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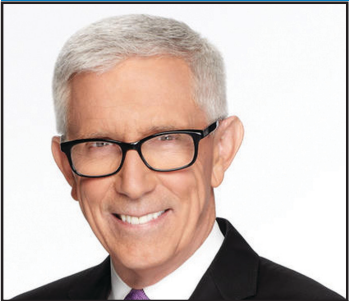
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Glendora Library's 10th Annual Battle Of The Books Was A Night Of Trivia Fun!

GLENDORA - The Glendora Public Library's tenth Battle of the Books contest took place in front of an enthusiastic crowd at Foothill Christian School on September 26, 2017 and left the audience happy to be in attendance. The competition among the twenty teams was tense as the questions got more difficult.

After seventeen rounds of grueling competition, the winning team was Readers of the Lost Ark! The winning team members were Luke Enriquez (8th grade, Goddard Middle School), Emma Enriquez (6th grade, Goddard Middle School) and Lauren Silva (6th grade, Goddard Middle School). The young competitors were able to win first place for 2017, with only one missed question.

The second place team was the Book Adventurers 3.0 with team members Rahul Mohan (8th grade, Lone Hill Middle School), Ameya Phadnis (9th grade, Charter Oak High School) and Dibyesh Sahoo (8th grade, Royal Oak Middle School).

The participants represented many schools in our community in grades 6 - 11: Goddard Middle



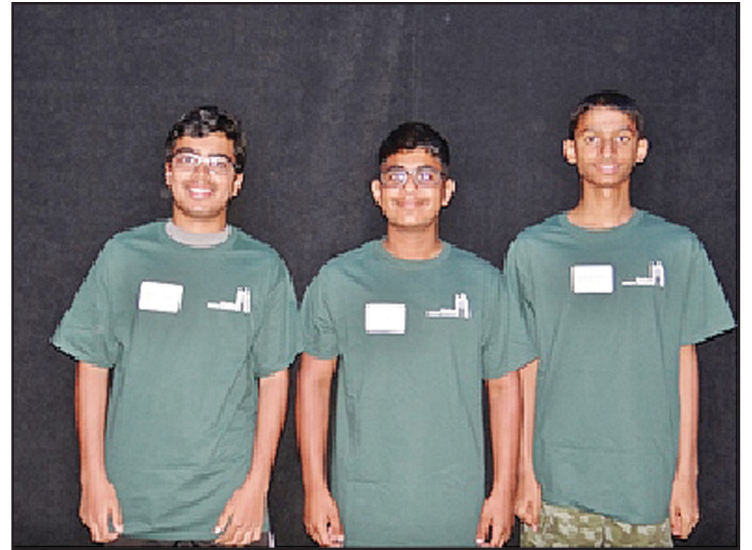
First place winners Readers of the Lost Ark

School, Glendora High School, Hope Lutheran School, Lone Hill Middle School, Royal Oak Middle School, Damien High School, Sandburg Middle School, St. Dorothy's School, Charter Oak High School, Firm Foundation School, Foothill Christian School and Homeschool.

Once again, Battle of the Books committee Chair Thom Hill stated that the "Battle of the Books is one of my favorite community events. It manages to showcase the talents of smart

young people, encourages recreational reading, and plants the important seed of striving for lifelong learning. We certainly thank the Glendora Rotary Club, the Glendora Library Friends Foundation, and all of our dedicated volunteers for making our tenth annual event such a success!"

The Library's Great Trivia Challenge is the inspiration for the Battle of the Books. However, the questions come from three pre-selected books. This year's books included The Thief Lord by



Second place winners Book Adventurers 3.0

Cornelia Funke, Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. The books for this year's event were all made into films. A dedicated volunteer committee worked for months preparing the 200+ questions on the three books and then spent weeks editing before the big night.

Senior Librarian, Cindy Romero of the Glendora Public Library, shared, "this is one of my favorite events that brings the

community together to support our children and their reading habits!"

The Battle of the Books teams worked very hard preparing for this event! Congratulations!

For more information regarding this and other programs and Library services, please contact us at (626) 852-4891 or visit www.glendoralibrary.org. The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 South Glendora Ave, Glendora.

Grassroots ESL Receives Award for Collaboration



Grassroots ESL partners - From left to right- Fong Fong Chu- Rosedale Community /North Rosedale HOA, Melody Tehrani- Azusa City Library, Josh Lopez- Azusa Apartments, Alma Wilson- Gladstone St. Elementary, Bertha Mendieta- Dalton Elementary, Arlene Calderon- Adult Literacy Coordinator, Azusa City Library, Leticia Enriquez- Azusa High School, Grecia Martinez- Mountain View Elementary, Sandra Arkenburg- Lee School, Stephanie D'Avirro- Neighborhood Homework House

AZUSA - On Thursday, September 28, 2017, the Azusa City Library received an award for its leadership of the Grassroots ESL (GrESL) program. The award was presented from ProLiteracy, a national volunteer literacy organization, at its Conference on Adult Literacy. The award recognized Grassroots ESL for its collaboration, innovation and

use of collective impact practices within the Azusa community. Literacy Coordinator Arlene Calderon traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota to represent the library in accepting this prestigious honor. ProLiteracy was searching specifically for a program that exemplified collective impact or, "a highly structured collaborative effort that achieves sub-

stantial impact on a larger scale social issue or problem." The ProLiteracy Awards Committee described what exactly stood out about the Azusa City Library Grassroots ESL program by stating that the library's,

"Collaboration-centric approach through Grassroots ESL reduces service duplication and increases partner capacities

while limiting overhead. It encourages consensus building and effectively responds to the growing need for ESL services in the city of Azusa."

Kevin Morgan, ProLiteracy President and CEO, stated "We are so pleased to recognize and honor the Azusa City Library and its stewardship in developing the pioneering program Grassroots ESL. Recognizing a tremendous need for ESL instruction in the community that could not be met through one organization, the Azusa staff convinced a diverse array of community organizations to form a collaborative partnership and Grassroots ESL was born."

The GrESL program is a collaborative that includes Azusa High School, Community Housing Works, Dalton Elementary, Gladstone Elementary, Lee Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Neighborhood House, and Rosedale Community HOA. For more information, or to learn how you can get involved in Grassroots ESL, contact Arlene Calderon Adult Literacy Coordinator, 626-812-5266, acalderon@ci.azusa.ca.us

Duarte Elks and Duarte Kiwanis Partner to Provide Helmets



Jerry Delker and Diane Hernandez - Duarte Kiwanis President.

DUARTE - Jerry Delker is a pillar of the Duarte community and continues to serve the youth of the community through the Duarte Elks Lodge. He conducts a bike repair workshop through MIT and the Elks provide bicycle helmets to the Duarte Public Safety office. The Duarte Elks have expanded their efforts and now

provide helmets to other local agencies including San Dimas, Monrovia and Azusa. The Duarte Kiwanis Club is always happy to partner in their efforts!

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus at Glendora Pumpkin Festival

GLENDORA - In conjunction with the Glendora Preservation Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization, servicing church, community, and charitable events at large, has provided the "food court" for many years. The goal is always to serve good food at fair prices so the whole Glendora Community receives value for families. All profits go toward the Knights of Columbus Charities. Frank C. Meyers Council of the Knights of Columbus thanks the Glendora Preservation Foundation and all Glendora citizens for allowing us to be part of the Glendora Pumpkin Festival.



The picture taken is at "Pumpkin Pancake Central", and features our long time Knight and City Councilman, Michael Allowos, Pumpkin Chef, Ray Espinoza, Co-Chairs Keith Caporaso and David Silva, plus many more dedicated Knights in the service to our community!

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Investigation Leads to Charges against Curacao for Unlawfully Preying on Consumers

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - An extensive investigation by the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) in conjunction with the Office of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra has resulted in a lawsuit announced by the Attorney General against retailer Curacao.

Curacao is a retail store chain that ranks among the 50 largest electronics and appliance retailers in the United States and has nine locations in Southern California. The company actively markets its products to members of the Latino community – specifically low-income, Spanish-speaking, and undocumented immigrants – who lack a credit history and have minimal experience with credit card and retail installment agreements. In the lawsuit, Attorney General Becerra alleges that Curacao engages in numerous and pervasive unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices.

“Deceptive business practices take hard-earned dollars from the pockets of consumers and jeopardize their economic security,” DCBA Director Brian J. Stiger said. “Our department is proud to work in collaboration with Attorney General Becerra and his office to help make sure the marketplace remains fair for consumers and businesses in Los Angeles County.”

Attorney General Becerra alleges that Curacao takes advantage of consumers through:

- Bait-and-switch advertising
- Product bundling
- Adding items and services to consumers’ contracts without their knowledge or consent
- Failing to provide notice that translated contracts are available to consumers who negotiate in Spanish
- Failing to tell consumers about return policies until after purchase
- Failing to honor return policies

- Failing to explain contract financing terms
- Failing to tell consumers about important warranty terms
- Failing to honor warranties
- Harassing and threatening consumers who fall behind on their payments
- Failing to properly serve consumer defendants in small claims cases

If you believe you have been a victim of unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practices by Curacao or their parent company Adir International, LLC, we encourage you to file a complaint with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Please contact Investigator Esther Martinez at (213) 974-9770.

If you have general questions about consumer rights or want to file a complaint about another business, you can contact DCBA by calling (800) 593-8222, going online at dcba.lacounty.gov, or visiting a DCBA office location.

County Supervisors Orders Adoption Of Recommendations To Improve Standard Of Care For The Mentally Ill

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger to adopt Department of Mental Health recommendations to improve the delivery of quality and humane treatment for those who are gravely disabled and incapable of seeking or accepting mental health treatment and care.

“Within the County’s chronically homeless population, there is a significant segment of individuals who refuse treatment – but are clearly in need of care,” said Barger. “I strongly believe that if someone’s mental disorder prevents them from providing for their own basic needs then they are in fact, ‘gravely disabled’ and in need of treatment and care.”

As part of the process ordered in the Barger motion, the Department of Mental Health convened a full range of county and community stakeholders to thoroughly examine current methods of engagement, delivery of services, and related laws which empower the county to care for the gravely disabled. As a result, thirteen recommendations were presented to the Board which collectively set forth a bold and innovative initiative to improve the process by which individuals receive care.

One recommendation calls for the expansion of Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams in an effort to grow response capacity and widen the range of activities

delivered by each team -- not only for the purpose of outreach and hospitalization under 5150 detention, but also real time triage. Further recommendations include the development of new partnership models, increased capacity at licensed facilities, and the exploration of furthering court-ordered evaluation and treatment.

“The County has a moral obligation to ensure that those who are suffering from grave mental illness – who are living in deplorable conditions and unable to provide for their own basic human needs – receive the treatment and care that would drastically improve their quality of life,” Barger added.

Probation Reform: Oversight and Accountability

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Determined to transform the deeply troubled Probation Department, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to consider an independent entity that would consolidate the various reforms recommended over the years and propose a roadmap for finally implementing those changes, with oversight and accountability.

“The reform efforts already underway are promising but fragmented,” said Board Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, principal author of the motion. “We need a singular vision and a comprehensive approach that will leave no stone unturned in addressing, once and for all, the deeply entrenched and systemic problems plaguing the nation’s largest Probation Department.”

“The need for reform and accountability is underscored by troubling events over the past several weeks, including the sentencing of a Probation officer who sexually assaulted girls as young as 15 at Camp Scudder, and the discovery that youth are still subjected to solitary confinement at Central Juvenile Hall more than a year after the Board banned that practice,” he added.

The motion called for analyzing whether the existing Probation Commission can be strengthened and repurposed to serve as that independent entity.

If not, the Board would consider creating one.

The Office of Inspector General, which already provides oversight of the Sheriff’s Department, may see its scope expanded to include the Probation Department. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl had sought that amendment to the motion.

The motion’s coauthor, Supervisor Janice Hahn, said, “This is the time to move forward and bring together everybody’s past, present and future wishes and dreams and visions for the kind of Probation Department that LA County warrants, one that will have real accountability and reform as we move forward.”

“There have been numerous and sometimes duplicative efforts to examine the Department over the past couple of years, and I think the time has come for us to stop doing that,” Supervisor Kathryn Barger said. “There’s a lot of data, research, interviews, analysis, legal opinion and more that is ready at our fingertips. Having transparency is key, as is having a roadmap moving forward.”

A diverse group of stakeholders provided testimony in support of the motion, including representatives of State Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra and LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, as well as a range of criminal justice reform advocates.

LA County Bar Association Independent Juvenile Defender Office director Cyn Yamashiro was one of four Probation Commissioners who spoke in favor of the motion. He noted that after decades of efforts to reform Probation, “we are still in what I would almost describe as a crisis.” He likened Probation to a ship with competent captains hoisting its sails but hampered by a number of problematic crewmembers below deck, adding, “I think oversight will be akin to a tugboat to get the ship going where it needs to go.”

Jose Osuna testified that he is a former probationer who works with current probationers as external affairs director of Homeboy Industries. “I come to you with 30 years of frustration (with the department) but I do favor this motion because I think any step in the right direction is a good thing, and I think this is a strong step. I think we need to find a way to tie all these (reform) efforts that we’ve undertaken and spent so much taxpayer money on, so that these efforts don’t go to waste.”

Urban Peace Institute criminal justice program manager Josh Green said the motion “represents an opportunity to create the lasting vision and oversight that are essential to transforming Probation.”

Annual Craft Boutique At La Fetra Center

GLENDORA - The City of Glendora Community Services Department is hosting has a Craft Boutique on **November 4th** 2017 from 9:00am to 6:00pm at the La Fetra Center. Visit over 40 vendors offering a variety of handmade and artisan items such as: Christmas stockings, customized cups, jewelry, delicious treats, gifts for the kids and grandkids, purses, outdoor items and lawn ornaments, and beautiful products made by women in Kenya. Enjoy a leisurely day of shopping while listening to local

bands and artists play, or if you are hungry check out one of our food vendors such as the White Rabbit serving up Filipino Fusion food. Bring your family and friends! This is a day you don't want to miss out on!

Interested in being a vendor at the Craft Boutique? Visit www.CityOfGlendora.org/CraftBoutique to download a vendor application. For more information please contact the La Fetra Center at (626)914-8235. The La Fetra Center is located at 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora,.

Friendship Garden Club October Meeting

COVINA - Master gardeners, Yvonne Savio will give a special program, "Recycling-thrown outs into garden tools".

They are having a special plant sale that begins at 11:00 am in the back garden. Their business meeting begins at 12:00 followed by the program, a gardening raffle and a tea provided by a committee. There

is no cost to visit them.

The Friendship Garden Club meets Thursday, **October 26** inside The Covina Woman's Clubhouse, located at 128 San Jose, Covina, CA. One block south of Badillo. For information contact Jeanette Gulli, 9 0 9 - 5 9 9 - 1 9 0 4 , jhgulli@verizon.net.

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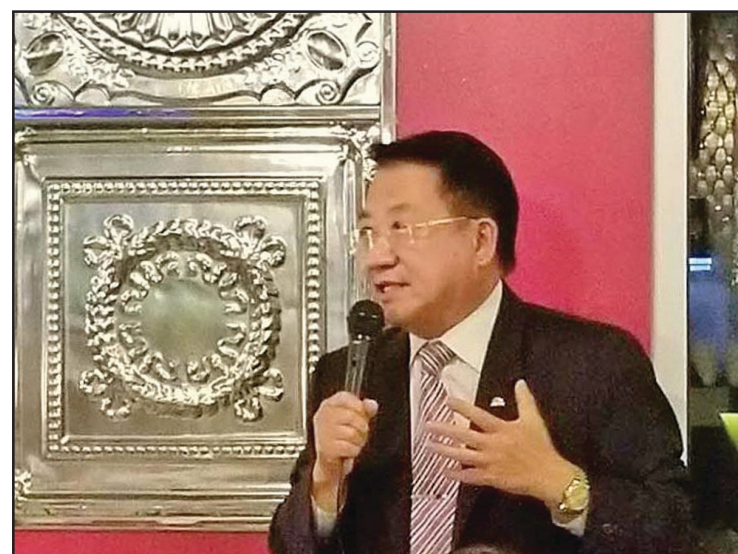
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Councilman Tony Wu Speaks at Chinese American Association West Covina Event

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - On Wednesday, October 11, West Covina Councilman Tony Wu spoke at the CAAWC (Chinese American Association West Covina) as their keynote speaker to talk about what we/they can contribute to the community and improve the city as West Covina residents. Chinese American Association is a privately held company in West Covina.



West Covina City Councilman, Tony Wu is the keynote speaker at the Chinese American Association West Covina event.

Chinese American Association of West Covina, CAAWC meeting was held at Orlando Karaoke Lounge and Restaurant in the McIntyre Center located in West Covina.

The CAAWC goal is to help West Covina developing into a better and more superior city.

The Association is pleased to have Fengtai District of Beijing, China as West Covina's sister-city for cultural exchange, and West Covina can become a dynamic and innovative stage for our next generation to explore opportunities.

Through student exchange,

the two cities will arrange tours and activities for each other's students. Students will experience each other's culture and lifestyle. Chinese exchange students of Fengtai District can live with American host families for free. They will have the chance to visit attractions such as Disneyland, Hollywood and more.

The West Covina exchange students can visit Beijing's Forbidden City, the Great Wall, and other attractions. West Covina will be an important place to showcase Chinese culture, traditions, and art brought by Fengtai District.

CAAWC firmly believes that West Covina will gradually become not just a professional education center but also a hub for all kinds of arts.

They would like to invite West Covina residents to our CAAWC's opening ceremony in January 2018.

"To unite and empower, to promote West Covina's prosperity", that's the slogan of CAAWC.

Jane Ngu was pleased to state, "West Covina councilman Tony Wu presenting a new organization CAAWC to unite and empower the city of West Covina's prosperous future!"

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Glendora School Bond Measure GG Explained

By Linda Burns
Measure GG on the November 7, 2017 Glendora ballot is a \$178 million dollar property tax school bond measure to be repaid by Glendora property owners over the next 30 years. It is named Measure GG because it is a follow-up to 2005's Measure G which itself was preceded by another school bond measure. Many Glendorans have asked for an explanation in light of the Argument Against Measure GG on the Official Sample Ballot mailed to all voters. People are particularly confused and in the dark about the "District of Choice" program prominently featured in the No on GG Argument. Here is a fair and balanced analysis for Glendora residents.

Among the provisions in the complicated deal worked out for the 2017-18 California State Budget was the Legislature continuing the statewide District of Choice program for another five years. The Legislature had ended this controversial and little used program in 2016, but was persuaded to continue it this year as part of the budget deal. District of Choice is a program used by 47 school districts around the state, or about 5% of the total number of districts (1,000). When a school district declares itself to be a District of Choice, as Glendora Unified School District did right after the November 2009 school board election, it throws itself open to students residing outside Glendora who wish to transfer into Glendora schools.

When parents asked the Glendora Unified School District over the last eight years how many students from other communities attended our schools, specific numbers were not provided. Last year, the State Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) published a 38 page special report on the District of Choice

program. Here is the link if you would like to read the whole thing. <http://www.lao.ca.gov/reports/2016/3331/district-of-choice-012716.pdf>

I was surprised to see that Glendora has 19% percent of its students, the third highest percentage in the state, attending Glendora schools from other communities through this program. Azusa has by far the largest number of students in Glendora schools through the program. LAO Figure 5 below shows that 14% of the statewide total of about 10,000 students participating in these programs were in Glendora Unified as of the 2014-15 school year.

It's clear to us that very few Glendorans understand the situation. You need to know the facts and then make up your own minds.

The advantage of District of Choice to the Glendora school district is that these out-of-district students bring their state ADA money with them and help fill our classrooms and pay the district's bills. A disadvantage is that once accepted, they do not have to reapply each year. Retired Glendora Police Chief Tim Staab reported to the City Council several years ago that his school resource officers spend a disproportionately large amount of their time dealing with out-of-district students.

One other important point - Glendora property tax payers are already paying for two previous bond issues floated by the Glendora Unified School District that also have a 30 year payback. Glendorans are traditionally very generous and supportive of their schools. Both previous bond measures were sold to voters on the basis that they would provide extra help for Glendora kids. You may have noticed that the Glendora Unified School District sent out a taxpayer paid survey to all voters in May 2017 asking all

Glendorans to identify what needs in the district they would most like to see fulfilled. There was no option of not having their property taxes raised listed in the survey.

Proposition 13 in 1978 set a two thirds voter approval requirement for new property taxes. Is that fair? Well, the taxes are only going to be paid by property owners, not all residents or those who aren't even residents who will benefit from the spending of the new tax money. So yes, it's only fair that a supermajority of votes be required to impose new taxes on a minority of the people.

However Proposition 39, approved by a majority of statewide voters in 2000, reduced this voter threshold required for approval of new property taxes for education purposes to 55%. If Measure GG is approved by the reduced 55% threshold for education purposes that would make three property tax measures at the same time Glendora property owners would be paying back to the Glendora school district.

So what is a bond anyway? Is it a tax? Yes, it is a form of taxation. But unlike sales taxes and gasoline taxes which are paid up front, and by all those who purchase their benefits, bonds are taxes paid back by only some taxpayers, property owners, and over a thirty year period like a mortgage. Glendorans have been especially generous because the majority of those who pay these indirect extra taxes do not have kids in Glendora schools, especially our senior citizen homeowners.

For the first time, approximately 1 in 5 students benefitting from this extra money in Proposition GG would not be Glendora kids. Check out the Glendora Unified School District website to see how they are approaching it <http://www.glendora.k12.ca.us/>

Figure 5
Participation in the District of Choice Program

| District(s) | District of Choice Students | Share of All District of Choice Students | Total District Attendance | District of Choice Students as Share of Total District Attendance |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| Walnut Valley Unified | 3,415 | 33% | 14,249 | 24% |
| Oak Park Unified | 1,691 | 17 | 4,543 | 37 |
| Glendora Unified | 1,392 | 14 | 7,495 | 19 |
| Riverside Unified | 892 | 9 | 39,984 | 2 |
| West Covina Unified | 633 | 6 | 8,888 | 7 |
| Basic aid districts (22) ^a | 870 | 9 | 14,631 | 6 |
| All other districts (20) ^a | 1,309 | 13 | 10,119 | 13 |
| Totals | 10,202 | 100% | 99,910 | 10%^b |

^a Two of the districts in each of these groups—a total of four statewide—have no students currently participating in the program.
^b This percentage is affected by a handful of relatively large districts with relatively few participating students. The district average is 26 percent.

Works and Wonders

NaNoWriMo
Ever heard of it?
It's not a greeting from a friendly extraterrestrial (though it does have a hint of Mork from Ork about it).

It stands for National Novel Writing Month.

And November is when it comes to an author near you.

According to the web site nanowrimo.org, the effort is "a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing."

"On November 1," the site goes on to say, "participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel."

And there's a way for just about anyone to celebrate.

Not penning the opus of a lifetime yourself? How about reading one? Black Beauty, Wuthering Heights, Gone with the Wind, Dr. Zhivago, The Catcher in the Rye: each of these was the only full-length fiction its author ever published.

The printed page just isn't



By Janet Stone
your thing? Instead of listening to music on your drive to work, try going on an adventure with an audiobook. The Glendora Public Library has three different services where you can download them for free.

More of a film junkie? Dedicate your November movie nights to films based on books. Whether you find your list via Google, IMDb, Moviefone, or your favorite librarian, whether your tastes run to Harry Potter or Jason Bourne, there are more than enough choices for

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a themed month of viewing.

Do you have Hollywood dreams of your own? Meet with local screenwriters and talk about where the worlds of cinematography and literature collide. There's a gathering on the third Wednesday of the month, 6 PM, at the Glendora Public Library.

Think of yourself as more of a rebel? Go rogue. Use November to write that trigonometry textbook you know you have in you. Download a course on speaking Norwegian. Make a clay sculpture with a video instructor.

One way or another, celebrate the acts of creation and exploration... and raise a glass (pen, device, remote control) to NaNoWriMo in kinship.

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Governor Brown Signs SB 54 that makes California a Sanctuary State. What Next?

Welcome to the "Sanctuary State of California", good luck to all.

Congratulations to the state of California and its people for becoming a Sanctuary State thanks to governor Brown's signing of Senate Bill 54.

What is this going to do to the state of California? Let's be clear about this, it will severely compromise the ability of our law enforcement agencies to do their job protect our communities. Also, the passage of this bill, most likely, the state of California will be on its own. This will most likely terminate federal funding to the state of California. That is just perfect. Good work you Clowns.

Many have expressed their outrage. They are pointing their fingers at the Latino legislators stating that this is a law to simply to protect the criminal element in the Latino communities. Many Latinos in the news have also come together to denounce these laws. The early release programs and decriminalizing certain crimes that the legislators have done in the past years have clearly sent a message that it is okay to commit crimes in California, especially if you are an undocumented alien.

All law enforcement agencies have denounced this action and basically feel this criminal within itself to allow this to happen and to handcuff the police so they cannot protect the citizens.

Many feel that this is a racist action by the Latino legislators. Laws are put into place protect the citizens, not the criminals. It certainly doesn't appear to be the case anymore.



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

California and its citizens can now expect a huge influx of illegals, many who are criminals that have committed crimes, will come to the state of California without worrying about the police.

Many of those racist organizations that have pressed for this action have people in their own family that have gotten in trouble and in jail and in many cases are in this country illegally.

Those law enforcement officers and agencies that were enforcing our immigration laws were not going after just any illegal alien or an undocumented person. They had **cause**. Let me repeat that, **"They Had Cause."** Law enforcement doesn't have time to just go after "any" undocumented as their numbers are off the charts. Just too many to deal with. The ones they deal with are the "people who came up on the radar because they broke our laws by committing crimes or failing to show up in court." The one incident that was recorded and posted on television and YouTube were a young girl made a video of her father being arrested at the school wasn't because he was just a random selection. He committed a crime and failed to show up in court.

They found him. What was the end result? Do you know? Was he deported? Hell No! He was held in jail for three months, his case was evaluated and then released with time served for his failure to appear in court and the conditions of his probation is to earn the privilege of becoming an American citizen or at least being documented by this host country.

All of this malarkey of harassment illegal aliens is a bunch of poo unless the police are given a reason to make contact. All of these political advocates of these new laws that restrict our police are blowing smoke up your butt. The intent to keep our communities safe, and if there are undocumented undesirables in this country, they should be removed. Those that are doing well are not being bothered. If anything, and there is some type of contact with the police, in most cases they are let go and encouraged to do something positive about their status in this country.

Many Latino community activists in fact denounced these laws and support the police. It is obvious that these supporters are outnumbered.

I do not support any law by our legislators that puts criminals back into the streets, allows criminals to stay in our streets, or any law that deprives all law enforcement agencies the ability to do their job and compromise the safety of each and every one of those police officers. It is just wrong.

We do not want to remove the good; we want to remove the bad. **"That's Just the Way It Is!"**

Pavers Available At Veterans Monument In Freedom Park

SAN DIMAS - Want to show your support for a veteran? You can do so now by purchasing an engraved paver (brick) at the Veterans Monument in San Dimas, located on the corner of San Dimas Ave and Commercial St.

Pavers are available in three sizes: Small 6" x 6" for \$125.00, Medium 6" x 12" for \$225.00 or Large 12" x 12" for \$325.00.

You can purchase a paver for a veteran, or for anyone you like - a father, mother, sister, brother, etc. All applications are subject to committee approval. You do not have to be a resident of San Dimas to purchase



one. If you purchase now your engraved paver will be available to view at the monument on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.

You can purchase a paver by going to the HEROES website at www.SanDimas-HEROES.org and printing out the application. Applications are also available at San Dimas City Hall. For questions, or to

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Hurricanes Destroy Some Jobs - But Will Add Many More

October began strongly with 1% or greater gains in most major indexes. As of October 18 the S&P 500 had set a record for consecutive trading days (342) without a 5% decline - despite recent hurricanes!

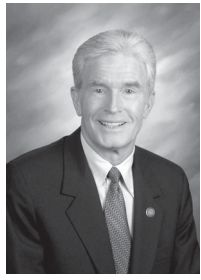
Due to disruptions from three major hurricanes in September, the Labor Department reported on Oct. 6 that a net 33,000 payroll jobs disappeared in September, the first monthly payroll decline since September of 2010, ending seven straight years of monthly payroll job growth. Ironically, the unemployment rate in September declined to 4.2%, down from 4.4% in August, due to a temporarily "disappearing" workforce.

Despite Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the U.S. manufacturing sector did not miss a beat. Furthermore, due to all the insurance claims for home repair (dry wall, flooring, etc.) and vehicles, manufacturing activity is expected to remain robust for the foreseeable future, which should help boost fourth-quarter GDP growth. Vehicle sales surged 6.3% in September, after declining every previous month this year. GM's sales rose 17%, Toyota rose 15%, and Ford & Nissan each rose 9.3% in September due to strong light truck sales.

Speaking of GDP growth, the Commerce Department reported recently that the trade deficit declined 2.7% to \$42.6 billion in August, down from \$43.6 billion in July, reaching an 11-month low. A weaker U.S. dollar helps boost exports and shrink the trade deficit, which is also good for overall GDP growth.

The stock market rally is running hot, buttressed by three recent factors - all of which have yet to be verified. They include (1) the passage of reasonable tax reform (see my article from last week), (2) the appointment of a new dovish Fed Chairman, and (3)

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What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
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the fate of the global economic stimulation trade that has been lifting all the world markets, thanks to rising economic growth rates in developed and emerging economies. By focusing on these three factors, the market doesn't really care about North Korea or crossing the \$20 trillion debt threshold for the U.S. federal debt - or several other long-term concerns.

The assumption that one, two, or maybe even all three of these market catalysts come to pass is now being priced into stocks. If they all come true, that opens the way for S&P 500 earnings to grow by another 10% or more. The market's broad sector participation is yet another reason to stay enthused about the potential of seeing another strong leg up. Translated, the S&P 500 index could trade up to 2,800 by January of 2018.

As the market sets new highs most weeks, some hedge funds that are shorting this rally are getting met with margin calls. Most of us have heard the famous quote by economist John Maynard Keynes, "The market can stay irrational longer than you can stay solvent," meaning the markets can act perversely in the short-term.

What might be the trigger or set of circumstances that trips up the market's torrid uptrend? A black swan event, like an attack on North Korea or a massive earthquake in a city like Tokyo or Los Angeles could do it. It might be the looming negative cloud

that could slow the bullish stampede in stocks, specifically a sudden shift in how the bond market trades.

The new Fed forecast, which shows FOMC members' expectations for future rate hikes, signaled one more hike in 2017 (December) and three in 2018. So, not only has the dollar gotten a fresh bid with the upbeat data and the Fed reversing course from printing money to retiring debt, Treasury yields have jumped back up to levels not seen since July. Though we've been through more than one bout of bond selling in the past two years, this time around feels like the selling may build on itself because of the global stimulation of economic conditions.

Inflation has yet to rear its ugly head in any meaningful way, but there are some tea leaves on the path to global growth that are more prevalent now. With labor markets now showing shortages in select markets, we might have seen lows for the cycle in both bond yields and inflation as measured by the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Inflation Rate, a major yardstick of Fed policy.

Granted, the normalization of the Treasury yield curve is generally considered to be a good thing (as it represents more economic prosperity) but when money becomes more expensive it also has a negative effect on investor psychology. And we've been spoiled by cheap money for nearly a decade now. We probably should be on the lookout for how the near-term action in the bond market impacts the behavior of the stock market. I think we will find them to be highly correlated going forward.

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Can I take money from my annuity to help a relative?

It depends on the rules in your annuity policy. You can contact your agent, or the annuity company to ask them the particulars about your policy. Some policies



Julia Yoder

allow you to take out up to 10% per year after the first year (up to a pre-set amount of your initial investment), waiving the usual early-withdrawal contractual penalties and fees. AARP recently stated that annuities can be great, but can also be a nightmare. Annuities are great, and only become a nightmare if you do not follow the policy's rules. The most common mistake heirs make is to cash out an inherited annuity, sometimes losing thousands of dollars.

My friend received a life insurance settlement check shortly after the death of her husband. Will she have to pay income taxes on this?

Probably not. The funds paid to a beneficiary from a life insurance policy are not considered taxable income. Nowadays, there are life insurance policies that can have funds available to the living, as well as the tax-free funds for their heirs. It's easy to see why more and more folks are using life insurance as an investment to potentially have money to use during their lifetime as well as taking care of their beneficiaries.

ficiaries.

Last year we had to pay capital gains on our mutual funds distributions. Is there a way to decrease the amount of capital gains tax we have to pay?

With investments like mutual funds, stocks, CDs, and savings, your earnings are taxed annually. You might want to consider moving at least some of your mutual funds dollars to a tax-deferred investment, or to an insurance product. With a tax-deferred investment, you'll pay taxes only when you withdraw funds. Some insurance products offer "loans" which are not taxable, and which could be re-paid from the death benefit.

Readers, I need your help.

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Property Tax Relief Available for Those Impacted by Fires

SACRAMENTO - Board of Equalization Member Jerome Horton announces property tax relief for homeowners impacted by the recent fires, as well as by flooding, earthquakes, and other calamities. In many cases, the damaged property can be reappraised in its current condition, with some taxes refunded to the property owner. Once rebuilt, the property's pre-damaged value will be restored.

The outbreak of wildfires throughout the state is the deadliest series of simultaneous fires in the state's recorded history, according to Cal Fire. More than forty people have died and thousands of lives have been terribly disrupted. Member Horton visited a fire site to inform residents that they may be entitled to several tax breaks and deductions due to the loss of their homes and

property in the fire. He observed first-hand how that fire skipped one home entirely only to engulf another, totally destroying it.

"No one should have to pay property taxes on property that no longer exists," said Member Horton. "Tax records and other important documents are often destroyed during a fire, so I encourage impacted homeowners to document the damage as much as possible so they may take a deduction for their loss."

To qualify for property tax relief, you must file a claim with your county assessors' office within the time specified in your county ordinance, or 12 months from the date of damage or destruction, whichever is later. The loss estimate must be at least \$10,000 of current market value to qualify.

Owners of eligible property

may also apply for deferral of the next property tax installment on the regular secured roll or tax payments on the supplemental roll, without penalties or interest. The disaster must be the result of a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency. When a timely claim for deferral is filed, the next property tax installment payment is deferred without penalty or interest until the county assessor has reassessed the property and a corrected tax bill has been sent to the property owner.

In addition, taxpayers who have sustained losses attributable to the recent wildfires in President-declared or Governor-declared disaster areas may claim the loss in either the year in which the event occurred or the prior year. Affected taxpayers that have an estimated federal income tax payment originally due on or after Oct. 8, 2017, and before Jan. 31, 2018, will not be subject to penalties for failure to pay estimated tax installments as long as such payments are paid on or before Jan. 31, 2018. The Franchise Tax Board will abate interest if requested in writing.

For further information on property tax disaster relief, please see the Frequently Asked Questions on the Board of Equalization's website (boe.ca.gov).

If Car Trouble Scares You...Read On...

Sometimes there is nothing scarier than car trouble...you know how it is...you drive along and all is great then suddenly...

- You hear a different noise (squealing or scraping sound when you hit the brakes, knocks or pings when you climb a hill, rumbling or hissing sound from your muffler, thumping from a tire, clicking of a worn CV joint, chugging when you turn off the engine)
- You notice a different smell (moisture or antifreeze odor inside the car)

- You see a small leak or a puddle from under the car (antifreeze, oil, brake fluid)
- You see lights illuminated on your dashboard (check gauges, check engine light)
- You hear nothing at all (dead battery)

Your mind immediately goes into panic mode! You wonder how long it will take to fix the problem? How will you get to work? How will you pick up the children or get them to school or practice? How will you run errands? How much will it cost? Will it need to be towed? Is it safe to drive to our shop for needed repairs?

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IRWINDALE - The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce is offering a unique opportunity to experience the Chinese culture, history and business.

Through a partnership with Citslinc International, the Chamber is offering a cost effective trip to China on October 7-15, 2018. The trip includes stops in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou with opportunities to visit historic sites like the Great Wall of China and Tian An Men Square. There is also an opportunity to visit with a local Chinese business. The meeting is optional and requires filling out an business inquiry form indicating what type of business or industry you are interested in learning more about.

We're excited to organize an Irwindale Chamber China Tour. This is an excellent opportunity to be introduced to the China. It's extremely affordable and includes visits to major cities, various economic zones and major historical sites.

The trip includes airfare from Los Angeles, hotel accommodations at 4 & 5 star hotels, three full meals a day, and professional drivers and

tour operators. The cost is \$2,599 per person for double occupancy.

Some of the highlights include visiting the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Ming Tombs, and The Bund.

The Chamber is hosting an orientation meeting on November 16th, 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Monrovia from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Leo Liu, owner of Citslinc, will be answering questions regarding the trip. Please visit www.register.irwindalechamber.org to register for the travel presentation. Please call 626-960-6606 if you have any questions.

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Community Articles Are Welcome

We are seeking articles, photos, and news event items for future issues of the San Gabriel Valley Examiner. Information can be sent to SGExaminer@aol.com. Articles should be in Word format while photos should be in jpeg.

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.

ARCADIA Music of World War II

A patriotic program, "Music of World War II" is planned for Tuesday, **November 7** at 1:15pm. Larry Maurer, education and film historian in American music, will provide a variety of video segments and authentic music. He will trace the contributions of America's songwriters to the war efforts, especially Irving Berlin. Some favorite tunes of that time were; Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, It's Been a Long, Long Time and God Bless America. The program will take place at Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, cost \$3. Please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

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.

Fall 2017 Registration for Adults 50 years +!

Arcadia Recreation & Community Services Department - Senior Services Division is offering fall classes for adults (50 years of age and older). The course offerings include oil painting, yoga, strength training, line dancing, tai chi, zumba gold and aerobics. Registration is now open on-line, for walk-in, fax-in or mail-in. Courses are offered at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive.

For specifics on class dates, times and locations, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130 or log onto at www.arcadiaCa.gov.

BALDWIN PARK Halloween Breakfast Celebration

Join the Julia McNeill Senior Center this Halloween for a breakfast celebration on Tuesday, **October 31** from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. The event will include best costume contest, best table

decoration, and best Monster Mash dance. Tickets are \$3.

McNeill Fitness Program

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

COVINA American Legion Rummage Sale

The American Legion Post 755 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, **November 4** from 8am till 4pm and Sunday, **November 5** from 8am till 2pm at 20516 E. Arrow Hwy in Covina. For more info, call 626 967-7786

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 Duarte Museum Sets Docent Training Session

Historian Steve Baker will conduct a docent training session at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 4. If you are a docent or are thinking about volunteering, the session will take you on an in depth walk through the museum with information on all of the exhibits. Docents serve once every other month and may choose Wednesday or Saturday duty. New docents will always serve with a seasoned docent. For more information, call Sheri Uhlig at (626) 298-6784.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

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

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the

Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

GLENDORA Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

Introduction To Computers And Internet Learning

Never touched a computer before?! You did, but felt confused? It's never too late to learn! Explore the basic skills to enrich your knowledge and understand the terminologies and access the online world through the Internet. Our hands-on practice can accelerate students to master computer learning while making it easy and fun. Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$120 Tuesdays, September 26- October 31, 11:15am to 12:00pm

MONROVIA Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

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

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

SAN DIMAS E-Waste Fundraiser

PTSA E-Waste Fundraiser at San Dimas High School. Tuesday, **November 7** from 1:30-4:30 PM and Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. in student parking lot. Proceeds benefit: teacher and department grants, student scholarships, busing for student college fair, and the positive behavior intervention program. Early pick up or drop offs can be arranged. Address: 800 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas. Phone: 909-971-8230. Website: SanDimasHigh.com, PTSA

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WEST COVINA Republican Women Meeting

The guest speaker at the next Republican women meeting on Friday, **October 27** is Shari Goodman. Shari Goodman is a retired educator, journalist and political activist. Her articles have appeared in Family Security Matters, Eagle Rising, Atlas Shrugs, and the LA Times. The meeting is scheduled at the Holiday Inn (off the 10 freeway) in West Covina at 10:30. Miss Goodman will address the group at 11:00. Lunch at noon. For reservations, please call (626) 378-7244 or (626) 332-4341. Guests are welcome.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support

with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: ehernandez57@aol.com

Go West Shuttle Service

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

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

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

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

Senior Lunch

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

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

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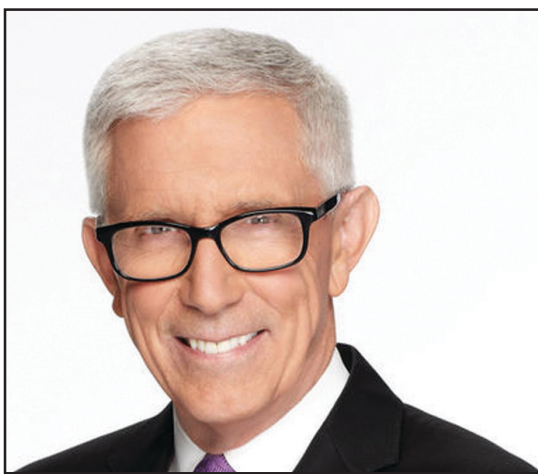
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Fritz Coleman to MC the Kiwanian's' Designer Bag Bingo Event

GLENDORA - Popular TV weatherman, Fritz Coleman, will be the Master of Ceremonies at this year's Glendora Kiwanian Designer Bag Bingo on Saturday, **November 4**, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Crowther Teen & Family Center, 241 W. Dawson Ave. in Glendora. Tickets are on sale on line for \$45 a www.glendorakiwanians.org.

The annual event raises funds for scholarships for local high school students. Participants receive 20 bingo cards for 20 games of bingo and the winner of each game receives a designer bag worth \$200 or more. The ticket price includes a glass of wine and food. The event is supported by Athens Services and Citrus Valley Health Partners.

Tables of eight can be purchased for \$500 and include VIP seating, 40 bingo cards and two glasses of wine. "This event is fast, fun and exciting," said Becky Harris, chairwoman of the event. "We are excited to offer this event again this year and it helps so many students who receive scholarships from the proceeds," said Sherry Heinrich, President of the Kiwanians. Fritz Coleman, grew up in Pennsylvania and



Popular TV weatherman Fritz Coleman attended Temple University in Philadelphia where he studied radio, television and film. He worked as a comedian and disc jockey for several years and as a radio personality in Buffalo, New York. He came to Los Angeles in 1980 to work as a stand-up comic and began working as a weekend weatherman for KNBC.

For more information about Designer Bag Bingo, visit the Kiwanian website at www.glendorakiwanians.org.

Bennion Deville Homes Glendora Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on September 29th for Bennion Deville Homes located in the beautiful Glendora Village.

The successful event drew a large crowd who enjoyed a presentation from local and state representatives followed by a cocktail reception. Bennion Deville Homes Co-Owners Bob Bennion and Bob Deville, key corporate staff members, and agents and staff from the Glendora office mixed and mingled with industry affiliates, local real estate agents, and surrounding business owners.

City and State officials in attendance at the grand opening included: Representatives from the Glendora Chamber of Commerce, including President & CEO Joe Cina, Vice Chair Sheila McClure, and Vice Chair D.J. Jafari; Marco Lundgren, a Representative from Senator Anthony Portantino's office; Michael Allowos, Glendora City Council Member presenting on behalf of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer, Mayor Pro-Tem



Chris Anderson, Tracy Dennett, Glendora Council Member Michael Allowos, Gary Ingham, Kelley Shannon, Sheila McClure, Kelli Dunaway, Bob Deville and Bob Bennion (Bennion Deville Homes Co-Owners), Catherine Battaglia, Pam Template, Randy Steele, Lydia Nolan, Kathleen Jensen, Ada Wong. Don Rossignol.

Mendell Thompson, and Council Member Judy Nelson.

"We are humbled and honored by the overwhelming, positive reception from the residents and government officials of Glendora," says Bob Deville, Co-Owner of Bennion Deville Homes. "Bob [Bennion] and I are confident our blueprint for serving client needs through exceptional support, a strong commitment to ethics, and the best marketing and technology resources available will allow Kelli

[Dunaway, Branch Manager] and her team to truly make waves in the region and enhance the experience of buying and selling a home. We look forward to working within the community to make living in Glendora and the surrounding cities of the Citrus Valley an even better place to live." Adds Bob Bennion, Co-Owner, "Downtown Glendora is the perfect location to open our newest office in Southern California. The charming town of Glendora with its serene mountain backdrop coupled with the friendly atmosphere made us feel at home from the moment we opened our doors in the area three years ago. Our new, central location in the heart of the downtown village will serve the residents in need of real estate services well. We look forward to helping you open doors and unlock possibilities."

Bennion Deville Homes' Glendora Citrus Valley office is located at 118 N Glendora Avenue, in downtown Glendora. Their telephone number is (626) 335-6272. You can also view properties on their website at DdHomes.com/offices/glendora



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