast, Mayor Rocha welcomed everyone to Azusa and the 10th Annual Prayer Breakfast. He too spoke about the importance of praying for those that are sick

and for our soldiers. He emphasized the need to pray in good and bad times and the need to pray for those who love us, our soldiers, who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom and quality of life.

"The message of community prayer finds us in remarkable times, as we face some very real threats to the security, economic and social stability of our community," said Mayor Rocha. "More than ever, we need a calming message of hope to speak to us, perhaps more loudly than ever, and I believe that that message will come to us collectively through the Power of Community Prayer."

Before the closing of the event with the singing of "God Bless America" by everyone and led by Ms. Aramburo-Aguilar and accompanied in the guitar by Mr. Aramburo, there were Prayers for the Community, Military, Health, Event Closing by Pastor Dale Winslow of Foothill Community Church, Chaplain Colonel Rick Givens of APU, Pastor Ariel Verayo of Jesus is Lord Church and Pastor MacDonald, respectively.

A Beautiful Day To Remember Our Fallen, and We Did!



Azusa Police Captain Paul Dennis, Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt, Azusa City Councilman and Navy Lt. Uriel Macias, Fairmount Cemetery Board of Trustees President Doug Boyd, Glendora Councilmen Michael Allawos and Mendell Thompson, Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer, Glendora Council Member and Police Chaplain Karen Davis and Glendora Council Member Judy Nelson at the Memorial Day observance at Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery.

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery Board of Trustees held their 141st Annual Memorial Day Observance at the Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017. The entire Glendora City Council and some of the Azusa City Council Members joined Glendora and Azusa Police and Los Angeles County Fire Department representatives in honoring those who died in war that Americans might live in freedom.

It was a beautiful, sunny, clear and clean, Glendora day. Many residents of Glendora and of surrounding cities and war veterans, gathered at the Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery to honor American servicemen and women, who have given their lives in the various wars from the civil war, World War 2 and the more recent ones.

Master of Ceremonies Doug Boyd conducted the proceedings extremely well, as he has done for almost two decades. The In-

vocation was by Reverend Karen Davis who is the Glendora Police Department Chaplain and also a Glendora Council Member. The Flag Ceremony was by the Glendora Police Department and the Boy Scouts Troop 489.

The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Sheli Harmeyer. The bugler playing "taps" was Zelun Martz of Troop 489 Boy Scouts. The wreath laying was by the Daughters of the Revolution, Jacquelyn Swinney Chaplain. Honoring Our Police and Fire were L.A. County Fire Department Station No. 97 and the Azusa and Glendora Police Departments. Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer gave a very touching and meaningful speech, speaking of how we all, as Americans, have the luxury of going to the beach, barbecuing and having friends and relatives over on Memorial Day, only because of those who have sacrificed their lives for their country. So, we must always remember them!

The keynote speaker this year was U.S. Navy Reserve LT Uriel Macias, who deployed to Afghanistan from 2013-14, leaving behind his wife and four young children.

LT Macias is a long time elected official in Azusa. His colleagues held his City Council seat open for him during the year he served overseas, a very classy and patriotic act on their part.

The Benediction was given by Glendora Police Chaplain Karen Davis.

Fairmount Pioneer Cemetery is the final place of rest for the founders of both Azusa and Glendora, Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II who are interred there. Each year since Fairmount was founded in 1876, local residents have gathered there on Memorial Day to place flowers on their graves and offer a solemn remembrance of their service.



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