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Glendora Education Foundation Raised \$250,000 At 10th Annual Food For Thought Fundraiser

GLENDORA - The Glendora Education Foundation raised more than \$250,000 at its 10th annual Food for Thought fundraiser on April 28th. Held every year as the Foundation's largest event, the gala raises funds to support the students of the Glendora Unified School District.

In celebration of the event's 10th year, nationally renowned performance artist Michael Israel was featured as the highlight of the evening's entertainment. Israel wowed the audience of more than 350 with his lively show, in which he theatrically speed paints to music. The five works of art he created were then auctioned to the highest bidders, with proceeds going to the Foundation.

During the evening, Glendora Education Foundation Co-President Elizabeth Reuter revealed the Foundation's new goal: To begin transforming education in Glendora to a 21st-Century learning environment, which will prepare students for the technology-oriented world. Nearly \$25,000 was pledged in a separate paddle-raise to fund teacher training in technology, which is essential to this mission.



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The annual fundraiser changes venues every year, showcasing one of Glendora's many extraordinary properties. This year's event took place amid the fountains and waterfalls of the 3-acre Munoz Ranch, set in the South Hills of Glendora. Attendees wine, dine and enjoyed the silent and live auction items donated by Glendora's local businesses,

school families and community members.

To date, the Glendora Education Foundation has raised more than \$4 million for Glendora Unified students.

Other fundraising efforts include an annual golf tournament, Glendora Schools Week, and school-based campaigns that target the needs of indi-

vidual schools.

To learn more about the Glendora Education Foundation, visit their website at www.GlendoraEdFoundation.org.

Gladstone Street Elementary School Students Learn Keys to Success During Third Annual Career Day



Gladstone Street Career Day: Gladstone Street Elementary School students share a laugh as they sample a Los Angeles Police Officer's protective gear during the school's Third Annual Career Day. Professionals representing a wide variety of vocational fields – including marketing, advertising, graphic design and mechanics – dispensed advice and answered questions from students eager to acquire knowledge about occupations they see performed every day.

AZUSA - Gladstone Street Elementary School students climbed behind the wheel of a John Deere tractor, donned a police officer's protective vest, sang songs with a restaurant mascot and learned what it takes to produce a television advertisement during the school's Third Annual Career Day.

Enthusiastically conveying the theme of "Inspiring Dreams, Shaping Lives and making a Difference in our Future," professionals representing a wide range of occupations dispensed advice and answered questions from students eager to acquire knowledge for jobs they experience or see performed every day.

"Our goal is to introduce our students to the variety of careers and career paths available to them and what they can do now to prepare for them," Gladstone Street fifth-grade teacher and Career

Day coordinator Angie Wright said. "It's a big thrill for the kids to have so many successful business people come to the school and encourage them to start thinking about their dream job."

All of the presenters emphasized that hard work and good grades were the keys to success. Camara Price, Senior Business Affairs Manager for El Segundo-based ad agency David&Goliath, entertained students with TV ads that featured NBA superstars LeBron James and Blake Griffin, then displayed storyboards showing the illustrations that provide the sequence of shots that make up a typical 30-second commercial.

"Producing a television commercial requires a great deal of creative talent, from writers and illustrators to technicians and marketers," Price said. "It's a fast-paced and demanding career

that is very rewarding and fun."

Students gasped with excitement when freelance illustrator Wayne Kalama showed them examples of pop-up books he has designed for the Walt Disney Company and other clients.

"It's always good to learn new things," Kalama said. "I hope the kids can take away the idea that they can do anything if they continue learning and apply themselves."

Gladstone Street students got up close and personal glimpses of a number of official and commercial vehicles, including a police car, a fire truck, a paramedic van, a drag racer and a backhoe.

Guest speakers represented a number of different vocational fields, including marketing, law enforcement, emergency services, retail, advertising, graphic design, mechanics, construction and equipment rental.

Hasth Akshar Fashion Show For A Good Cause



Pushpa Nagaraj, Dede Venkat and Sujatha Pai, realtors with Century 21 Adams and Barnes with Gina Rutnam, Area Manager of Castle & Cooke Mortgage in Glendora at the Hasth Akshar Fashion Show.

By Jayam Rutnam

ARCADIA - The Hasth Foundation held its annual Hasth Akshar Fundraiser at the Arcadia Community Center on April 29th, 2017. This signature event hosted an Indian Fashion Show by Puja Oberoi's Prathaa Design Studio featuring Indian outfits modeled by gorgeous young ladies with the showstopper being a local senior who modeled a beautiful saree. Live Bollywood style entertainment was provided by Dipali & Vishal with a delicious

dinner catered by the Diamond Palace Restaurant which was followed with dancing. About 160 attendees, helped in securing funding towards some short term goals.

The event chairs were Anandi Law and Rima Madan. Hasth Akshar founders are Mr Rambharose and Mrs Ramshri Ojha, Pres. Swadha Sharma, Kumar Manish, Sujata Kori, Sam Swaminathan and Manisha Chaudhary; and event day volunteers from the community. The

Hasth Foundation Board consists of Swadha Sharma, Pawan Madan, Ramshree Ojha, Anandi Law, Shravan Bhatia and Madhu Chillar.

The Hasth Foundation was founded in 2014 and is a community Service based Non-Profit organization in the San Gabriel Valley and is completely volunteer-run. It serves older adults and seniors; helping them lead an independent and productive life - socially, emotionally and culturally.

Citrus Valley Pet Therapy Program

COVINA - Citrus Valley Inter Community Auxiliary is proud of its Pet Therapy Program. Two Portuguese Water Dogs, Boy-Boy and Rosie visit hospitals, nursing homes, libraries and wherever needed. Through petting, touching and talking with animals, patient blood pressure is lowered, stress is relieved and depression eased. The dogs are delightful, friendly and obedient. In picture from left to right standing are: Mary-Lee Gray, Peggy Pestel, Pam Francis (owner of the dogs), Boy-Boy, Rosie and sitting is Mary Skavinsky, Chairman of the Pet Therapy Program.



4th Annual "Inspire" Fundraising Event



ARDENT Members: Melina Ferrandino of Glendora Gardens Nursery, Nikki Vitale of Fiorina (and founder of ARDENT), Stephanie Simpson of Simpson Portraits, Lindsey Rehfeld of Visiting Angels, Annette Hernandez of Luxe Salon and Tina Schneider of Spin 360 Core Fitness. Member Dalel Snider not pictured.

GLENDORA - The ARDENT Group hosted the 4th Annual "Inspire" event- an annual fundraising event benefiting W.I.N.G.S., a YWCA organization that supports efforts against domestic violence. The WINGS (Women in Need Growing Strong) Domestic Violence Program began in 1979 and operates one of the largest domestic violence shelters in Los Angeles County. WINGS' goal is to help domestic violence victims and their dependent children move out of crisis and toward safety and autonomy.

On Saturday, April 8th, community enthusiasts gathered together at the beautiful Fiorina boutique to enjoy a fashion presentation, giveaways from all Ardent businesses, delicious food and guest speakers from

W.I.N.G.S. An added bonus was when Dr. Tamara D. Trebilcock, ND, spoke on how to "Navigate the Change of Life". Dr. Trebilcock was named "Top 10 Licensed Holistic Doctors" in the entire state of California (March 2017).

The morning was most memorable because it was filled with compassion for victims of domestic violence and brought awareness to the brave victims that W.I.N.G.S. assists and thousands of dollars was raised for the program.

The ARDENT Group's mis-

sion is to empower women by providing them with unique products, services, experiences and by supporting local community efforts benefiting women and their families. The ARDENT businesses include: Fiorina, Visiting Angels, Spin 360 Core Fitness, Glendora Gardens Nursery, Luxe Salon, Simpson Portraits.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/theardentgroup, WINGS 24-hour Crisis Helpline: (626) 967-0658, www.integrativehi.com.

Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor Earns National Achievement Award for New Online Portal

WASHINGTON - The National Association of Counties (NACo) has recognized the Office of the Assessor of the County of Los Angeles with a 2017 Achievement Award which honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

NACo recognizes the Assessor's new Online Portal, which was launched to improve public access to County of Los Angeles property data. The Assessor's Online Portal now enables anyone with internet access to find detailed information on nearly 2.6 million real property parcels in Los Angeles County in an easily accessible and easy to read format. The modernized, intuitive, and searchable website portal provides access to comprehensive property information and over 30 years of assessment history.

"This systems upgrade makes it faster and easier for the public to access and interpret online assessment data," said Assessor Jeffrey Prang. "By compiling data online and making information more accessible to the public, users save time and resources previously spent on onsite searches and multiple phone calls. The Office of the Assessor thanks NACo for recognizing this public gateway to invaluable information."

NACo President Bryan Desloge said, "Counties overcome complex challenges, provide essential services and constantly do more with less. We applaud these Achievement Award-winning counties for outstanding efforts to improve residents' quality of life."

Awards that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties

provide are given nationally in 18 different categories. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more. NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2017 Annual Conference and Exposition July 21-24 in Franklin County, Ohio.



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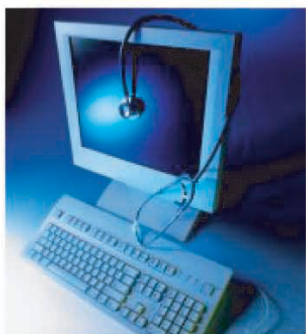


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May is National Bicycle Safety Month

SAN GABRIEL - The San Gabriel Police Department and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), call upon bicycle riders and motorists alike to be cautious during May's National Bicycle Safety Month, and every other month during the year.

For riders and drivers, "Roll Model" means actively decreasing the risks of traffic crashes, preventable injuries and deaths. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that 818 bicyclists died and over 45,000 were injured in crashes in 2015, with deaths rising over 12% from 2014 numbers. Over the 10-year period from 2006 to 2015, the average age of cyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes increased from 41 to 45. Alcohol involvement - either for the motor vehicle operator or the cyclist - was reported in 37% of all fatal cyclist crashes in 2015.

"Spring has arrived after a wet winter season which makes

it a great time for family and friends to strap on a helmet, hop on a bike, and see just how fun and welcoming our community's streets and bike paths are," said San Gabriel Police Chief, Gene Harris. "Whether a person rides or drives, everyone should know about bicycle safety, now more than ever." The San Gabriel Police Department PD will be conducting a specialized Bicycle Safety Enforcement Operation on Sunday, May 7, 2017 and on Friday, May 26, 2017, in an effort to prevent deaths and injuries. Extra officers will be patrolling areas frequented by bicyclists and where bicycle crashes occur.

California has the Move Over Law to share the road requiring motorists to pass bike riders with at least a 3-foot cushion. We as you please, support community efforts and become involved in bicycle

safety, whether riding a bike, or driving a vehicle. Officers will focus on violations observed by both motorist and cyclist.

San Gabriel Police Department reminds everyone to "Be a Roll Model." Do not ride or drive distracted. Ride and drive focused and prepared; always expecting the unexpected.

Remember, "Safety First." Always wear a helmet when on a bicycle and a seat belt when in a vehicle. Be sure to, "Know the Rules of the Road." A bicyclist is considered a vehicle on the road with all the rights and responsibilities of motorized traffic. "Share the Road," by looking out for each other and showing mutual respect. look out for each other and show mutual respect.

For more information on Bicycle Safety Month, please visit www.NHTSA.gov/bicycle-safety

City of West Covina to Host Touch A Truck Event for Kids

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina is hosting a community event for children and the young at heart. Touch A Truck is an interactive, hands-on event allowing kids to climb on, learn about, and discover their favorite big trucks and vehicles. The event will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the upper parking lot of Cortez Park and Fire Station No. 2 located at 2441 E. Cortez Street. Children and their families are invited to attend to experience first-hand how it feels to sit in the driver's seat and meet some of these vehicle operators and hometown heroes.

"Once again we are happy to host Touch A Truck in West

Covina. It gives children an opportunity to be up close to and examine the equipment, flash the lights, and talk to the individuals who work with the vehicles that provide services to West Covina," said West Covina Mayor Corey Warshaw.

Vehicles participating in Touch A Truck include several West Covina Fire Department vehicles, West Covina Police Department vehicles, a backhoe, camera truck, a miniature Athens garbage truck (Mighty Mike), a large Foothill Transit bus and more. The event is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the event from the West Covina Fire Department Explorers. Special guest

appearances available for photo opportunities will also include West Covina Fire Department member Sparky the Dog and the U.S. Forest Service mascot Smokey the Bear.

The West Covina Fire Department will also offer behind the scenes tours of Fire Station No. 2 as well as demonstrations in fire safety throughout the day.

Touch A Truck is a collaborative celebration in the City of West Covina in honor of Fire Service Day, National Police Week, and National Public Works Week.

For more information about Touch A Truck call (626) 939-8401 or visit us on the web at www.westcovina.org.

Chemical Spray Used in Cellphone Robbery

By George Ogden

COVINA - Covina police detained three teenage girls who robbed a man of his cell phone by using a chemical spray on him. Two of the girls were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and armed robbery. A third girl was released.

The incident started around 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 7, in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant at the corner of Cypress Street and Azusa Avenue. The man was sitting in his car when two girls approached the driver side and asked the man for a ride. A third girl approached from the car and was able to lean in the window and stole the man's cell phone.

Almost right away, the 47-year-old victim from Azusa realized that his phone had been stolen. He chased after the girls and was able to catch up with them

and demanded his phone back. One girl reached into her purse and pulled out a chemical spray, which was later said to be pepper spray, and sprayed the man. The girls then ran east on Cypress away from the man. Once the man was able to recover, he used his car to search for the robbers.

Within an hour, the victim spotted the three girls boarding a bus at Citrus and Cypress. The police were notified and they pulled over the bus and found the three girls. They removed them from the bus and detained them. During the investigation, the two girls that were identified were arrested. The cell phone was recovered and returned to the man.

The girls that were arrested were described as a 14-year-old Covina girl and a 17-year-old Pasadena girl. The 17-year-old girl could possibly be arrested as an adult.

Police Arrest Man in Park After He Threatens Them With a Gun

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Around noon, on Friday, May 5, the Azusa police responded to Zacateca's Park in the 900 block of W. 1st St., in response to a call from an individual who stated he had a gun and was ready to start shooting police officers. Officer's arrived at the park and spotted an individual that matched the description of what the suspect described to the dispatcher.

The suspect told the dispatcher where he was located in the park and the officers were pretty sure that they could identify who this was. However the problem was there were other people in the park. There was also a group of "special needs" people with their caretakers in the area of the suspect.

The officers wanted to neutralize the threat to not only

them but to everyone else including the suspect that was in the park. They put together a plan that worked out very well.

After identifying this suspect, the officers then approached other people in the park and basically put them into a safe position or removed them from the area as police approached the suspect who stated to the dispatchers that he had a handgun.

As the officers approached the subject, they gave him various commands to show his hands and he failed to comply. At that point, the officer's were concerned not only for their own safety but the safety of the suspect. They used a shotgun that was loaded with a bean bag round on the suspect. This brought the suspect to the ground and the officers then closed in and arrested the sus-

pect. No gun was found on or around the suspect. It could be possible that he was trying to commit suicide.

The suspect was transported to the hospital for the minor beanbag injury and for mental evaluation.

People at the park that saw the shooting were first concerned, however when they found out a beanbag round was used they gave accolades to the police officers for the way they handled this dangerous situation.

Less than deadly force and/or using less-lethal weapon to neutralize the situation was a good call by the officers for this incident. Officers can only evaluate situations like this in "real time".

The man's name was not released and he remains in custody.

Storm Hits SoCal with Rain, Hail, Snow...



Aftermath of the Sunday storm. Part of a tree fell on parked cars.

By George Ogden

COVINA - Sunday, the San Gabriel Valley residents were given one heck of a show by Mother Nature. Some people felt that a little PMS may have been involved. She made it known that she is still in charge. Her display was rain, wind, hail, snow, lightning, thunder and anything else that she could throw at us.

As the result, there was flooding, trees blown down, traffic accidents, power outages, wet people and scared

pets.

For the most part, the storm was rather entertaining and many people were awestruck that this should come in the early spring and some are wondering is this what they call spring showers.

The next day, Mother Nature, provided us with a sunny day and snowcapped mountains. However, she may not be done yet. There is a possible rain forecast for next week, let's hope she is in a better mood.

"TIME JOCKEY" - Arrival

By Joe Castillo

China Bound.... Benjamin Davis Wilson was a young man when he made his way west with the Rowland-Workman wagon train party. It was the decade of the 1840's when Mexican rule in Alta California was starting its downward decline. Wilson sought to travel to the West Coast and catch a steamer to continue his travels to China but instead he took a detour in Southern California. He arrived at the Mission San Gabriel and immediately was smitten with the land, its history and culture and made a quick decision to settle down.

In 1843, Wilson purchased Rancho Jurupa in Riverside from Juan Bandini in a move that strengthened his position as a land owner. Approximately one year later, he met Ramona Yorba, the daughter of Bernardo Yorba, owner of the vast Rancho Santa Ana. His prominence grew and in a short period of time his land ownership grew to include places today known as Westwood, Pasadena, Alhambra, San Gabriel, San Pedro and Riverside.

But by 1845, the gap between Mexico and California control widened and sides were chosen as to whom one supported. Wil-

son chose to stand with the California's and took up arms against Mexican Governor Micheltoreno, who was riding from Monterey to battle them in Los Angeles. Micheltorena and his forces were defeated and the Californios celebrated the conquest but the celebration didn't last long as in-fighting separated the core of the rebel forces. But a third option arose and that was the upstart American rebels who had launched the Bear Flag Revolt in Sonoma. Wilson was caught in the middle but eventually sided with American forces and fought in the Battle of Chino where he was captured by Mexican forces and sentenced for execution. Shortly thereafter hostilities ceased after the Battle of La Mesa and Wilson was freed by his captors.

With California now a possession of the United States, leaders were needed to represent the newest arrival to the Union. Following statehood in 1850, Wilson would be involved in Califor-

nia politics for the next 15 years. He was elected as the first Clerk of Los Angeles County, the second mayor of Los Angeles, member of the County Board of Supervisors, Indian Agent of Southern California and eventually State Senator. Wilson retired from public service in 1865, but during his time in office, Wilson grew his own personal holdings. He sold his Riverside property and bought unowned Los Angeles County lands. In 1852, Wilson bought the Rancho La Huerta de Cuati from the widow of Hugo Reid and proceeded to rename it Lake Vineyard. The property included the area around the Mission San Gabriel as well as part of today's San Marino and Pasadena. B.D. Wilson was now well entrenched in the San Gabriel Valley as a land owner and politician but his legacy was only beginning.

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Land Grab at Bears Ears Spurs Monument Review

Trump's Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act, has caused the latest round of concerns not only from those who supported the designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, but also by Cong. Judy Chu who was reported in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune as saying, "I consider this a threat to this monument, as well as all the monuments being reviewed ... This is unprecedented." Yes, unprecedented is correct and welcomed!

Those of us in the San Gabriel Valley and L.A. County need to step away from the pinhole we are using to view this review and get a wider perspective for what it really is.

First, this is a review only. The Executive Order makes no changes but directs the Secretary of the Interior to review all national monument designations made since January 1996 that involved more than 100,000 acres and where there was not adequate public outreach to stakeholders, but makes no changes to the monuments or ownership. The Secretary, after review, will make recommendations.

The Obama Administration used the 1906 Antiquities Act to start what some refer to as the largest "land grab" in the history of the U.S. We in the San Gabriel Valley know that from first-hand experience with Rep. Judy Chu's attempt to create a 600,000 + acre National Recreation Area and when that failed, she circumvented the process and went to Obama requesting use of the Antiquities Act to create a National Monument.

When originally enacted by President Roosevelt, it was recognized Native American burial grounds and archeological sites in the Southwest were being looted, vandalized and destroyed. The first national monument declared by President Roosevelt was Devil's Tower in Wyoming to protect what the Native Americans who lived in the area said was part of their spiritual history. Today, ceremonies are still celebrated at Devil's Tower as part of those tribes' culture.

The Antiquities Act provides:

1. The area should have historic landmarks, historic and pre-historic structures and be of scientific interest.

2. Should be the smallest area compatible with the objective



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

(history or science) and the ability of the federal government to manage and protect the area.

3. Review of the effects on the use, enjoyment of non-federal lands within or beyond the monument boundaries.

4. Fully consider the concerns of local, tribal and state governments, including economic impacts and other conditions affecting those entities.

I got curious when the Presidential Directive mentioned specifically Bears Ears National Monument because of what the Obama Administration and Rep. Judy Chu did with the San Gabriels. Did you know:

- Between the times of Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson on up to George W. Bush, the Antiquities Act was used to allow those presidents to declare 284,604,590 acres of land national monuments.

- During the Obama years, 34 national monuments were declared taking 554,590,000 acres of land out of state and local control, or 66% of the land and water designated as national monuments.

- The Antiquities Act, in the early stages, created national monuments averaging 422 acres.

- Carter, Reagan and HW Bush declared no national monuments during their terms.

- Nearly 1 out of every 3 acres in the U.S. (29%) is owned and controlled by the federal government

- In the West, 1 out of every 2 acres is owned by the federal government.

- Over 90% of all federal land is located in the West

- Bears Ears Utah became a National Monument in the final days of the Obama administration and took 1,351,849 acres out of state and local control. That's an area larger than the State of Delaware.

The Wall Street Journal, No-

vember 3, 2015, talked about the Land and Water Conservation Fund that originally provided \$6 of every \$10 from gas and oil lease taxes to fund community projects like ball fields and playgrounds. In 2014, during the Obama and Democrat years in D.C., 80% of that cash ended up diverted to buy more acreage for the federal government.

That Wall Street Journal article also reminded us our government already owns:

- Roughly 30% of the U.S.
- 80% of Nevada.
- 70% of Utah.
- Less than 15% of our National Forest boundaries are even surveyed and marked.

Any wonder Rep. Rob Bishop from Utah, sitting on Natural Resources Committee is more than a little upset? Add in the fact that the WSJ reported the Department of the Interior is looking at \$20 billion in deferred maintenance and National Park Service, we in the San Gabriel Valley know, is suffering from an \$11.5 billion in backlogged maintenance last reported.

The Hearing Memorandum of the Subcommittee on Federal Lands, chaired by Tom McClintock, reports in part from a member of the Navajo Community:

"Bears Ears National Monument campaign is a cynical political stunt that, if successful, will deny grass roots Utah Navajos access to their sacred and spiritual grounds ... Traditional Utah Navajo people are not collecting \$20 million from the Hewlett and Packard foundations and Leonardo De Caprio to sponsor this toxic divide-and-conquer campaign. Traditional Utah Navajo people are not magazine environmentalists but are real stewards of the land whose interests will be destroyed by a Bears Ears National Monument."

Obama and those Democrats in Washington, D.C. continue to grab that which they know nothing about, can't define what they are responsible for because there are no boundary lines, can't find money to maintain what they've taken, and are allowing large corporates to "buy in" where and when they choose to do so to band aid a bad budget.

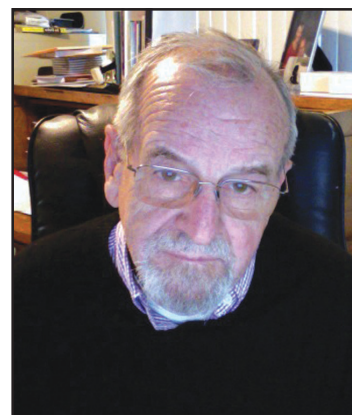
It is way past time for a review and report on Federal Land Grabs and the impact on individuals and state and local governments.

On Our Southern Border

A recent panel offered members of our retirement community yet another bit of evidence that the American people at our best are not only compassionate but also committed to standing for the just rights of those who have born the savage whips of oppression. As we have long since known, among the refugees seeking the safety which we have promised the wretched of the earth are those who have faced merciless persecution and even death threats from Central American criminals and the despots who support them.

Along our southern border, in addition to the hundreds of ICE (Immigration Customs Enforcement) officers, and the even more numerous border patrol agents, there are other Americans who seek to provide safe temporary shelters for refugee families—mostly mothers with young children. Fathers and other mature males are abruptly turned away. Even many mothers and children, who arrive here, are sent back.

Those who may have welcoming relatives somewhere in the United States are incarcerated until that contact can be verified. Refugees are required to wear GPS ankle bracelets even after they arrive at their new legal locations. While they are at the border they are cared for by volunteers who provide clothes, three meals a day, other necessities, and transportation to the bus station, train depot or airport. These volunteers most often come from Catholic parishes near the border cities. Other than the federal officers from whom they often get harsh treatment,



Charles H. Bayer

these volunteers are the first Americans the refugees will encounter, and if they view America as a friendly compassionate place, that recognition comes from volunteers. While others who claim to act out of their religious motivations might reject these refugees and call for their prompt deportation, these Christians believe that kindness, benevolence and hospitality define the ways Jesus wants his followers to act.

Late at night, a pregnant woman was brought by taxi to a shelter. The next morning who should appear at the shelter's door but the taxi driver who brought the expectant mother the night before. "I just wanted to be sure she is OK," he said. I believe that at heart this is the way most Americans feel about the outsiders they encounter, and a religious background has often helped to shape this attitude.

For many years Protestant churches and others have placed and serviced large water barrels throughout the desert, from the border to Tucson. These barrels are identified by blue flags floating high above the barrels' loca-

tions. Wendy and I have helped service these life-saving facilities, as well as clearing the discarded materials left by those migrants walking through. Critics of HUMANE BORDERS complain that supplying water just encourages this illegal activity. But those who continue to offer life-saving water do so because without it many more will die on route. Jesus commissioned his followers to give a cup of water in his name. Why they are thirsty doesn't seem to matter. (Even with this life-saving activity, every year scores die while attempting to cross that harsh terrain.)

If what I have reported is going on all across our southern frontier, it says far more about the American spirit than does the attitude and action of a President and his bigoted and bitter followers who just want to keep "them" out of our country by erecting a massive multi-billion dollar wall. Every President leaves behind monuments that will be remembered long after they leave office. If in a few decades Donald Trump is remembered by a great concrete barrier, any decent thing he might have done will have faded into oblivion. If this monument to bigotry finally gets built, the hope is that someone will come along with the courage to say what Ronald Reagan said, to Gorbachev, "Tear down this wall." It does not represent who we really are, and its construction would bring shame on every American citizen.

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Citrus College STEM Program Facilitates a Smooth Transition to Four-Year Institutions

Citrus College saw a record number of students transfer in 2016. Participating in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program at Citrus gives students an advantage when it's time to transfer.

While in-depth curriculum and innovative support services are the foundation of the college's STEM program, the experiential research opportunities truly set the program apart. Typically, groundbreaking research does not occur at the community college level. Citrus College STEM students, however, have multiple opportunities to conduct influential research in laboratories alongside professional scientists.

Glendora resident Tabitha Brooke Schuyler experienced this when she recently participated in Bridge to the Geosciences at Citrus College. A project funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, Bridge to the Geosciences is designed to give students the chance to explore the possibilities available in four subfields of the geosciences: planetary, atmospheric, oceanic and environmental sciences.

Over the course of a year, Tabitha learned about and engaged in research activities with scientists at the Oak Crest Institute of Science, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Center for Dark Energy Biosphere Investigations and University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. Through



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these experiences, she gained a deeper knowledge of the geosciences, came to understand the multiple entry points to the field and built valuable professional skills - all of which helps ensure a smoother transfer process.

The Summer Research Experience (SRE) is another Citrus College STEM opportunity that provides a wealth of benefits to transferring students. Each summer, the college places approximately 50 students in paid, eight- to 10-week full-time assignments at prestigious research sites throughout Southern California, including California State Polytechnic Institute, Pomona (Cal Poly); California State University, Fullerton; Chapman University; Keck Graduate Institute; and more.

Glendora resident Cambria Montiel has participated in the SRE twice, once with the City of Hope and once with Cal Poly.

While working at each site, she conducted research alongside the faculty and staff. These interactions helped her create academic and professional connections that could prove beneficial during the transfer process. If, in the future, she chooses to transfer to Cal Poly, she is already acquainted with its facilities and personnel.

Not only do these students begin to see themselves as scientists, but others do, as well. As the STEM students become increasingly conversant and familiar with the equipment, processes and terminology associated with their field of interest, their preparation and level of expertise are confirmed. This research background is an invaluable addition to their resume, and gives them credibility and a competitive edge when they pursue their baccalaureate degree.

The STEM program's unique academic opportunities prepare students for their transition to a four-year institution by giving them the confidence and credibility needed to succeed, as well as helping them establish valuable connections and relationships.

As Glendora's representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am proud of the exciting opportunities offered by the college's STEM program, as well as many other innovative programs and services that ease the transfer process for our students.

Elections: City Wide or By District

GLENDORA - The Rt 66 Republican Koffee Klatchers will be meeting again on May 13th at Denny's Restaurant, 546 W. Baseline Rd. Glendora (Off the 210 Freeway at Grand Ave).

Cities throughout Los Angeles County have been barraged with requests from the liberal organization MALDEF (Mexi-

can American Legal Defense and Education Fund) to eliminate city wide elections and go to city established district elections to comply with the California Voting Rights Act.

Our speaker, Mario Guerra, former Mayor of Downey, Board Member of CAGOP and newly appointed California Civilian Aide to the Secre-

tary of the Army, appointed by Eric K. Fanning, has a different solution to comply with the Voting Rights Act and avoid costly litigation.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with speaker at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast is \$12 and coffee is \$5. Reservations please at lmshade1043@gmail.com or 626-963-3895.

Can't Drive in the Rain? Then Stay Home!!!

Here's the deal folks. If you cannot drive in the rain, then please stay home. Those people that can't drive in the rain are not only a danger to themselves but to other people as well.

I could not believe how many people still continued to drive without their headlights on in a heavy rain with hail. It's the law and it is required.

I got behind one person that was driving so slow that I darn near got rear-ended by traffic that was overtaking us. He was driving about 5 miles per hour. A safe speed would've been an easy 25 mph. Obviously this idiot did not know how to drive in the rain or was afraid to.

Then you have those Cowboys that like to drive fast in the rain so they can fishtail around corners and spin their wheels. They



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

think that's pretty cool. When I was younger, I did too. Now that I'm older, I'm not all that cool about it. I got lucky to witness one guy in his pickup truck deliberately spinning his wheels going around the corner and he lost control of his truck. He fishtailed it and spun it around hitting the curb with his front wheel on the driver's side and bending it under so he could no longer

drive the truck. Even though I stopped, it wasn't really to help him out, but to more or less give him a little bit of a hard time. The truck was no longer drivable. I can imagine it will be expensive for him to fix.

Driving in the rain should not be a challenge, but simple common sense. Drive the speed that is safe. If the speed limit is 45 mph and it is raining hard, you may want to consider driving at 25 mph. Don't drop down to 5 miles an hour and block traffic that could cause an accident. And for God sakes, if you can't drive in the rain, stay off the darn freeway. You will kill somebody.

The best one that I saw near Glendora and Merced, where this guy stopped in a traffic lane on Glendora Ave. He tried to take a picture of the hail on his window and then actually got out to try to take pictures. The light had turned green and the traffic was moving in the next lane. The people behind them got impatient and started blowing their horn, and rightfully so. I'm glad he got pelted with all that hail.

So for this idiot, I will declare him "Our Idiot of the Month" for his dangerous driving.

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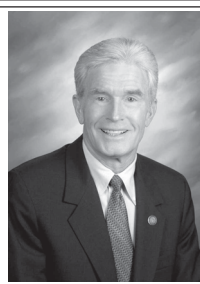
What Is Feasible For Federal Tax Reduction?

President Trump's tax plan has clearly lifted the market's spirits. Highlights include a maximum 15% corporate rate (down from 35%), no border adjustment tax, and just three individual tax brackets: 10%, 25%, and 35%. The 3.8% Obamacare tax on investment income would be eliminated, as well as many itemized deductions, except for mortgage interest and charitable donation deductions. The alternative minimum tax (AMT) and estate tax are also gone in Trump's tax reform proposal. The big surprise was that the state income tax deduction against federal taxes would be eliminated. That could encourage folks to move to states with no state income tax, like Florida, Nevada, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, while punishing high-tax states like California, Hawaii, Illinois, New York, and Oregon. All in all, Trump's tax plan would be positive for business and would be the biggest reform of income tax policies since 1986!

While Trump's initial proposal does not appear to be feasible, what might be a workable federal tax plan? Business tax rate reductions need to be limited to "c" corporations, which also create secondary income tax (when profits reach individuals via dividends or capital gains). For fairness the highest individual tax rate should approximate "c" corporate rates plus individual tax rates payable on dividends or capital gains.

Trump's tax proposal is not at all feasible if it suggests pass through entities would share the same low tax rate as "c" corporations! However, lower "c" corpo-

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What's up in the Economy?



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ration tax rates, needed for job growth and USA business retention reasons, could work if any less than 35% rates only apply to "c" corporations. However, a 15% "c" corporation tax rate would require individual tax rates on dividends and interest to be at least 23.5% to retain fairness (between pass through entities with a 35% rate and "c" corporations at 15%).

Lower federal tax rates for pass through entities would make the proposed top rate of 35% for individual incomes completely unfair, as well as providing huge, unjustifiable tax breaks to individual owners of pass through entities (partnerships or "s" corporations or LLCs)! Pass through entity owners must remain subject to the same top individual rate that employees pay when working for a "c" corporation or for whomever issues them a W-2 form. If pass-through owners want to become a "c" corporation to access lower rates, that will make them subject to double taxation whenever they take money out of those corporations.

A simple rate structure (example) which might be fair, as well as closer to "revenue neutral" for our federal government follows: Assuming proposed top feder-

al personal income tax rates of 35%, at least 65% of personal income would be retained by individuals (including pass through entity owners). While other personal deductions might be eliminated to justify lower tax rates, eliminating state and local income tax deductibility appears to be discriminatory. Stated again for emphasis, top personal income tax rates would continue to apply to owners of pass through entities. (Pass through businesses do not generate double taxation like "c" corporations.)

A top federal "c" corporation tax rate of 20%, combined with a 15% personal tax rate for capital gains or dividends, should also provide slightly over 65% personal income retention for owners of "c" corporate stock over time (assuming corporate profit will generate eventual dividends or recognized stock value gains).

However, a 15% "c" corporation tax rate would not only create extraordinary budget deficits, but it also would require top personal rates to be no higher than 30% to retain fairness between "c" corporations and pass through entity taxation. Obviously that change would create even more deficits unless almost all historic deductions and tax credits were eliminated. Making low income people pay the same effective rates as wealthy individuals would not be a fair or reasonable approach to taxation in America!

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Disabled Placard Crackdown Results in Hundreds of Citations Issued Statewide

DMV investigators carry out 12 enforcement operations in April 2017

SACRAMENTO—Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issued 417 misdemeanor citations to individuals who were caught fraudulently using Disabled Person Parking Placards during 12 enforcement operations held in nine California cities in April.

Offenders must appear in court and may face fines that range from \$250 to \$1,000. The violation will also become part of their driver record.

These crackdowns are part of the DMV's continuous effort to curb disabled placard abuse and

raise public awareness about the consequences that come with breaking the law. During the past three fiscal years, DMV investigators have carried out 270 such operations and issued 2,019 misdemeanor citations.

It is important to remember that a Disabled Person Parking Placard is issued to a specific individual who has provided the DMV with the necessary signed documentation from a certified physician. The placard is not transferable. Also, be aware that some qualifying disabilities are not visually apparent and allega-

tions of misuse may be unfounded.

Anyone who believes someone has been issued a disabled placard in error or suspects misuse is urged to contact the nearest DMV Investigations office and submit a written complaint (Form INV 172) that can be found at www.dmv.ca.gov. The complaint can be anonymous.

It is helpful to identify the location where the suspected person is using the placard because an officer must witness the fraud in order to issue a misdemeanor citation.

ued at \$5,500.

Grand prize tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at www.leroyhaynes-golf.com. Winner need not be present and will be announced at the tournament's awards dinner.

Proceeds from the raffle and the tournament benefit children living at the Haynes Family of Programs in La Verne and attending the special education school on campus.

"TaylorMade's decision to support our tournament once again shows clearly that this event is the leader in the region's fundraiser golf tournaments," said Haynes Family of Programs Board Treasurer Kevin Hardy, President of Hardy Insurance & Risk Management and Chairman of the tournament for his second year. "We thank TaylorMade and all of our supporters and look forward to another great year."

The tournament includes continental breakfast, lunch and commemorative photos before a shotgun start with dinner, awards and auction to follow

the round. Also included will be on-course games, cigars, bloody maries, tequila tasting, margaritas, snacks, silent auction and more.

Foursome packages for this golf tournament begin at \$3,000. Each player again will receive a player gift with a retail value of \$350. Event support sponsorship opportunities are available for only \$200 and donations are welcome. Non-golfers are invited to attend the dinner banquet at 5:30 p.m. for only \$70 per person.

Presenting Sponsor of the tournament again this year are Ontario Refrigeration, a commercial air conditioning and heating and controls company, and Hardy Insurance & Risk Management.

The Haynes Family of Programs is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent authorized by law (Tax I.D. #95-1506150).

For more information and registration visit the web site at www.leroyhaynes.org.

Your Money - Ask Julia

Happy Mother's Day!

Think of ways you could make this a special day for someone. If you are a single mom, or it just seems that way because your spouse is serving in the military, set aside time to **celebrate you**. Consider those whose mom has passed, or a mom who has had a miscarriage or has had a child pass too early in life. What about doing something to touch the life of the lonely mom in a nursing home?

We are so tired of renting, and really want to buy. What do we do first?

Take an honest look at your finances and credit scores. Because there are different factors used for each, your 'Mortgage' credit scores are typically lower than your 'Consumer' credit scores. If you decide to pay off a credit card, do not close that account. It looks good if you are using not more than 30-percent of the credit available. If you haven't used a card for awhile, use it, and pay it off when you get the bill. Do you have enough money saved for the down payment, property inspection, closing costs, tax and insurance reserves, and several months' payments? Do you have your tax returns for 2015 and 2016? Apply for, and get loan approval. (See below for a link to do a safe online mortgage application.) With so many different types of loans and rates, what you qualify for really depends on your finances and



Julia Yoder

scores. There's almost nothing more frustrating than finding your dream home, but not being ready to make an offer because you don't have proof of loan approval. A pre-approval is vastly different from a pre-qualification.

When should I expect my tax refund?

You can go online to irs.gov and click on 'Where's my refund?' You'll need to know the exact amount you expect refunded just as it appears on your tax return.

I'm 55. What are my options for accessing money in my IRA?

Although you must pay income taxes on these funds, the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty might be waived if you withdraw money from your traditional IRA or Roth IRA before age 59 1/2 for any of the following reasons: 1. First-time home purchase, 2. Post-secondary school expenses, 3. Payments of health insurance premiums if you have

received unemployment compensation for at least 12 consecutive weeks, 4. Disability, 5. Death of the IRA account holder. You might also see if you qualify to take substantially equal payments over an IRS-determined period of years.

Is there a way for us to help our children pay the tax when inheriting our estate?

Couples who want to help protect their legacy from estate taxes often use life insurance. The life-insurance settlement (death benefit) is typically paid out income tax free, and can provide heirs with the finances to help with final expenses and estate taxes that exceed the prevailing exemption amount. Those who are savvy about life insurance also know that certain life insurance policies have living benefits, accessible as supplemental retirement income.

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THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Interesting, Fun Car Facts

- It takes about 25 hours to build a car, a whopping 10 hours of that 25 is spent painting the car.
- Car dashboards were originally designed to prevent mud from splattering the driver of a horse-drawn carriage.
- The first auto insurance policy was purchased in 1897 in Westfield Mass.
- The first car radio was invented by Paul Gavin.
- After being used in the movie "Gone in 60 Seconds," the 1967 Shelby Mustang GT-500 was one of the most famous cars ever.
- The first speeding ticket was issued in 1902.
- Mr. Allen Swift of Springfield, Mass. drove his 1928 Rolls Royce Roadster for 82 years.
- The first traffic death was in 1896.
- The first coin operated parking meter was installed in Okla-

- homa City in 1935.
- The world's record for people crammed in a Smart car is 19.
- The "new car smell" is composed of 50 volatile organic compounds. Fortunately, they are not toxic.
- A modern, fuel-injected vehicle, with all of its ABS and Traction control options disabled, can drive upside down in a tunnel after reaching 120mph.
- Steve Jobs found a loophole in California law and never had a license plate issued to him.
- According to a probably apocryphal urban legend, none other than Mr. Rogers once had his car stolen. After the theft was reported on the news, the thieves returned the vehicle with a message: "Sorry, we didn't know it was yours."
- Manufactured by American toymaker Little Tikes, these plas-

tic, red-and-yellow cars have proven enormously popular since their introduction in 1979. Described as a cross between a "Volkswagen Beetle and a Fred Flintstone car," the Coupe is powered by a toddler's own feet. For many years, the Cozy Coupe was the bestselling car in America, outselling such perennially popular models as the Ford F-Series pickup and the Honda Accord. In 2008 alone, a year before the car's 30th anniversary, 457,000 Cozy Coupes were sold.

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New Commercial Driver License Requirements

Legal Presence Changes and Residency Requirements Begins May 10, 2017

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to inform commercial driver license (CDL) customers about new requirements and updated acceptable documents that became effective on May 10, 2017. All new commercial driver license applicants will be required to provide the DMV with proof of California residency as well as proof of U.S. citizenship, lawful permanent residency, or legal presence.

The DMV has required proof of legal presence since 1994, the list of acceptable documents has been reduced to align with Federal requirements adopted in 2012.

The new requirements apply to original and renewal CDL applicants, as well as CDL cardholders who request a license upgrade. Applicants who have started their CDL application, but have not yet completed the process by May 9, 2017, will be required to meet the new requirements.

A few examples of acceptable legal presence documents include:

- A valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- Certified copy of a birth certificate with a State Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent
- A valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card

• A valid, unexpired employment authorization document (EAD)

• A valid, unexpired foreign passport with an approved I-94 form

A few examples of California residency documents include:

- Rental or lease agreement
- Mortgage bill
- Home utility bills (including cellular phone)
- Medical documents
- Employment documents

For the full list of documents accepted to verify legal presence and California residency visit,

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/commercial/newcdreq>

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 **May 18** 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 program will be a American Orchid Society Webinar, titled Demystifying Dendrobiums, by Ron Mc Hatton. Refreshments. We hope you will join us!

Senior Dances for Adults 50 years +!

The City of Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department - Senior Services Division offers a live band dance on the first, third, and fifth Monday of each month. Last May dance is scheduled on the **15th** (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 Se-

nior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto the City of Arcadia Website at www.arcadiaCa.gov.

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 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 6:30-9:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For

more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org 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 Commu-

nity Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

WEST COVINA

Go West Shuttle Service

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

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

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

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

Senior Lunch

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

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

Social Dance

San Gabriel Valley Social Group will sponsor a dance, from 7:30 to 11:30pm Friday, **May 12** at the West Covina Elks Lodge; 84 W. Merced Ave. Admission cost \$12. For more information call (626) 332-9530.

Older Americans Month Luncheon 2017: Age Out Loud

GLENDORA - Getting older doesn't mean what it used to. For many aging Americans, it is a phase of life where interests, goals, and dreams can get a new or second start. Today, aging is about eliminating outdated perceptions and living the way that suits you best.

On Thursday, **May 25** at 11:30am the La Fetra Center will

host its annual Older Americans Luncheon at the La Fetra Center. Tickets are \$5 for partners members and \$6 for non-members and go on sale from April 24 to May 19. Tickets include lunch and entertainment. Please join us as we celebrate Older Americans Lunch and together we will #ageoutloud!

The City of Glendora will serve older adults in our community are redefining aging-through work or family interests, by taking charge of their health and staying inde-

pendent for as long as possible, and through their community and advocacy efforts. We can also use this opportunity to learn how we can best support and learn from our community's older members.

Join us and ACL as we speak up for #OAM17 and #AgeOutLoud this May!

Tickets must be purchased in person at the La Fetra Center: 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora, CA 91741. Please call the La Fetra Center at (626)914-8235 for more information.

Happy 67th Birthday To Friendship Garden Club!!

COVINA - All local home gardeners are invited to celebrate with us on Thursday, **May 24th** at 12:00 pm. We meet in The Covina Woman's Clubhouse, 128 S. San Jose, Covina, CA. That is one block south of Badillo, between Baranca and Citrus in the Old Town area.

This is a salad bar pot-luck, so please bring something to share.

Besides celebrating our 67th birthday, we will be installing

our officers for the upcoming year.

As is the tradition, the members are planning to dress for our vintage-themed hat parade. There will be prizes for the best theme related, the most beautiful and the funniest hat. Be sure to use fresh flowers on your hat.

Please contact Jeanette Gulli at 909-599-1904 or email jhgulli@verizon.net with your questions.

Annual Health & Wellness Fair For Older Adults

SAN GABRIEL - May is "Older Americans Month" and, to celebrate, the Community Services Department will host the 8th Annual Health & Wellness Fair on Thursday, **May 11** from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The fair will take place in the Padillo Room of the Adult Recreation Center, 324 S. Mission Drive.

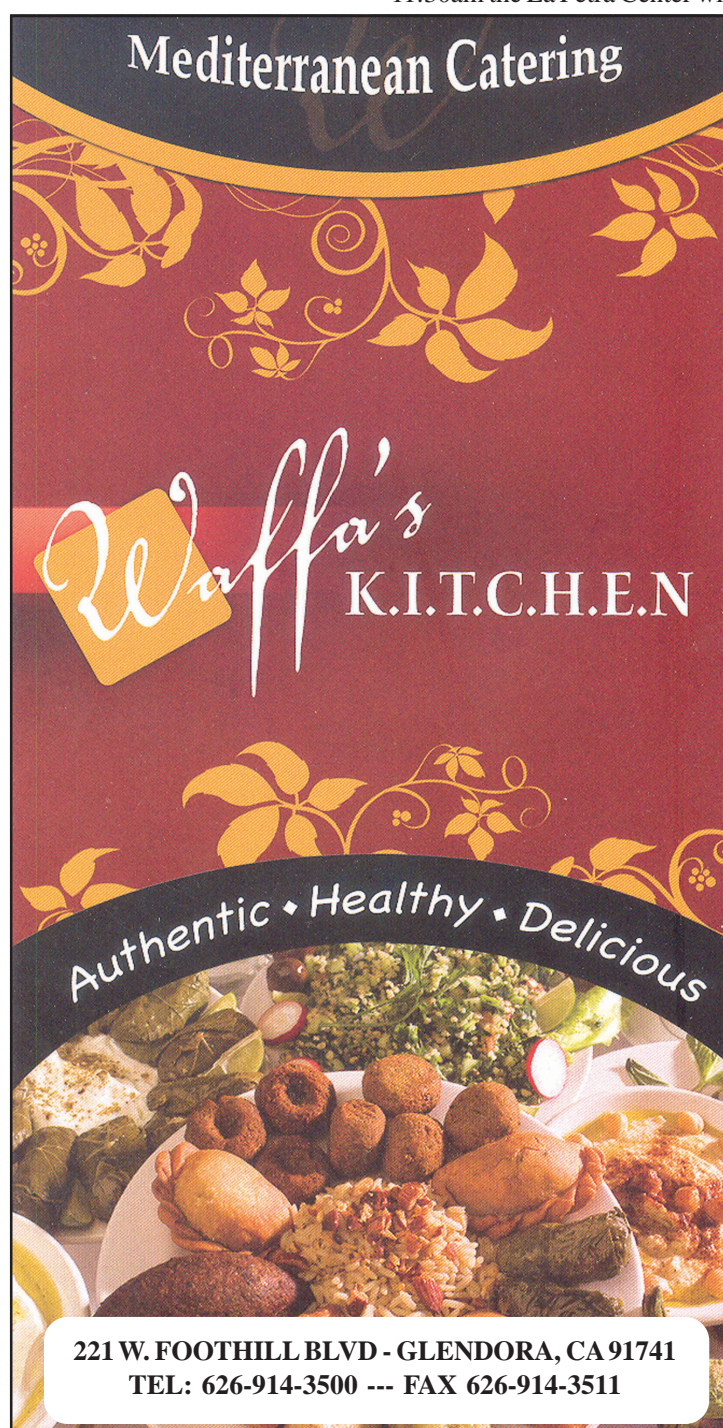
Participants can gather free information on health and wellness services available throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Services available on the day of

the event include blood pressure checks, glucose testing and hearing screenings.

There is also the opportunity to have lunch at San Gabriel's older adult lunch program. The suggested donation for lunch is \$3 and participants will need to RSVP no later than May 4. Must be 60 years and older to receive a lunch.

To RSVP and to reserve a lunch, contact Recreation Supervisor James Lara at 626.308.2875 or jlara@sgch.org.


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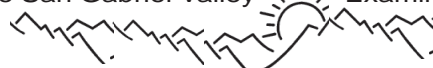
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Glendora Community Hospital Opens Remodeled Emergency Room

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The Grand Opening of the Glendora Community Hospital was held on April 21, 2017 in the parking lot opposite the hospital. The Glendora Police Department was represented by Chief Lisa Rosales, Sergeant Mike Henderson

and other police officers, there were many emergency personnel from the

various Fire Departments, Director of the Glendora Chamber of Commerce Joe Cina was present along with many members and ambassadors of the Chamber, representatives of the Senators and Congressmen, executives from the various neighboring medical facilities, were all present.

Newly elected Glendora Councilman Michael Allowos presented the proclamation to Sofia Abrina who is the Chief



Dr. Oliver Solomon CMO, Sofia Abrina CEO, Jenny Banh and Judy Sanchez TLO, at the Grand Opening.

Executive Officer of the Hospital.

The tented area was set up with tables, and the guests were treated to refreshments of barbecued ribs and other refreshments.

After the presentations, the guests were taken on a tour of the

newly remodeled Emergency Room.

"Glendora Community Hospital's Emergency Department provides initial treatment for a broad spectrum of illnesses and injuries, which require immediate treatment. Our ED is equipped with a CT Scanner and X-ray room, providing efficiency, which greatly enhances a patient potential for a quick recovery," said Sofia Abrina.

Glendora Community Hospital's basic full-service Emergency Department (ED) is open 24-hours, 7 days a week with specially trained physicians and staff ready to treat all adults and children needs. They are located at 150 W. Route 66, Glendora, Ca. 91740. Telephone 626-852-5050.

Glendora Gavel Club

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

The Club's mission is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and lead-

ership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. In a Gavel Club, members enjoy giving speeches, telling stories, gaining feedback, leading teams, guiding others and building lasting friendships in a supportive atmosphere. New participants are ALWAYS welcome!

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

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Duarte Woman's Club Installs 2017-18 Officers

DUARTE - "Women Making a Difference" was adopted as the new club motto at the recent installation ceremonies of the Duarte Woman's Club, held at the Duarte Community Center. Ann Valleroy was installed as president for the 2017-18 club year by installing officer Rose Brooks Mitchell, former DUSD School Board member.

After two years at the helm, co-presidents Jean Glass and Marion Stone stepped down after heading up many successful projects. They were presented with an appreciation certificate by Kristi Lopez, District Representative for the office of Senator Anthony J. Portantino. Their goal was to increase the Club's presence in the community and step up a hands-on approach. This was accomplished through several projects.

The Club is also active in the goals of the San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs and at a recent SGVD convention took home a host of first place and other awards for club activi-



Former DUSD School Board member Rose Brooks Mitchell installs the new DWC president Ann Valleroy.

ties including such categories as leadership, home life, public issues, conservation and international outreach.

The DWC was organized on March 25, 1949, Federated with

State in 1956 and incorporated in 1967. Membership is open to women over the age of 18. For more information, call (626) 359-6549.



The 2017-18 DWC officers: (L-R) Rose Brooks, installing officer; Aja Enriquez, first vice president; Sheri Uhlig, second vice president; Karleen Daugherty, corresponding secretary; Ann Valleroy, president; Ruby Shiroma, financial secretary; Margaret Toon, treasurer; and Kathy Delker, auditor.

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