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# Irwindale Police Department's Employee Awards and Recognition Luncheon

By Glenn Purbaugh

**IRWINDALE** - The Irwindale Police Department held a long overdue Employee Awards and Recognition Luncheon at the Edison CTAC complex on Wednesday January 27th 2016.

The Luncheon was attended by the entire Police Department and City Officials along with representatives from Edison. During the event Chief Anthony Miranda presented a PowerPoint show highlighting the department and the changes since its beginning. Starting back in December 2011 when an active shooter was responsible for the murder of two co-workers in which he ultimately took his own life. Irwindale Officers responded an Edison office facility on a shots fired call, without hesitation they entered the building and placed themselves in great danger. Officers began to search for the shooter(s) as workers fled the building in panic. For this incident the Medal of Valor was presented to Sergeant Greg Gomez, Sergeant Rudy Gatto,



Chief Anthony Miranda and Captain Ty Henshaw are pictured along with the recipients of department awards. Members of the department were awarded Medals of Valor, Life Saving, and Meritorious Service.

Corporal Armando Lopez, Detective Jose Vargas, Officer Mario Camacho and Officer Jesse Bravo. Dispatcher Mariella Avila was the voice and ears for the officers during this tragic event and due to her pro-

fessionalism and calm was awarded the departments Medal of Distinguished Service.

In January 2014 Officers were dispatched to a baby not breathing at a residence. Officers Rudy Campos, Joe Hardy, Sergeants John Fraijo and Rene Sapien. Arrived where they found the two year old boy unconscious and not breathing. Officer Rudy Campos and Sergeant Fraijo began CPR and were able to revive the child who had a large grape lodged in its throat. Officer Rudy Campos and Sergeant John Fraijo received the departments Life Saving Award. In addition the award to Distinguished Service was awarded to Sergeant Rene Sapien, Officer Joe Hardy and Dispatcher Sherry Peterson

In August 2014 Officer Rudy Campos was dispatched to a report of a suicidal subject threatening to jump onto the 605 Freeway at the Los Angeles Street crossing. The subject was clinging to the metal rail as Officer Campos arrived. Through his Crisis Negotiation training, calm demeanor and compassion, Officer Campos was able to convince the subject to climb back to safety. Officer Campos was awarded the departments Life Saving

Award.

In August 2015 the department received a call of an unconscious 60 year old male at a Dialysis facility in the south end of the city. The staff was attempting to revive the subject who wasn't breathing. Officer Jesse Bravo responded and began CPR on the victim for over 10 minutes until the arrival of LA County fire Paramedics. A short time later the man's heart started to beat and breath. The victim has since made a full recovery. Because of Officer Bravo's lifesaving effort he was awarded the department Life Saving Award.

Chief Miranda highlighted that since his arrival in December 2013 the Irwindale Police Department began to make its mark in the social media world. A few officers took it upon themselves to create an IPD App, LinkedIn page, and most active Twitter. The use of these platforms have aided greatly in keeping the community and surrounded agencies informed and connected. For their exceptional work in this area Sergeant George Zendejas, Sergeant Rudy Gatto and Officer Diego Cornejo were presented the department Meritorious Service Award'

The 2014 Civilian Employee of the Year was presented to Dianna Hurst. Dianna was an intern who worked countless hours in the record division and never hesitated to step up at a time of need.

The 2014 Officer of the Year was awarded to Officer Diego Cornejo as voted on by his peers. Officer Cornejo' hard work, humor and great disposition earned his this award. Officer Cornejo interacts with the community at large and brings them and police department together during events such as National Night Out.

The 2015 Civilian Employee of the Year was awarded to Norma Ortiz, Norma's dedication to the department's record bureau and efforts to bring cancer awareness to the community through the "Pink Patch Project" received worldwide attention and raised a generous donation for the City of Hope.

The 2015 Officer of the Year was awarded to Officer Rudy Campos, peers described him as diligent, dedicated and reliable. Officer Rudy Campos receives numerous commendations and was praised for building bridges within the department and community.

## Azusa Veterans of Foreign Wars Hosts Pre-Superbowl Fundraiser

**AZUSA** - On Sunday, January 31, the Azusa Veterans of Foreign Wars hosted "T-Shirt Paul's Pre-Super-Bowl Party". This is an annual event that Paul has been doing for years and he was gracious enough to have it at the Azusa VFW, located at 250 E. First St., Azusa.

This event is very well anticipated and draws in about 250 people. Attendees were treated to all you can eat tacos, drink specials, and a chance to win over \$6,000 in a Superbowl pool.

During the lunch the veterans group also presented Paul Despars with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in raising well over \$4,000 that day. Proceeds go directly to the Azusa Veterans of Foreign Wars. "The funds will be used to repair the roof which has been leaking badly lately and to also help pay for a replacement flag pole, which a drunk driver ran into last year", said Post Quartermaster Uriel Macias.



Uriel Macias, Paul Despars, Jorge Galvez, Les Bartholomew.



Jorge Galvez, Ruben Medina (displaying his 50/50 winnings), Paul Despars.

## Employee Arrested for Taking Pictures Up Women's Dresses and Skirts

By George Ogden

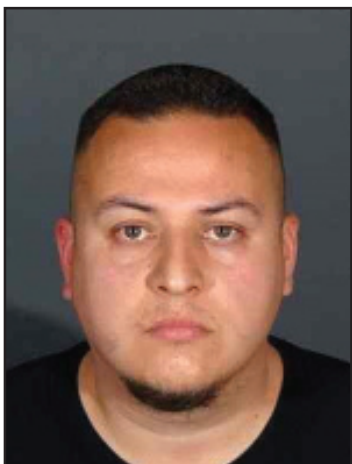
**GLENDORA** - Police arrested a Citrus College employee who worked at the Owl Bookstore for using his cell phone to take pictures up under female's skirts and dresses.

The police arrested Vincent M. Patino, 33, and the DAs office has already filed charges from 19 misdemeanor counts of privacy invasion for allegedly using his cell phone to take these types of pictures of female students.

It was also reported that he also planted hidden cameras in a number of locations.

On January 27, he pled not guilty in court. However, the bail remained at \$475,000.

The Glendora Police Depart-



Vincent M. Patino used his cellphone to take pictures up females skirts and dresses at Citrus College.

have been filed and there were witnesses that stated they saw him taking pictures. He is a 10 year employee of the college.

Police armed with a search warrant raided the suspect's home October 30. They took computers, cell phones, thumb drives, flash drives, and other media recording devices including hard drives. It appears there was plenty of information that could be used as evidence against him.

The suspect has been on administration leave since October, with a paid leave.

Anyone with information related to the investigation should contact Detective Price at 626-914-8282.

## What To Ask Your Tax Professional

Long before April 18th rolls around, it's smart to invest some time in looking for a reliable tax preparer. Before hiring anyone, however, it can help to ask him or her these four questions.

1. How much experience do you have with my type of return? As with any other professional—doctors, lawyers, architects—you want to work with someone who's familiar both with the business in general and with your sort of case in particular. Ask preparers how long they've been doing tax returns and what kinds.
2. How do you determine your fees? Ask for billing and payment terms in writing. Many preparers charge a flat fee based on the complexity of your tax return. Don't work with anyone who wants a percentage of your refund or tells you what the refund will be before looking at your financial information.
3. Have you represented many clients in IRS audits? On

the one hand, you want someone who has had enough experience with audits to help you if your return is scrutinized. On the other, you don't want someone who has too much audit history. It may signify someone who claims a lot of questionable deductions.

4. Do you have any professional designations? Preparers who are enrolled agents (EAs) must fulfill continuing-education and licensing requirements and are bound by ethical standards. They're also authorized to represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters, including audits, collections and appeals. EAs must pass a comprehensive exam administered by the IRS that covers the broad range of tax issues that affect individuals and businesses and how to represent clients before the IRS.

EAs who are members of the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) must complete 30 hours of continuing professional education each

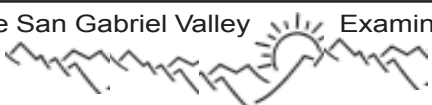
year to maintain membership in the National Association of Enrolled Agents—more than the IRS licensing requirement of 24 hours a year. EAs are also subject to vigorous background checks before they can be licensed and they're required to abide by U.S. Treasury Department Circular 230.

EAs prepare millions of tax returns every year and are an excellent resource for anyone seeking the latest information on any tax issue. The EA designation is the only professional designation that indicates a person has demonstrated competence specifically in the field of taxation.

Learn More

For further facts or to find a nearby EA, call NAEA at (855) 880-6232 or visit [www.eatax.org](http://www.eatax.org). (NAPSI)

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# Mortech Manufacturing of Azusa Adopting to Solar Power



Mortech Manufacturing facility in Azusa with solar panels installed by SunGreen Systems.

**AZUSA** - Mortech Manufacturing Inc. and Mitsubishi Electronics with SunGreen Systems announced the completion of a new solar power installation located at its business in Azusa.

Mortech Manufacturing has been providing quality anatomy equipment and instruments to a wide range of post-mortem facilities since 1985 including: pathology, autopsy, necropsy, veterinary, morgue and mortuary. From the beginning, it has been our commitment to furnish and fabricate quality products at affordable prices. Mortech has been setting the standard as the market-leader in superior customer service with high-grade, quality equipment. It is this philosophy that has allowed our company to grow and expand worldwide.

The installation contributes

to the company's efforts to reduce its energy costs and at the same time reduce its carbon footprint giving back to the environment. SunGreen Systems, a design and build company for smart energy solutions, provided a turn key solar installation while Mitsubishi Electronics provided the equipment for the system.

During the first full year of the system's production, it is estimated to produce 291,476 kWh, reducing the need for grid supplied power by 80%. The solar system will provide onsite renewable power generation while providing annual environmental benefits equal to twenty four cars taken off the road with 20,133 gallon of gas being avoided. Also, the system will generate enough power to run thirty-three homes, and 5,830 trees cleans-

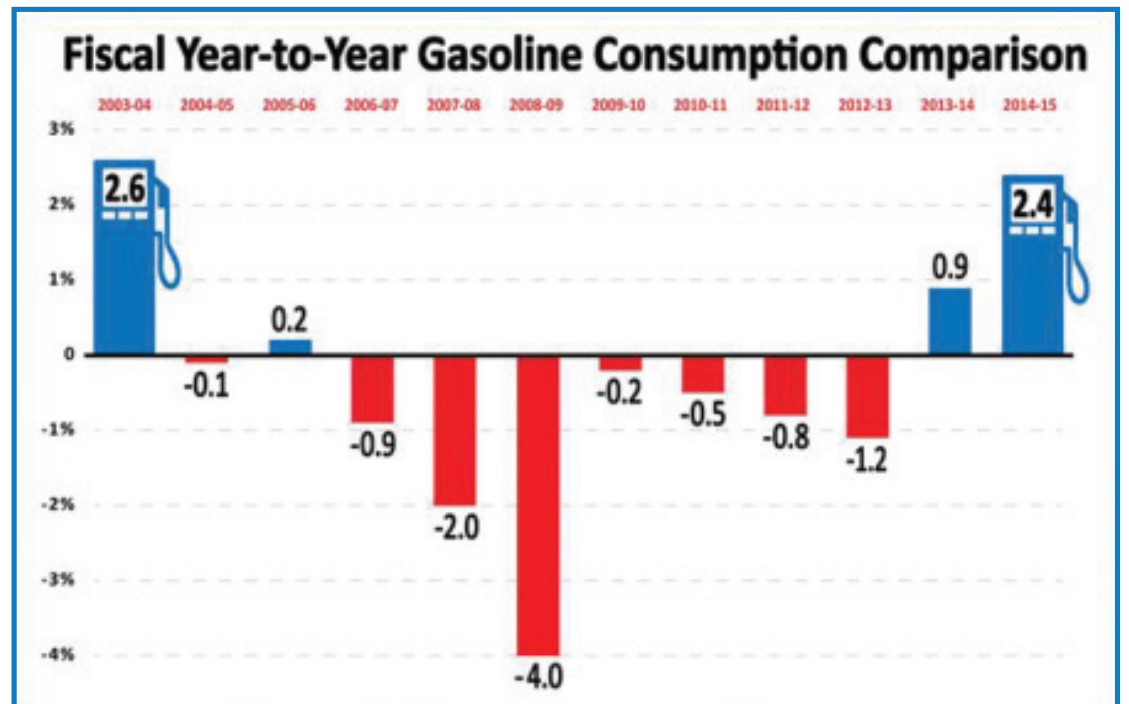
ing the air. Lastly, it will eliminate 390,578 pounds of CO2 annually.

John Joseph, VP and owner had this to say. "We believe Solar Power is the way of the future. It's a clean, natural renewable resource that is cost effective and our company believes in going green. We would like to thank Azusa Light & Power for their support and assistance with making their customer go solar and making its contribution to the community."

More and more small businesses are adopting solar power because it makes sound business sense. It's also a way for companies to give back to the community by reducing its carbon footprint and making the environment cleaner for all of us to enjoy.

# More Californians Hitting the Road

2014-15 Gasoline Consumption Increase Largest in More Than a Decade



**SACRAMENTO**—California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton announces gasoline consumption in the state rose 2.4 percent during fiscal year (FY) 2014-15, the largest yearly increase since FY 03-04 (increase of 2.6 percent). The rise in fuel consumption signals a strengthening California economy, with cheaper gas prices encouraging more vehicle travel.

"The increase in gasoline consumption is consistent with California's dip in unemployment to 5.7 percent in 2015 and demonstrates that lower gasoline prices are good for the economy and family road trips," said Chairman Horton.

Californians consumed 14.921 billion gallons of gasoline in FY 14-15, a 2.4 percent increase from 14.574 billion in FY 13-14. California's average price of gasoline during FY 14-15 was \$3.42 per gallon, a decline of 12.8 percent from the average price of gasoline of \$3.92 in FY 13-14. Diesel consumption rose 2.5 percent during FY 14-15, following a 3.5 percent jump in FY 13-14.

Fiscal year gasoline consumption data is calculated from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

The trend of rising gasoline consumption continued into the third quarter of 2015 (July – September), increasing 2.7 percent from the third quarter of 2014. Third quarter diesel consumption rose 1.3 percent.

In FY 14-15, BOE gasoline revenue estimates for sales and use taxes and excise taxes came in at \$1.470 billion for sales and use tax and \$5.371 billion for excise tax, while BOE estimates for diesel revenue for sales and use taxes, and excise taxes were \$830.2 million and \$357.7 million respectively.

### Employment and Economic Factors

After taking a significant recession-era hit, California's economy has bounced back up to the seventh largest in the world as the state's gross domestic product reached \$2.3 trillion in 2014, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (June 2015). Despite the ongoing drought, the agricultural sector grew in 2014 as well as economic growth in fields spanning information technology consulting to construction-related engineering, architecture, and manufacturing.

More Californians are finding

employment and driving to work, according to BOE's chief economist. In California, non-agricultural employment rose 3.0% in the third quarter of 2015 compared to the 2014 third quarter, according to the Employment Development Department.

### Fast Facts - Gasoline and Travel

- Gasoline Taxes – where does your money go? The 2.25 percent sales tax rate on gasoline primarily funds local government; the excise tax is dedicated to public roads and mass transit. For more fuel statistics, including taxable gallon distributions and revenue, visit the OPEN BOE data portal.

- Board's Role: State law mandates the Board to set the excise tax rate for gasoline by March 1 of each year. The Board voted unanimously on February 24, 2015, to lower the excise tax rate for gasoline by \$0.06 for FY 2015-16. The excise tax rate of \$0.30 per gallon for gasoline became effective July 1, 2015, and will remain in effect until June 30, 2016.

- There are approximately 33 million registered vehicles in California with 23 million licensed drivers.

# Window Film - A Powerful Defense For Homeowners

Many Americans think they need to worry about skin protection only when they are outside. However, according to the International Window Film Association (IWFA), the harmful UV rays that people are concerned about while outdoors can also penetrate into homes, with the possibility of causing damage.

Typical windows block as little as 25 percent of UV rays which, if left unchecked, can cause extensive damage to the skin, including premature aging, wrinkles and even skin cancer. Additionally, the UV rays may accelerate the fading of furniture, flooring and other décor.

Fortunately, professionally installed window film may act as a powerful defense against these problems, by blocking up to 99 percent of the UV rays.

Installing window film can also have a positive affect on energy costs, because it can help regulate room temperatures, thus lowering energy



Protect yourself from harmful UV rays while indoors by installing window film.

bills during warm and, in some cases, even cold weather.

"Thousands of highly-trained dealers and installers across the United States stand ready to help consumers achieve a

safer, more comfortable and energy efficient home," said Darrell Smith, Executive Director of the IWFA. You can learn more at [www.iwfa.com](http://www.iwfa.com). (NAPSI)

# Antiquarian Book Fair Returns To Pasadena On Feb. 12

**PASADENA** - The 49th California International Antiquarian Book Fair offers an incredible opportunity to browse and buy the finest in rare and beautiful books.

The event which runs from **Feb. 12 through Feb. 14**, features a tribute to the 150th Anniversary of the first official publication of Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

But that's not all. The fair also offers sales on manuscripts, photographs and more. Centered on the collections

and rare treasures of 200 book sellers from around the world, the Book Fair will present volumes ranging in price from a few dollars to more than six figures.

Books will cover every imaginable area of interest -- from the history of travel and exploration, early science and medicine to classic literature, modern first editions, children's and illustrated books and the arts.

Event times are:

-- Friday Feb. 12, 3 p.m. to

8 p.m.;

-- Saturday Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

-- Sunday Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An adult three-day pass sells for \$25; a Saturday and Sunday only pass runs \$15. Student passes run \$20 for three days and \$10 for Saturday and Sunday only admission. Valid student ID is required. Children under 12 are free.

For more information visit [www.cabookfair.com](http://www.cabookfair.com) or call (800) 454-6401.

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## Independent Analyst Favors CA District of Choice Program

*Legislative Analyst Finds Innovative Program Improves CA Schools*

SACRAMENTO - A comprehensive study released today by the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) finds that California's innovative District of Choice (DOC) program has helped both students and schools, and is recommending that the program be extended. Senate Minority Leader Emeritus Bob Huff (R-San Dimas), who authored the last extension of the DOC and has championed the effort during his service in the State Legislature, says the LAO study results prove that DOC is not only working, it's benefitted tens of thousands of California students.

The DOC fosters public school choice by allowing parents to transfer their children to participating school districts without a transfer agreement.

"The LAO report essentially confirms every point we've made about public school choice," said Senator Huff. "It

proves that competition among districts is good as lower performing districts raise themselves for the betterment of their students once students start leaving for a DOC. Not only did they start providing a broader array of programs to attract students, the scores from those lower-performing districts went up and at a faster rate once students started leaving under a DOC transfer."

The LAO conducted interviews with 27 school districts that identify themselves as District of Choice, and discovered that the program was utilized by a broad array of students with multiple ethnicities and competing interests. The LAO report found that the ethnic breakdown of the 10,000 California students who opted to take advantage of a DOC transfer is as follows:

35% White or Caucasian  
32% Hispanic or Latino  
24% Asian or Pacific Islander

9% Other

Senator Huff, who authored reauthorizations of the DOC program in 2009 (SB 680) and again in 2015 (SB 597), will look carefully at the LAO's recommendations to make DOC stronger than it already is in the coming months in the new re-authorization bill he plans to author. He will be especially focused on the recommendation of how districts can better spread the word about this great program.

"This report could not have come out at a better time, given this is National School Choice Week, which is designed to shine a spotlight on effective education options for every child," said Senator Huff. "This is a well-rounded program that improves both the district of residence and the district of choice, refutes the concerns of many critics and means students and parents are the winners."

## Decision To Reinstate Supervising Social Worker In Tragic Murder Of Gabriel Fernandez Blasted

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - At a hearing on the reinstatement of Supervising Social Worker Greg Merritt, a judge denied a motion by the County of Los Angeles to stay the order of the Civil Service Commission, thereby forcing the Department of Children and Family Services to reinstate Merritt to County service.

"The lack of oversight by the supervising social worker cost a young boy's innocent life," said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. "The action by the

judge to further block Merritt's termination indicates complete unawareness of the gravity of these mistakes and it further compromises the County's efforts to protect our most vulnerable children."

Merritt, in his capacity as a supervisor, negligently approved the closure of Gabriel Fernandez's case, even with repeated reports of abuse and obvious signs documented in his case file. Following Gabriel's tragic death, four employees of the Department of Children and

Family Services, including Merritt, were discharged. Merritt is the only employee who fought his termination with the Civil Service Commission.

Supervisor Antonovich has also asked Los Angeles County Counsel to provide a status update on the case and additional options the County can pursue to fight the questionable ruling by the judge and the Civil Service Commission. Merritt is being directed to work from home until further notice.

## Los Angeles County Fire Department Shares Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

LOS ANGELES - As temperatures drop and residents look for ways to heat their homes, the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases. The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) is reminding the public about important safety tips to reduce the risk of CO exposure. CO poisoning can occur as a result of a poorly ventilated heater or a CO leak from another source. Symptoms can include nausea, headaches, paralysis and even death. Southland residents should re-

member the following tips to help prevent CO poisoning:

- Never use a gas oven, portable barbeque or range for space heating.
- Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur as a result of a poorly ventilated heater. Have natural gas furnaces checked at least once a year by a licensed heating contractor or gas utility company.
- Have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed in your home.

- Vacuum and clean regularly in and around the furnace, particularly around the burner compartment to prevent a build-up of dust and lint.
- Never store items in, on or around the appliance that can obstruct airflow.
- If you suspect that you or a loved one is suffering from CO poisoning, call 911 immediately.

Visit [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov) for more information on staying safe.

## City of West Covina to Host LA County Parks Needs Assessment

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina in partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation is conducting a comprehensive park and recreation needs assessment. We have taken stock of what we have with existing parks, recreation facilities and open space and what kind of shape they are in, but now we need to know what the residents want! What will make your family and your

neighborhood healthy, happy and out getting physical exercise? Parks are critical for healthy and thriving communities and we would like your input.

Join us on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. for a special meeting of the Community and Senior Services Commission to be held at Cameron Community Center, located at 1305 E. Cameron Avenue across from West Covina High

School. We are looking for answers to questions such as: Where do we most need new parks, recreation facilities or open space? Which parks need repair or expansion? What type of recreation is most needed?

Food and refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at 626-939-8489 or go online at [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org).

## Monrovia Man Arrested for Auto Burglary in Azusa

By George Ogden

AZUSA - A Monrovia man was arrested Sunday by the Azusa police after he had burglarized a vehicle. The man has been identified as Martine Larry Gallardo Jr., 28, who was arrested, Sunday, January 31 around 1:30 PM by the Azusa police.

The Azusa police received a call that a car had been broken

into in the 400 block of N. Azusa Ave. When police arrived, they reviewed some surveillance cameras in the area and found that it was a very recent break-in. Officers searching the area soon spotted the suspect within 30 minutes and arrested him at Foothill Boulevard on Angelo Avenue. A positive identification was made of the suspect from the video which showed him

breaking into the car. He was found to have auto burglary tools in his possession as well as stolen property from the vehicle.

He was arrested for the felony burglary and while in custody, they found that he was wanted also in Monrovia for the same type of crimes. His bail was set at \$20,000 and he has pending court appearances.

## Glendora Police Department Announces Applications Now Being Accepted For The Citizen's Academy Class #32

GLENDORA - The Glendora Police Department is now accepting applications for Class #32 of their Citizen's Academy. The Academy has graduated hundreds of students and is a fun and exciting way to become familiar with the functions of the Glendora Police Department. Classroom time will include introductions to Radar Enforcement, Dispatch, Fraud and Identity Theft, Mock Traffic Stops, K-9, Social Media and

more! The Academy begins Wednesday, March 16th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Police Department and runs for 12 consecutive Wednesday nights. Applications to attend can be picked up at the front counter of the Glendora Police Department located at 150 S. Glendora Avenue or by visiting the website at [www.cityofglendora.org](http://www.cityofglendora.org) or via email to

[ulloa@glendrapd.org](mailto:ulloa@glendrapd.org).

Application deadline is Thursday, March 10th. All applicants must consent to a record and warrant check. Class size is limited to 25 students and is free to those who work or live in the City of Glendora or are students of Citrus College and are at least 18 years of age. For more information, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (626) 914-8268

## Antonovich Applauds Legislation To Halt Natural Gas Injection At Aliso Canyon

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The California State Senate voted unanimously to pass Senate Bill 380, authored by Sen. Fran Pavley, on to the State Assembly.

SB 380 is urgency legislation that seeks a moratorium on natural gas injection into the Aliso Canyon reservoir until strict guidelines and procedures are met. The legislation was introduced in response to the gas leak at the Gas Company's

Aliso Canyon storage facility, where a well has been leaking since late October.

"Today's vote was an important step forward in our effort to ensure the long term safety of the residents of the San Fernando Valley," said Antonovich. "I applaud Senator Pavley for initiating this bipartisan legislation and urge the State Assembly to take immediate action on it."

The legislation restricts the use of 1950's-era wells at the Aliso Canyon facility until their integrity can be verified by the state Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources. It also calls on the state Public Utilities Commission to evaluate whether the entire storage facility can be shut down or severely minimized without affecting gas supplies for the region.

## MTA Explores Express Bus Lines Linking Gold Line Extension To Other Regional Transit Lines

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - On a motion by MTA Directors Michael D. Antonovich, Hilda Solis, Don Knabe, Diane DuBois and John Fasana, the MTA will explore the development of a Metro express bus line linking the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension with other transit lines in the San Gabriel Valley and Gateway Cities subregions to improve regional connectivity and access for commuters.

The lines include the El Monte Busway station; Metrolink San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange County Lines; Gold Line Eastside Extension, Long Beach Airport, and the Metro Green Line.

MTA CEO Phillip Washington will also develop a working group with the Councils of Government, stakeholder jurisdictions, Metro Service Councils and municipal operators within the San Gabriel Valley

and Gateway Cities to provide input into the development of this service concept.

Initiated by Supervisor Antonovich, this service would complement the new Metro express service linking the Gold Line in Pasadena to Glendale, Burbank, North Hollywood, and Bob Hope Airport which will launch March 1, 2016 in advance of the Gold Line Foothill Extension opening on March 5, 2016.

## Assembly Majority Floor Leader Chris Holden Introduces Legislation to Protect Children with Autism

SACRAMENTO - Assembly Majority Floor Leader Chris Holden introduced legislation, AB 1715, that protects children with autism and other individuals receiving behavior analytic services. The bill ensures that only qualified professionals can provide this vulnerable population with quality care.

"As health plans are now mandated to cover behavioral treatment for autism, demand for applied behavior analysis services has significantly increased," said Assembly Majority Floor Leader Chris Holden. "Given the increase, we must protect autistic children, as well as others who can benefit from behavior analytic services, from those who falsely claim that they

are qualified to practice behavior analysis."

According to Autism Speaks, a world leading science and advocacy organization dedicated to treating autism, intensive applied behavior analysis treatment - designed and supervised by a qualified professional behavior analyst - can produce meaningful improvements in the overall functioning of young children with autism. Alternatively, studies have shown that early behavioral interventions by unqualified individuals produced little to no improvements in young children with autism.

"At present there are no laws that clearly require that individuals document and demonstrate training and competence in ap-

plied behavior analysis in order to practice in this state, and no entity within California that has legal authority to directly regulate the practice of applied behavior analysis," said Matt McCleary, Executive Director for California Association of Behavior Analysis.

By creating a regulatory structure to license behavior analysis professionals under the existing Board of Psychology, AB 1715 aims to give consumers the same level of protection as other similar professions that are licensed and regulated in California. The bill will require applicants for licensure to meet specified education, experience, and certification requirements.

## Hernández Bill to Enhance Program for Low-Income Commuters Moves Forward

*AB 620 Aims to Provide Congestion Relief to All Commuters*

SACRAMENTO - The Assembly Floor passed AB 620 by Assemblyman Roger Hernández (D - West Covina). The bill, in partnership with LA METRO, requires the agency to increase their efforts to improve the low-income assistance program for commuters of limited financial means.

While the current outcomes being achieved by the LA METRO Low-Income Assistance Program are disappointing, AB 620 renews the focus and awareness of the agency to double down on their efforts with a more focused program design.

For example, to date, 8,877

households are enrolled in the low-income assistance program out of over 450,000 Express Lane accounts. Applications for the program can be submitted by mail or at one of two walk-in centers in the whole county.

"It is important to ensure greater opportunities for enrollment by low-income commuters into the Low-Income Assistance Program," said Assemblymember Roger Hernández.

Toll lanes are an important tool for transportation congestion management, but unfortunately toll lanes can also have a disproportionate impact on low-

income commuters. Economic studies show that the biggest burden on family incomes is the cost of housing and transportation.

A report by Smart Growth America found that transportation is the second largest expense for American households, costing more than food, clothing, or health care.

"I am glad LA METRO has removed its opposition to AB 620. I look forward to working with the LA METRO Board to better assist low-income commuters' gain more access to the Express Lanes," stated Assemblyman Roger Hernández.

# How Would You Like To Make Room In Your Closet And Make Prom Dreams Come True?

My Sister's Closet is a community project that collects gently used, special occasion dresses that will be given to local girls in the community so that they are able to attend their prom. The Azusa Unified School District, Azusa Pacific University, the Assistance Outreach League of Covina and the Azusa/Glendoria Soroptimists are collaborating to reduce the financial stress by providing these dresses at NO COST to any young lady who plans on attending her high school prom. Silvana Cavazos, program coordinator for the Azusa Unified School Districts Family Resource Center created this program to help girls participate in all the activities that make their high school experience fun without worrying about how they would pay for a dress. "I was lucky to have 4 sisters to share clothes. My family, like many, was struggling to make ends meet without the extras

like prom" says Cavazos. "I realized that I, like many others I knew, had special occasion clothing that could be put to good use. My hope is that girls will come to this event and not only take a dress but also that they will feel good about the experience and encourage their friends to do the same."

Donations sites are located at the Azusa Unified School District Family Resource Center located off of Citrus and Gladstone, 546 S. Citrus Avenue, Azusa and Azusa Pacific University Social Department at 901 E. Alosta Avenue in Azusa at the School of Behavioral and Applied Science. Additional in-

formation can be found at our website: <http://sites.google.com/site/mysistersclosetazusa/>

Donations are not limited to formal dresses. Jewelry, shoes, wraps, new make up, hair accessories and evening bags are also appreciated. The dress giveaway event will take place at the Azusa Pacific University on Saturday, March 19, 2016 with two sessions; the first one begins at 9:00 a.m. Girls must register to attend this free event, no walk-ins will be accepted. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Silvana A. Cavazos at (626) 732-8032 at the Azusa Unified School District.

## West Covina Police in Pursuit of Stolen Car Arrest Gang Member

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - a West Covina police officer used great restraint and his training basically saved the life of a suspect in which the officer could have easily used lethal force to kill the suspect.

An El Monte gang member was being pulled over around 7:20 AM for a traffic violation by a West Covina police officer. Instead of yielding to the police officer, the suspect sped away which led to a pursuit of the vehicle and the suspect. When the suspect got to Pacific and Puente avenues, he ran from the vehicle. At that point, the foot pursuit was on. While the officer was yelling orders to the suspect to stop, he saw that the subject had his hand in his waistband. Soon the suspect pulled out a semiautomatic hand pistol and turned in the direction of the officer. At that point, the suspect threw the weapon

into a yard and continued to run.

The actions of the suspect, appeared that he did not want to shoot at the officer, but to just get rid of the weapon. However, the actions of the suspect nearly cost him his life. The officer had the opportunity to take evasive action and action to protect himself. This is where the training kicked in and the police officer held up on firing at the suspect.

The suspect has been identified as parolee Andrew Cuevas, 23. The suspect was arrested for the stolen vehicle, a felon in possession of a firearm, evading police, and for violating his parole. The suspect has an extensive arrest record and is being held without bail.

The vehicle that the suspect was driving had actually been stolen earlier in the morning and the owner had not known it was gone.

## Letters to the Editor

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### Whittier Narrows In Peril

*"It is time that we recognize your history (native people) and that we protect your indigenous lands from corporate interests and people that are out there to exploit them. It is time that we heard your voice and protected this planet for future generations"* - **Leonardo DiCaprio, Golden Globe Awards.**

The Whittier Narrows Nature Center and Sanctuary is sacred to the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians, Kizh Nation. The Kizh are the confirmed original tribe of the Los Angeles/Orange County basins. This sensitive area is on schedule to be desecrated. The site is registered

with the Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Site Inventory. This area is the site of the former village of Houtgna. The natural area is well known to Audubon enthusiasts for the migrating birds.

The Nature Center would be razed for an 18,000-square-foot Discovery Center, a 102-vehicle parking lot and a makeshift pond. The Kizh have openly voiced their opposition to the location, not the concept. We have gone before the Discovery Center Authority and have met with county officials to no avail. The former duck farm has been suggested on numer-

ous occasions as an acceptable alternative.

Ironically, Discovery Center proponents feel it is necessary to destroy nature to preserve the concept. The proponents will argue they have the support of several school districts and conservancy groups. But they have not been open to the public about the project. I encourage everyone to contact the Board of Supervisors and the Discovery Center Authority to reconsider the destruction.

**Henry Pedregon  
Kizh Tribe, Gabrieleno Band  
Hacienda Heights**

## Citrus College Recognized as National Leader, Will Compete for Prestigious Award

**GLENDORA** - Citrus College has been named one of the top 150 community colleges in the United States by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. As such, it will be competing for the organization's prestigious \$1 million Aspen Prize for Excellence.

The prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges. This is the second consecutive invitation to compete that Citrus College has received.

"It is an incredible honor for Citrus College to once again be recognized by the Aspen Institute," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Citrus College superintendent/president.

"The organization's College Excellence Program works to identify practices and policies that significantly improve student outcomes. By naming Citrus College as one of the nation's top community colleges, the Institute validates our outstanding record of degree completion

and student success."

According to the Aspen Institute, Citrus College was selected from a national pool of more than 1,000 public two-year colleges based on an assessment of institutional performance, improvement, and equity. As one of the top 150 community colleges, Citrus College will submit a formal application for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Excellence.

After all of the nominees submit their applications, a committee of higher education experts will select 10 colleges to advance to the next round of the competition. The Institute will then conduct site visits and collect information to determine a winner. The \$1 million prize will be presented in early 2017.

The purpose of the Aspen Prize is to recognize institutions that have experienced exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students.

"Community colleges have tremendous power to change lives, and their success will increasingly define our nation's economic strength and the potential for social mobility in our country," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program in a press release. "This competition is designed to spot-

light the excellent work being done in the most effective community colleges, those that best help students obtain meaningful, high-quality education and training for competitive-wage jobs after college. We hope it will raise the bar and provide a roadmap to better student outcomes for community colleges nationwide."

Citrus College's nomination is the newest addition to a long list of institutional accomplishments. In recent months, the college has been named one of the nation's top degree and certificate producing two-year institutions by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education and Community College Week magazines. In addition, more than 2,500 associate degrees and 1,200 certificates were awarded to the Citrus College Class of 2015.

"The Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence is one of the most prestigious community college competitions in the nation. Being invited to participate is a great honor for Citrus College that was made possible by the college community's commitment to completion," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Recognitions such as this inspire us even more to continue our efforts to increase the numbers of students who meet their academic goals."

## Free SAT Workshop Presented by Glendora Public Library

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The workshop will provide tips on how to prepare for the SAT test, as well as presentations on the math, reading and writing sections of the test. SAT practice materials will be pro-

vided, please bring a graphing calculator and pencil. Lunch will be provided for all participants.

You can register for the SAT Workshop at the Glendora Public Library or by calling (626) 852-4891. This workshop is

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# Yes, We Do Need Religion— Part One

Yes, we do need religion, but that is only a partial answer. But what kind of religion do we want? I'm not talking about a particular doctrinal system or religious organization, but what lies underneath any religion when it is whole, healthy and a blessing. I will be spelling out my answer to the second half of the question this week and next.

I will exclude from these conversations the sort of religiosity that has generated much of the world's violence, heartache, war and division. These are the fundamentalisms that have blighted the earth wherever or in whatever form they have appeared.

Next week I will discuss some specific clues as to the sort of religion we still need. This week I want to lay on your imagination an approach to the question in the form of a few



Charles H. Bayer

loosely translated poems I have recently come upon. They are from the Sufi poet, Hafiz, who lived in Persia in the last half of the 14th century. I offer these bits of wisdom without further comment. If they speak to you, good. For me they describe why I believe we not only still need religion, but point to the foundations of religion without which the world would be bereft.

*The small man Builds cages for everyone He Knows. While the sage, Who has to duck his head When the moon is low, Keeps dropping keys all night long For the Beautiful Rowdy Prisoners.*

*Leave the familiar for a while. Let your senses and bodies stretch out Like a welcomed season Onto the meadows and shores and hills.*

*Open up to the Roof. Make a new water-mark on your excitement And love.*

*Like a blooming night flower Bestow your vital fragrance of happiness And giving Upon our intimate assembly. Change rooms in your mind for a day. All the hemispheres in existence Lie beside an equator In your heart. Greet*

*Yourself In your thousand other forms As you mount the hidden tide and travel Back home. All the hemispheres in heaven Are sitting around a fire Chatting While stitching themselves together Into the Great Circle inside of You.*

*I Have Learned So much from God That I can no longer Call Myself A Christian, a Hindu, a Muslim, a Buddhist, a Jew.*

*The Truth has shared so much of Itself With me That I can no longer call myself A man, a woman, an angel, Or even a pure Soul.*

*Love has Befriended Hafiz so completely It has turned to ash And freed Me of every concept and image My mind has ever known*

*Resist your temptation to lie*

*By speaking of separation from God, Otherwise, We might have to medicate You. In the ocean A lot goes on beneath your eyes.*

*Listen, They have clinics there too For the insane Who persist in saying things like: "I am independent from the Sea"*

*God is not always around Gently Pressing against us.*

*Love wants to reach out and manhandle us, Break all our teacup talk of God.*

*If you had the courage and Could give the Beloved His choice, some nights, He would just drag you around the room By your hair. Ripping from your grip all those toys in the world That bring you no joy.*

*Love sometimes gets tired of speaking sweetly And wants to rip to shreds All your erroneous notions of truth That make you fight within yourself, dear one, And with others, Causing the world to weep On too many fine days.*

*God wants to manhandle us, Lock us inside of a tiny room with Himself And practice His dropkick.*

*The Beloved sometimes wants To do us a great favor: Hold us upside down And shake all the nonsense out. But when we hear He is in such a "playful drunken mood" Most everyone I know Quickly packs their bags and hightails it Out of town*

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## Define Fair in Mandatory Minimum Wage Hikes

By Lois M. Shade  
Former Mayor of Glendora

We have two initiatives proposed for a vote for the November ballot that could affect small business owners and the state general fund and those government agencies that depend on a healthy revenue source from the general fund. Voters should give these proposals a hard look before casting their vote if they make it to the ballot by gathering enough signatures. And, remember FAIR is considering the impacts on all sides - employees and employers.

The first, "The Fair Wage Act of 2016," being proposed and supported by Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) acknowledges the minimum wage in California has already been adjusted to \$10 an hour as of January 1, 2016 but proposes to continually increase the minimum wage by a \$1 annually over 4 years until it reaches \$15 an hour by 2021. Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and State Assemblyman Roger Hernandez both support this initiative as well as State Controller Betty Yee.

The second proposal, "Raise California's Wage and Paid Sick Days Act of 2016," provides annual increases for employers with 26 or more employees annually until it reaches \$15 by 2020. If that employer has 25

or fewer employees they are required to reach the minimum wage of \$15 by 2021. This initiative would also require a minimum of 48 hours or 6 days of annual paid sick leave and as of 2018 would apply minimum sick leave provisions to in-home support services. Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom also supports this measure.

Both measures would require an annual adjustment each year after 2021 based on the California Consumer Price Index.

The Legislative Analyst Office and Department of Finance have issued about the same financial analysis/impact statement that would occur if both or one of these initiatives passes.

"Change in annual state and local tax revenues potentially ranging from a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars to a gain of more than \$1 billion. Changes in state revenues would affect required state budget reserves, debt payments, and funding for schools and community colleges. Increase in state and local government spending totaling billions of dollars per year."

When AB 1439 (Alejo) was introduced 3/29/12, Department of Finance opposed the bill because:

- Increases would occur automatically without considering economic factors

- Increased cost to businesses still trying to recover from the recession

When SB 3 (Leno) was proposed on 3/11/15, to increase minimum wage to \$11 an hour beginning on January 1, 2016, the Department of Finance opposed and said:

Although the state would save some money on lower provision of benefits under some state funded programs, the increased expenses from paying state workers would more than offset those gains.

Within the current proposed initiatives are the arguments:

- Minimum wage today is worth less than it was 50 years ago.

- Raising the minimum wage will increase the earnings of many Medi-Cal recipients, making them eligible for federal subsidies on California's health benefit exchange, saving the State millions of dollars a year in Medi-Cal costs.

- LAO says a person's income is a determining factor to receive services, not just medical but CalWORKS and others, and the way those costs are shared among federal, state and county governments, suggesting the state could save more money with these initiatives.

- Raising the minimum wage will boost economic activity and increase sales and income taxes. The Employment Policies In-

stitute website is a good read for those interested in checking out the impacts of minimum wage increases, and, in part, says regarding California's recent January 2016 increase to \$10 an hour:

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom is running for governor in 2018 and proudly campaigning on a \$15 minimum wage statewide, pointing to the policy's so-called

success in San Francisco ...

Look no further than San Francisco's restaurant industry, which has been hit hard by the \$15 minimum wage that passed in November 2014 and is currently phasing in. Abbot's Cellar, once one of the city's top 100 restaurants, closed its doors earlier this year and cited the minimum-wage hike as a determining factor. For Source, a

now-shuttered vegetarian restaurant, the increased labor costs were the "nail in its coffin"...

As the owner of Roosevelt Tamale Parlor, a popular Mexican eatery that went out of business recently, put it, "There's only so much you can charge for tamales."

Again, one has to ask - What's FAIR?

## The War on Truth and Reality

By Don Ingwerson

"What is truth?" asked Pilate during the trial of Jesus before his tragically unjust crucifixion.

Jesus was subsequently put to death - not because Pilate found fault with Jesus' answer, but because the public were stirred into rejecting what Jesus understood to be true.

Today, global warming, health care, and evolution are just a few of the topics that stir impassioned arguments about what is or isn't true. As the presidential debates heat up and different candidates share their vision for the future, they try to convince members of the public to share their perception of truth, often illustrating the huge gaps that exist between individuals and groups in what they hold to be true and in what data they use to justify their position.

Meanwhile, in everyday life the rest of us try to hold on to our most cherished ideas, and the longer an idea is held at the core of a person's belief system, the more it becomes the truth to him. These beliefs about what is truth are becoming more important to our existence as these beliefs shape how we behave and solve issues. Outlining what is truth based on incomplete data is of limited value today and tomorrow.

So answering the question of "what is truth?" continues to be more than just an academic exercise. Each of us, as individuals, constantly needs to judge between competing views of truth that can meet the test of reality - even when the results of this truth are not physically seen.

Academics have certainly taken on this subject. William James, MD, and former President of Harvard University, defined truth as whatever works. Dr. Irving Oyle, in his article "A Medical Doctor Diagnoses Reality," shares the idea that what you think creates your world. And UC Berkeley's Ian L. Mitroff has stated, "Reality used to be nothing but all the hard stuff in the outside world that we bumped up against every day of our lives. And, truth was nothing more than all the true facts that were known about the external world. We don't live in this simple world any more. Reality and truth are more complicated than ever."

But is the complication caused by where we look for truth? Could the problem be that we are trying to find truth in what we see, hear, touch, taste, and feel, when it is actually something more profound?

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, thought so. She was a deep spiritual thinker who came to understand that divine consciousness - our connection to God - was what defined reality. She based her conclusions on a premise that God created all and made all good, which she demonstrated in a healing practice that drew from the example of Jesus and echoed his early followers. Building from this spiritual basis, Eddy concluded that reality is the infinite manifestation of infinite Mind (another name for God).

That might seem like revolutionary thinking. However, the present advanced scientific theories are also discovering re-

ality is more metaphysical than physical. Which begs the question, is truth itself changing or is our view changing?

Comments from Dr. Laurance Doyle, quantum physics professor, point to the latter.

"Material medicine claims to be scientific, but the premises upon which it builds are actually outdated in terms of the modern foundations of current scientific thinking. It may come as a bit of a surprise, but current scientific thinking about the nature of matter, consciousness and reality have been migrating closer and closer toward the premises already laid down in the teachings of Christian Science," he said in his "Revelation, Reason, and Demonstration" talk held last fall in Ohio.

Over the years I've found that striving to understand and live in the light of this view of spiritual reality brings consciousness into a healthier sphere, leading to tangible healing. The inner battle to perceive what's spiritually true has very practical consequences.

So what answer would you give today, if a modern-day Pilate asked you, "What is truth?"

Don lives in Laguna Beach with his wife and they are both Christian Science practitioners. He brings his years serving the public in education to his work as a liaison of Christian Science, where he maintains contacts with the media and legislative offices. Don blogs on health and spirituality and you can read more at [www.csinsocal.com](http://www.csinsocal.com).

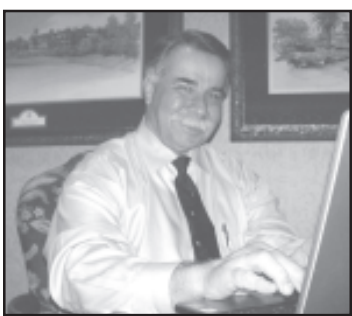
## Difficult Time for Businesses With the Minimum Wage

With the recent increase in minimum wage, it makes it difficult for many businesses to operate at a profit. It doesn't matter if it is a mom-and-pop company, or a large company. There are some states that are still paying in the five dollar bracket as a minimum wage.

In the next couple of years, the minimum wage will be \$15 per hour. What I cannot understand is how our government can force anyone to pay a certain amount of money for a job done. A seven dollar an hour job for doing next to nothing, they are forced to pay them \$10 an hour and soon \$15 an hour. That is just not right.

There was a time that I hired disabled victims of crime and disabled veterans to work a couple of hours per day. It was a simple job where they simply packaged up a product, seal it, and put a label on it to get it ready for mailing. They could do this while watching television if they wanted to. It was a job you could do at home on your couch while kicking back watching the tube.

For me, this allowed me some extra time. And the best part was, this allowed some extra money for those that were



George Ogden

*That's just the way it is!*

disabled because of a crime or their military service. I spread this around so they could get a few hours of work and a few extra bucks.

My profit margin was low, but the volume of sales made it profitable a few years ago. When it came time to pay \$10 an hour. This basically killed any profit that I made. Sadly, I can no longer use these friends that I have used for so long to help out. Yes I know I can still pay them the same and not say anything, but I don't want to take the chance. I can simply do this on my own time now, and make a little profit.

This extra cost will be passed on to the consumer. Remember that \$.99 hamburger? It is now \$2.99. Isn't that really sad?

Many of the unions have realized that they are responsible

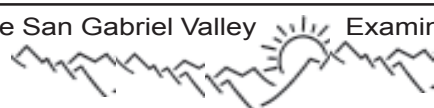
for putting many people out of work because of their high demands regarding wages and benefits. Larger companies have decided to invest in automation which eliminates employees. This can keep their prices down and after the equipment is paid for it allows them to have a profit.

Many mom-and-pop businesses that had a couple of employees will soon be closing down, if they have not already.

The elderly and those on fixed incomes will become the victims of these pay increases that are demanded by our government. I feel that if I offer a job that is worth six dollars an hour and someone would like to do that job for six dollars an hour, then that should be our business and not the business of the state and federal governments as well as the county governments. If I could afford to pay \$20 an hour for that same six dollars an hour job, it should be my prerogative.

So to those friends that have helped me for so long I want to thank you as I bid you farewell. I am sorry, but I cannot operate a business at a loss.

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



## No Surprises From The FOMC Meeting

The Fed did not raise rates last Wednesday, which was no surprise to anyone on Wall Street. But they did use the statement to update their views on the economy and policy.

The highlights:

**\*Keeping a March rate hike on the table:** The forward guidance was identical to December's. "The Committee expects that economic conditions will evolve in a manner that will warrant only gradual increases in the federal funds rate; the federal funds rate is likely to remain, for some time, below levels that are expected to prevail in the longer run. However, the actual path of the federal funds rate will depend on the economic outlook as informed by incoming data."

**\*The inflation outlook was downgraded near term,** but the Fed stuck to its medium-term 2% inflation forecast.

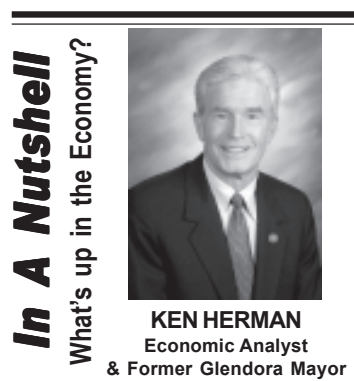
**\*The Fed is watching markets:** "The Committee is closely monitoring global economic and financial developments and is assessing their implications for the labor market and inflation, and for the balance of risks to the outlook."

**\*The Fed is not concerned about the Q4 slowdown:** The Fed emphasized labor-market improvement over the Q4 economic slowdown.

The Fed decided to leave rates on hold while reassuring traders by indicating they are aware of recent market volatility and problems in overseas economies. But traders were not reassured. Stocks and commodities continue to be volatile, while the flight into the safety of Treasuries continued. Here are three ideas that did not make it into the post-FOMC meeting but have been on the minds of traders on Wall Street:

1. **The balance of risks shifted.** In December, the Fed indicated risks to the forecast were balanced. In January, the assurance of balance was gone and the Fed indicated it would monitor markets and overseas economic development in case they affect US growth or inflation. Think of it as an implicit warning the balance of risks is negative, the equivalent of a bond being on negative credit watch.

2. **Maybe March should have been ruled out.** The FOMC is determined to raise



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

rates 3-5 times this year, and they are reluctant to let a quarter slip by without a rate hike. But refusing to make a decision about March may have been a tactical blunder. With assurance of no hike in March, global equities might have rallied 5-10%, maybe more. As it is, traders are aware rising markets would be an invitation to hike, putting them in a catch-22 situation.

3. **The Fed may be getting the neutral rate wrong already.** The Fed thinks the neutral rate—one that results in credit growth conducive to stable inflation—was negative at the end of last year. But the Fed is considering tightening because they think it is going to rise to 1-1.5% by year end. But what if it continues to fall? It's a very real possibility, at least internationally, as credit is contracting at a pace last seen in the depths of the Great Recession, according to the latest Dept. of Commerce data.

The idea that neutral rates would rapidly increase this year is based on a model which—like the Fed's inflation model—always sees a return to pre-Great Recession norms in the two to three year medium term. The Fed seems oblivious to the fact that its confidence in these models has been misplaced for years. Oblivious confidence in a broken model is one reason markets are defying the Fed's confidence now.

The Fed still has credibility in the sense that most people believe the FOMC has good intentions and enough backbone to back up its intentions. But the Fed's forecasting ability has zero credibility at this stage. Market expectations have been out of alignment with the Fed's since Yellen became Chair. The Fed's inflation forecast that stands behind the neutral rate and interest rate forecast is no longer believable. Current Federal Reserve members have lost

a certain degree of credibility with Wall Street.

This is very much a steady-as-she-goes Fed statement suggesting the FOMC is not yet particularly concerned about global and/or market developments, but that the committee will at least consider these developments in terms of their potential impact on inflation and growth before raising rates.

Looking ahead to March, we find ourselves in the odd position that the Fed is almost certain to hike if markets stabilize in the next month and half, but might not hike if markets continue to slide. How can stocks and commodities possibly rally in response to that message? By the way, you know the Fed is causing consternation when a more-hawkish-than-expected Fed statement causes the long end of the US Treasury market to fall in yield.

**Q4 GDP UP JUST 0.7%, REFLECTING ACROSS-THE-BOARD WEAKNESS**

Real GDP growth in the fourth quarter slowed to 0.7%, expectation on The Street was 0.8%. This reflected slower consumption growth, falling exports, rising imports and an outright decline in business investment. Inventory growth fell, too, but it is a mistake to blame inventories for the weakness, as the Fed did in their statement following the FOMC meeting last week. Final sales (GDP ex-inventories) grew just 1.2%. Growth in Q4 was sluggish across the board.

The Fed focused on weak inventories in 2015 as a reason for hope for faster growth in 2016. They are likely right in the sense that inventories are unlikely to weigh on GDP as much this year as last. But consumption is weakening despite cheap energy, business investment is falling off and foreign trade is a drag. In other words, all components of private-sector growth are flashing warning signs. Forget inventories, these are the trends policy makers should be focused on.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Maybe the Fed should rethink this whole tightening thing.

**LIVE LOCAL, SHOP LOCAL – THIS IS THE TIME OUR MERCHANTS NEED US**

*I welcome your questions and comments: kenherman46@hotmail.com*

## BOE Chairman Announces Billions In Federal and Millions in State Tax Credits

**Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day Puts Spotlight on Available Refunds**

In honor of the 10th annual Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day, Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton announces free income tax preparation service events. These events help seniors and low- to moderate-income working families claim up to \$6,242 in federal credits and up to \$2,653 in state EITC. Last year, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granted 27.5 million taxpayers about \$66.7 billion in tax relief. This year, California has a new state EITC and has allocated \$384 million

in refundable credits to help alleviate poverty. In order to claim the money, taxpayers must file their state and federal tax returns.

In partnership with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, California universities, community colleges, tax professionals, and other state agencies, Chairman Horton is presenting Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Resource Fairs in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. In addition to helping taxpayers claim their refundable tax credit(s), these events will aim to help

people manage their money, and reduce their utility, phone and insurance bills.

"Join us at one of the Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Resource Fairs, where certified tax preparers will help seniors and low- to moderate-income working families claim this free refundable tax credit," said Chairman Horton. "The first event takes place on **February 13**, at California State University, Dominguez Hills. To learn more visit my VITA website."

## County Assessor Jeffrey Prang Highlights First Year Accomplishments In Report

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang released his One Year Report. The One Year Report highlights Assessor Prang's priorities and achievements during his first year in office.

To read the One Year Report, visit the Los Angeles County Assessor office website at: <http://assessor.lacounty.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2016/01/Assessor-One-Year-Report.pdf>

"This is my first report to the public on the significant progress we have made in the year since I was sworn-in as Assessor," said Assessor Prang. "I promised the residents of this County that I would improve the operations of my Office, increase transparency and accountability, and adhere to the highest ethical standards. The future looks bright as we move into the New Year."

The One Year Report focuses on Assessor Prang's pri-

orities, which are (1) open data and technology modernization; (2) public access and responsiveness; (3) community partnerships and public education; and (4) ethics, public accountability, and work culture. The One Year Report details how these priorities are being addressed, provides an outline on what the Assessor plans to embark on in the coming year, and showcases how these changes will benefit the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

## Financial - Ask Julia

*We've come to the conclusion that we can afford life insurance OR long-term care insurance, but not both. What do you recommend?*

There are life insurance policies that can also cover your long-term care needs in the future. Often these policies not only leave your heirs an inheritance upon your death, but also give you access to some of the money while you are alive. There are also annuities which have living benefits for expenses such as health, emergencies, retirement income, education, entertainment, and more.

*How can I reduce the anticipated amount of my tax bill?*

You have until April 15, 2016 to take action. If you qualify, (mostly based on income limits), you might consider putting up to \$5,000 (\$6,000 if you are 50 or older) into an IRA (Individual Retirement Account). (Roth IRA's don't give you an upfront tax break.) Some lower-income taxpayers might qualify for a Retirement Savers Tax Credit. Note that a tax credit has a lot more impact on your tax bill than a tax deduction.

*My tax bracket went from 15% to 25% because of my investment earnings. I don't need those earnings at this time. Is there a way to get back into the 15% bracket? My CPA suggests I get a mortgage on my paid-off house so I can write off the interest. This is not something I want to do. Is there another way to lower my tax bracket?*



**Julia Yoder**

Financing a paid-off home in order to get the mortgage-interest write-off is throwing your money away. First of all, it takes time to recover the costs involved in getting a mortgage. Secondly, if you work out the math, you would be paying roughly \$2 - \$3 per \$1 of mortgage-interest deduction. You'd be better off to just pay the tax. Since you do not need the investment earnings, you could reposition your investment dollars into a tax-deferred product. That way, you'll only pay taxes on the earnings when you decide to use the money.

*What are the different retirement accounts, and which one(s) are best?*

There are traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, 401(k)s, Simple IRAs, SEP IRAs, Solo 401(k)s, and Roth 401(k)s. With some, you contribute as a deduction from your wages through a company your employer has selected. With others, you contribute directly through an institution, usually a bank or insurance company. There are pro's and con's of each type of

account, so determination of which one(s) you qualify to utilize, and which of those are best for you, comes down to an individual, educated choice.

*What's currently happening in the real estate world?*

Good news for sellers: median housing prices have returned to the 2008 pre-crash values, and inventory (number of houses available to purchase) is low. Good news for buyers - interest rates are still very low and lending is becoming less hard to obtain. Bad news for buyers - low inventory (not enough houses are available to purchase). If your retirement plans were put on hold because of the drop in value of your California home, now's the time to dust off those plans and reconsider selling. Get a free market analysis from a trusted Realtor or two. (Don't just trust Zillow, etc.)

**Got a question? Ask Julia by email:**

Email questions and comments to: [juliayoder@yahoo.com](mailto:juliayoder@yahoo.com)

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# THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

## Marking Up Parts

I am often asked why auto repair shops markup parts. The fact is, all retailers markup product. Yes, you may be able to find the part at a lower cost on Amazon or your local junk yard but Amazon and the local junkyard aren't responsible for the quality of the part nor do they offer a warranty on the part.

The responsible auto repair shop insists on quality parts for their customers. "Safety first" really does matter to us! I have seen "do it yourselfers" put cheap parts on their cars...and then a month later they are busy

replacing the cheap part with yet another cheap part. That isn't smart financially and it isn't really safe.

What is included in the parts markup?

- A warranty that each shop sets (there is no such thing as a standard warranty, shops set the warranty time as they see fit). Some shops have a six month warranty, others like us have a three year warranty.

- An expert installing the part that is trained in your make of car.

- A shop that takes responsibility if the part fails.

There are industry standards for parts markup so rest assured you are not getting "ripped off." The markup may vary slightly from shop to shop and dealer to dealer depending on the value offered but never excessively.

Savvy consumers, of course, want value, not a cheap price, because they know it pays off in the long run.

*Please call us with any questions at 626-963-0814 or visit our website at*

*[www.CertifiedAutoCA.com](http://www.CertifiedAutoCA.com)*

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## Housing Rights Center Helps Tenant Come Home For The Holidays

**LOS ANGELES** — In 2015, the Housing Rights Center (HRC) provided critical services to over 20,000 residents. For the Rivera family, HRC's services may have helped save the life of their very ill child.

The Rivera's Los Angeles rent controlled apartment was in poor condition when the family moved in 28 years earlier and had not received any updates since that time. When their 15 year old son Osvaldo was diagnosed with high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia, he received several rounds of cancer fighting medications and ultimately was able to receive a bone marrow transplant. However, his rigorous medical treatment and regimen detrimentally impacted his already weakened immune system, making him susceptible to more illnesses.

Due to the apartment's cockroach and rodent infestation,

mold, dust, lack of hot water and general dilapidation, Osvaldo's health care provider would not release him from the hospital to return home. A clinical social worker contacted HRC for assistance requesting a reasonable accommodation to have the owner make necessary repairs to their apartment, based on Osvaldo's disability. The social worker stated that Osvaldo could not be discharged from the hospital because they would be discharging him to a "tremendously dangerous and life-threatening home environment."

The property owner refused to make the repairs, even after Osvaldo's doctor confirmed that his severely compromised immune system would be very vulnerable to bacterial, viral, and fungal infections, and that an infection of this nature following a bone marrow transplant could be life-threatening. HRC

contacted the owner and he eventually relented. The owner fixed the habitability issues by replacing the hot water heater, kitchen counter, sink and fixtures, applying fresh paint, retiling the floor, sealing holes and windows, and getting rid of the roach and vermin infestation.

Osvaldo was finally released from the hospital, and celebrated Christmas at home with his family.

HRC investigates over 1,600 housing discrimination complaints annually and assists over 17,000 individuals with their housing-related concerns. Individuals who believe they are victims of housing discrimination or who have questions about the fair housing laws are encouraged to contact HRC for additional information at 1-800-477-5977 (voice) or 213-201-0867 (TTY).

# Around the Valley & Senior News

## AZUSA

### 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

### 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

### Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our **February 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 speaker will be Fred Clarke on Australian Dendrobiums. Refreshments. We welcome everyone with an interest in orchids!

### 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.

## Arcadia Senior Services Nominations for 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year

ARCADIA - Nomination forms are available at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive and the Recreation Department office, 375 Campus Drive for the 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year! Do you know someone who is:

- 55+ years of age or older
  - A current resident of Arcadia for a minimum of one year
  - Have made contributions to better the Arcadia Community
  - Not previously a recipient of the award
- If so, please stop by one of

mation call 626-281-6771.

## COVINA

### T Is For Technology

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department - Library Services Division is having Mad Science return for Shocktaacular! In this show, electric based experiments will literally make your hair stand up. Children will get hands-on experience with inventors' Robert Jemison Van der Graff and Nikola Tesla contributions to science. This will take place on Saturday, **February 13**, from 2-3p.m. All family events are sponsored by The Friends of the Covina Public Library and are inspired by books, learning and entertainment! All events are first-come, first-served basis. Participants may begin to lining up outside the Community Room no earlier than one-half hour prior to the performance or event. For more information, please call (626) 384-5303.

### 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.

### Class Instructors Wanted

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is looking for Class Instructors. Do you have a special talent or skill that you would like to share with your community? Why not teach a class? We are looking for certified or trained instructors to help enrich our class program. Can you teach a foreign language, musical instrument, preschool academics, vocal, health and wellness, or dance? Submit an instructor proposal today! For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

### Scrapbooking Club

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department - Senior Services Division is excited about the Scrapbooking Club for adults age 50+. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Covina Joslyn Center, 815 N. Barranca Avenue.

For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

these locations or log onto the City's website at [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov) and download the nomination criteria and nomination form. Recipient of the award will be honored at the Arcadia Rotary Club Salute to Seniors Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, at the Arcadia Community Center.

Nomination forms must be submitted to Candice Cheung, Recreation Supervisor, by Friday, **February 26** by 5:30pm. For more information, please call 626.821.4374.

## City Of Glendora February Trips

GLENDORA - Registration is available online. Glendora residents registering online will receive a \$5 discount on prices listed. In-person registration is at the La Fetra Center, 333 East Foothill Blvd., Glendora. For more information, please call (626) 914-8235.

**The Getty Center Museum**  
This Active day trip is on Tuesday, **February 9**, 9:30am - 5:00pm. The fee is \$20.

A visit to this outstanding and beautiful museum which is featuring an exhibit of 15th & 16th century handwoven tapestries

from the "Sun King's" court in France. See all the other exhibits and enjoy lunch at the café or bring your own.

**"PASSAGES" - A Traveling Bible History Exhibit**

This Moderate day trip is on Thursday, **February 18**, 9:00am - 5:00pm. The fee is \$35.

A self-guided tour of over 400 items of biblical antiquities. Including interactive displays of the Caves of Qumran and the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey, Working replica of Gutenberg Press.

## Bridge

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department - Senior Services Division invites seniors for a friendly game of Bridge. Games will take place at Joslyn Center, 815 N. Barranca Avenue at 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday. A fee of \$1 will be required to participate. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

### Water Efficient Landscaping

The Friendship Garden Club will have a special program on Thursday, **February 25th**. Elena Layugan from The Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District will speak about "Water Efficient Landscaping." All of the club's events are open to the public at no cost, once a month.

We meet inside The Covina Woman's Clubhouse, located in Old Town Covina, 128 S. San Jose, Covina, one block south of Badillo, between Citrus and Barranca.

We will meet early at 11:00 am for a jewelry and accessory sale. The business meeting begins at noon, then our program and finishing with a lovely TEA.

For questions please contact Jeanette Gulli, Program Chairman at 909-599-1904, [jhgulli@verizon.net](mailto:jhgulli@verizon.net).

## DUARTE

### Youth Boxing Program

Youth Boxing is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable coaches are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing, while developing footwork, speed and upper body strength. The training program will also help children gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

### 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.

### 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.

Lunch on your own nearby in Santa Clarita.

**Oh Canada - A Musical Tribute To Canadian Singers**

This Easy day trip is on Wednesday, **February 24**, 9:30am - 6:00pm. The fee is \$45.

Our yearly visit to Palm Springs Camelot Theater to hear a musical tribute to great stars - this year featuring Celine Dion, Michael Buble, Paul Anka & Shania Twain. Lunch on your own in downtown Palm Springs before the show. This is always a popular trip.

### Commodity Supplemental Food Program

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provides food to low-income elderly, 60 years and older. Please bring a picture identification and proof of income: Social Security, SSI or pension (bank statement, check stub, benefit award letter.) Every 4th Thursday of every month from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

### 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

### 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.

### LA Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

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

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

### Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

### Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers relearning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exer-

cise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

## MONROVIA

### Senior Movies & Munchies

The Department of Community Services invites you to attend the FREE Movies and Munchies program open to all active adults and seniors 50 years and older. Enjoy an afternoon movie and then browse the Library's collection of movies available for rent. For additional information and future movie titles, please contact (626) 256-8246. Movies & Munchies is at the Library Community Room, 321 South Myrtle Avenue on the **Last Friday of the month** at 12:00 p.m.

### 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.

### 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 Ser-

vices 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 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## 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.

### Senior Center Dances

Come on over to West Covina Senior Center and meet other single and amazing couples. The fun awaits you every first and fourth Thursday of each month. Dance to the Big Band Sounds of Sentimental Journey at West Covina Senior Center, 7:30 to 10:00pm, 1st and 4th Thursday of each month. 2501 E. Cortez St.

### Programs for Young Adults/Teens

Each month, the Library offers events for young adults/teens (ages 12-18), including video gaming, board and card games, movies, and art projects.

In addition to these events, the Teen Advisory Board meets **every first Thursday** at 4:00 p.m. This group is open to anyone aged 12-18 who is interested in giving input on library services and materials, including coming up with new programs for teens. This is a great way to get those community service hours while having fun - and eating snacks!

For additional information, please contact Ernest Romero at (626) 962-3541.

## Have MEDICARE QUESTIONS???

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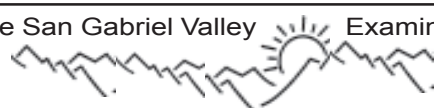
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# Screening For The Breast Cancer Gene: Who Is At Risk?

If you're like many Americans, you may have heard about the BRCA gene and wondered what it is and whether it is something that could affect you and your family. Here are a few facts.

BRCA is short for "BREAST CAncer susceptibility gene." There are two main types of BRCA gene, BRCA1 and BRCA2. When these changes are present, a woman's risk of developing breast and ovarian cancers, as well as some other types of cancer, is greatly increased. However, mutations in the BRCA genes are rare, and occur in less than 1 percent of women. A BRCA test is a blood test that looks for mutations, or changes that might be harmful, in these genes.

Who is at risk? Mutations in the BRCA gene are hereditary, so they run in families. Most women—more than 90 percent—do not have a family history that puts them at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation.

You are at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation if you are of Ashkenazi Jewish descent or if there is a history of certain types of cancer in your family. For example, you are at increased risk if there have been multiple cases of breast cancer in your family, you have a male relative with breast cancer or you have a family member who has had any of the following: a breast cancer diagnosis before age 50, breast cancer in both breasts or two types of BRCA-related cancer—such as both breast and ovarian cancer.

Who should be tested? According to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a woman with a family history of BRCA-related cancer should be screened by her primary care doctor or nurse to determine if she is at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation. During



If you have a history of breast or ovarian cancer in your family, talk to your doctor about genetic screening.

this screening, the doctor or nurse will ask questions about the history of BRCA-related cancer in a woman's family. After screening, women who are found to be at increased risk should see a genetic counselor, a type of health care professional who specializes in genes and disease. A genetic counselor may recommend BRCA testing based on that counseling. Before this type of screening, most doctors will first test a family member with known breast or ovarian cancer for a BRCA mutation, if possible.

The BRCA test is not a test for cancer itself, but rather a test for the gene mutation and a positive test does not mean that a woman will definitely get cancer. For women who are at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation, genetic counseling and genetic testing can help them determine their best course of action based on their risk.

The BRCA test is only recommended for women who are at increased risk for certain types of cancers. This is because the test does not always provide a clear answer—results are often inconclusive, which can lead to increased anxiety.

All women can reduce their cancer risk

While a BRCA gene mutation

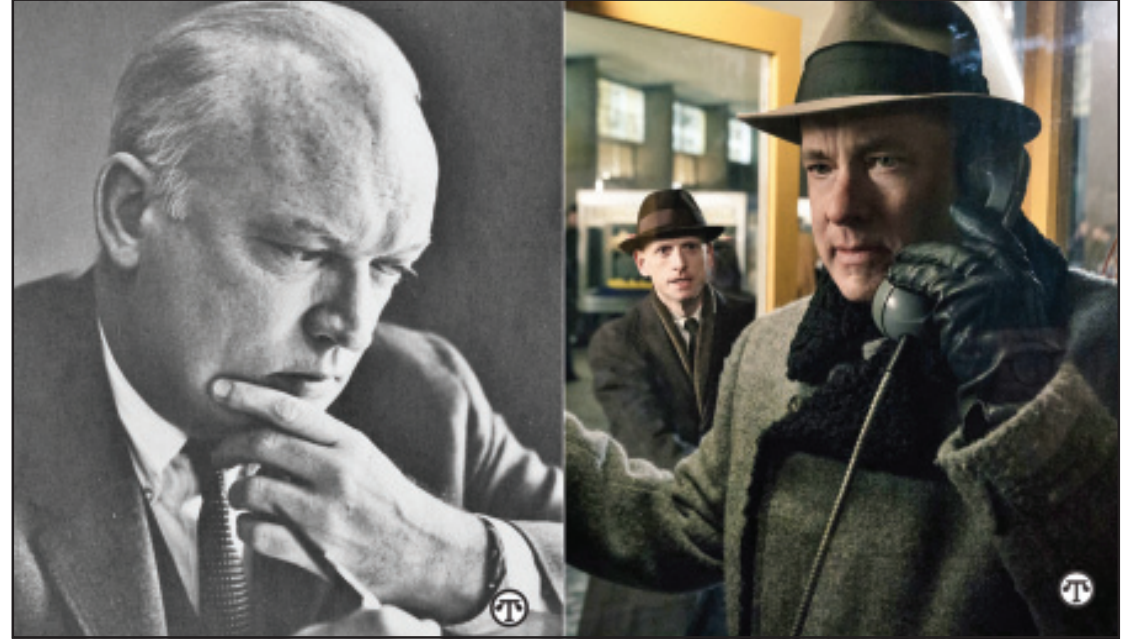
can be frightening, it is not something that most women need to worry about. All women can reduce their risk of cancer by adopting healthy lifestyle habits, such as limiting alcohol, not smoking, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight. Receiving regular mammograms is also an important tool to help identify breast cancer early. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends mammograms every other year for women aged 50 to 74 and for some women in their 40s based on their values about the benefits and harms of screening.

Recommendations to protect your health

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is an independent group of national experts in primary care, prevention, and evidence-based medicine. The aim of the Task Force's work is to evaluate and identify critical preventive health services that a primary care professional can perform.

For more information on the Task Force and to read its full report on risk assessment, genetic counseling and genetic testing for BRCA-related cancer in women, visit [www.uspreventiveservices-taskforce.org](http://www.uspreventiveservices-taskforce.org). (NAPSI)

# Little-Known Cold War Hero And Little-Known Cold War Facts



Attorney James B. Donovan, a little-known American hero.....was played by Tom Hanks in the movie "Bridge of Spies."

Attorney James B. Donovan—an American hero from U.S. history's Cold War era under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy—was little known to most until the recent release of Steven Spielberg's Academy Award®-nominated motion picture "Bridge of Spies." A man of many achievements, Donovan is the center of the film, which depicts him defending Soviet spy Rudolf Abel and then negotiating the 1962 exchange of Abel for the Russian-captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers. The film is available in various High-Definition formats from Walt Disney Studios.

Donovan (played by Tom Hanks) chose to defend Abel on the grounds that he, Donovan, would be upholding the basic principles of justice and human rights. But the lawyer feared for his life during a time when Cold War paranoia was at its height. High stakes and suspense power the film's story inspired by true events—one that brings Donovan's personal journey to life and captures the essence of a man who risked everything for his country.

It is worth noting that Donovan's accomplishments didn't end with this case. He later successfully negotiated the return of 1,113 prisoners from the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. Two truly heroic accomplishments by a man who never considered himself a hero.

The Abel story was uncovered by "Bridge of Spies" screenwriter Matt Charman, who came upon a footnote in a JFK biography that referenced the Abel/Powers swap. Spielberg was immediately taken with Donovan's tale as the director had strong childhood memories of stories from his father, who'd been to Russia and had seen a display of the U-2 remains.

The Cold War era was a frightening time for the world. It lasted from the end of World War II until the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. Many older people remember the "duck & cover" under-the-desk drills American schools ran in case of Soviet attack, plus the Cuban Missile Crisis, which brought the U.S. to the brink of nuclear war with Russia over the establishment of mis-

site sites in Cuba.

Just as Donovan was a little-known hero of the Cold War, there are a number of facts that are little known about that important time in history. Here's a look at 10 of them.

- The term "Cold War" was first used by George Orwell, author of "Animal Farm," the book satirizing Stalinism.

- Ten different U.S. presidents held office during the Cold War (Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush).

- The entrance of a missile-launch center in South Dakota was protected by an armed door with the Domino's Pizza logo on it. It read "worldwide delivery in 30 minutes or less, or your next one is free."

- When a CIA consultant spotted soccer fields along the coast of Cuba in September 1962, he became concerned because, as he put it, "Cubans play baseball; Russians play soccer." This led Kennedy to seek hard evidence and subsequent aerial photographs convinced the president that Russia was indeed putting missiles in Cuba.

- The U.S.S.R. thought that the heavily trafficked building in the center courtyard of the Pentagon was a top-secret meeting room and pointed nukes at it. Turns out it was a

hot dog stand.

- The term "Third World Country" does not mean poor; it refers to a country that was not aligned with either the U.S./First World or U.S.S.R./Second World during the Cold War.

- America sent Romania 20,000 Bibles, which the Romanians subsequently turned into toilet paper because they had a shortage.

- In the 1940s, Hollywood starlet Hedy Lamarr invented a new technology to stop Nazis from jamming Navy torpedoes, but the idea was rejected until 1962 and implemented during the Cold War. Her frequency-hopping technology is also the basis for modern Bluetooth.

- The most powerful air raid sirens ever built (during the Cold War) were powered by a 180-horsepower Chrysler V-8 engine, were nearly 12 feet long, and were rumored to be so powerful that they could start fires and turn fog into rain.

- During the Cold War, maps distributed in the U.S. displayed distorted proportions to make the U.S.S.R. and its allies seem larger, closer and more "menacing."

"Bridge of Spies" arrives on Blu-ray™ Combo Pack and Digital HD February 2, featuring four revealing documentaries about the making of the film and its historical background. (NAPSI)

# What To Bring The Tax Preparer

While a plate of cookies may be nice to bring a hostess, what your tax preparer would prefer (at least in the office) is that you bring in the proper paperwork. Here's a list of the most likely paperwork to provide:

1. Last year's return, the last two years if this is your first appointment. Chances are much of the information--Social Security numbers, address and the like--will be the same, saving everybody time and reducing the risk of errors.

2. Your W-2. W-2s must be mailed to employees by January 31. They show your income and how much you've already paid in income taxes. If you've had more than one job this year, you need a W-2 form from each of them.

3. 1099s. If you're a freelancer or part-time worker, you should have 1099 forms from everyone for whom you've worked this year. These forms are also used to report earned interest, cancellation of debt, dividends received and proceeds from broker transactions.

4. Receipts for donations. Keep the receipts for all charitable event sponsorships, money or food for holiday charities and any other money donations. Keep a list of items and the values you assigned them along with the receipts for any household goods, toys and clothing donations. If you volunteer, keep a record of your mileage and other expenses.

5. 1098 forms. Homeowners can deduct mortgage interest. Also deductible are student loan interest and tuition

paid to colleges and universities.

6. If you have a home office, you can deduct some of your rent, mortgage, utilities and so on. Bring any relevant receipts.

7. If you've been looking for work, bring receipts for whatever the search has cost you--transportation, paying to join a job search website, hiring a résumé writer or taking relevant courses.

This list should get you started, but a tax expert such

as an enrolled agent (EA) will let you know about any additional documentation needed to complete your return.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2016005961 The following persons) is/are doing business as: AZURE REALTY, 11340 LAKING ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: AZURE REALTY, 11340 LAKING ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715. This business is conducted by an INDIVIDUAL.

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The following persons) is/are doing business as: 1. DEATHSTAR CORPORATION, 2. DEATHSTAR DEVELOPMENT, 3. DEATHSTAR ENTERTAINMENT, 4. DEATHSTAR PRODUCTIONS, 6. DEATHSTAR PUBLISHINGS, 7. DEATHSTAR RECORDS, 1005 E. LAS TUNAS DR #634, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This business is conducted by CORPORATION.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2016310559 The following persons) is/are doing business as: THE PET PARLOR, 328 W 1ST ST #16, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: THE PET PARLOR, 328 W 1ST ST #16, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. This business is conducted by an INDIVIDUAL.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2016311179 The following persons) is/are doing business as: STARS AUTO BODY SHOP, 2823 WEST FLORENCE AVENUE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: STARS AUTO BODY SHOP, 2823 WEST FLORENCE AVENUE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. This business is conducted by an INDIVIDUAL.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2016312346 The following persons) is/are doing business as: ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROS, INC, 1316 W 123RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. Mailing address if different: PO BOX 6587, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92646. This business is conducted by CORPORATION.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2015 014043 The following persons) is/are doing business as: RENEE'S SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER, 141 E ARROWWOOD AVE, GLENDALE, CA 91740. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: RENEE'S SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER, 141 E ARROWWOOD AVE, GLENDALE, CA 91740. This business is conducted by an INDIVIDUAL.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2015322214 The following persons) is/are doing business as: VJ TRUCKING, 2611 EAST AVE #204, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VICTOR A JAIME, 7604 34 IRA AVE, BELL, GARDENS, CA 90201. This business is conducted by an INDIVIDUAL.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2015323040 The following persons) is/are doing business as: UNIFABRIC, 1032 S WESTLAK AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: UNIFABRIC, 1032 S WESTLAK AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. This business is conducted by an INDIVIDUAL.





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**NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME!**

Each bid must be on a bid proposal furnished by the City. The bid must conform and be responsive to all the contract documents and bids will be accepted only from bidders who have obtained Plans and Specifications from the City of Glendora and are registered with the City as a Plan Holder. Copies of bid packet are now on file and open for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk at the above address and on the City's website at [www.ci.glendora.ca.us](http://www.ci.glendora.ca.us) under Bid/RFP Opportunities. For further information, contact Civil Engineering Assistant, Bardia Rastan at (626) 914-8257.

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Each bid shall be accompanied by Bidder's Security in an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the bid amount, which security shall be lawful money of the United States of America and in one of the following forms: (i) cash, (ii) cashier's check made payable to the City, (iii) certified check made payable to the City, or (iv) bid bond executed by an admitted surety insurer and made payable to the City. **City Bid Bond form must be used.**

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., copies of the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification and type of workman needed to execute the work are on file in, and available to any interested person on request, at the office of the City Engineer at 116 E. Foothill Boulevard, Glendora, California, 91741, and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though set forth in full.

Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 3248, the successful bidder shall furnish to the City at the time of execution of the contract a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. The successful bidder shall also furnish to the City at the time of execution of the contract faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

**Pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any moneys withheld to insure performance under the contract for the work to be performed will be permitted at the request and expense of the successful bidder, unless otherwise prohibited by law. The City of Glendora reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities in any proposal and select the one that best meets the City's needs.**

Prevailing Wage Statement: **This contract will be funded in whole or in part with federal housing and community development funds. The Federal Labor Standards Provisions, including wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be enforced. A copy of the Federal Wage Decision applicable to this project is included in the Bid Document.**

**This is project is a public work in the State of California, funded in whole or in part with public funds. Therefore, the higher of the two applicable prevailing wage rates, federal or state, will be enforced. The Contractor's duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages and to employ apprentices, including forfeitures and debarment. The State Wage Decision is on file at the City Clerk's office, and is also available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/>.**

**Apprenticeship Program:** Attention is directed to Sections 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 of the California Labor Code and Title 8, California Administrative code, Section 200 et seq. to ensure compliance and complete understanding of the law regarding apprentices.

**Minority and Women Owned Business:** Bidders will be required to document their status as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), a Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) or a non-MBE/WBE firm. Bidders that are no MBE/WBE firms will be required to make a good faith effort, and to document their efforts to include firms as part of the contract bid.

**Conflict of Interest:** In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by sub-recipients, the conflict of interest provisions in (State LCA - 24 CFR 85.36 and Non-Profit Organizations - 24 CFR 84.4), OMB Circular A-110, and 24 CFR 570.611, respectively, shall apply. No employee, officer or agent of the sub-recipient shall participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

Kathleen R. Sessman, MMC  
City Clerk

City of Glendora  
Publish in the San Gabriel Valley Examiner on January 21, 28, 2016 & February 4, 2016. #GA02

ORDINANCE 2004

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING Titles 5 (Business License and Regulations), 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Safety), and 21 (Zoning) OF THE GLENDORA MUNICIPAL CODE to prohibit the cultivation and distribution of marijuana AND marijuana-INFUSED PRODUCTS within the city boundaries (pln15-0063/ZA 15-0002).**

THE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Glendora, California

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDORA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, in 1996 California voters approved Proposition 215, commonly referred to as the Compassionate Use Act, which enabled seriously ill patients to legally possess, use and cultivate marijuana for medicinal purposes under state law;

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2003, the Governor signed Senate Bill 420, commonly known as the "Medical Marijuana Program Act" was enacted by the state legislature to clarify the scope of the Compassionate Use Act and to allow local jurisdictions to adopt and enforce rules and regulations consistent with the Compassionate Use Act;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. Section 841, prohibits the cultivation, manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possession of marijuana;

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 37100 and California Constitution Article II, Section 7 provides that a legislative body may pass Ordinances not in conflict with the Constitution and the laws of the State or the United States;

**WHEREAS**, a conflict exists between California law, which provides that the manufacture, distribution and possession of marijuana under certain circumstances for medicinal purposes does not violate state law, and federal law, which prohibits the manufacture, distribution and possession of marijuana in any circumstances;

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1903 amending Titles 5 and 21 of the Glendora Municipal Code to prohibit the establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries in all zones within the city boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, on October 9, 2015, the Governor approved the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act which is comprised of three bills: Assembly Bill 266 (A.B. 266) (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey, Wood), Assembly Bill 243 (A.B. 243) (Wood), and Senate Bill 643 (McGuire) that establish regulatory standards for cultivation sites as well as set a licensing structure and criteria for medical marijuana businesses;

**WHEREAS**, the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act allows delivery of marijuana for medical purposes if not expressly prohibited by local ordinance; **WHEREAS**, the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act establishes the State as the sole licensing authority for cultivation sites in the absence of explicit prohibition of marijuana cultivation by the local jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and business within the City, the City Council expressly states the desire to prohibit cultivation and delivery of marijuana for medical purposes within the city boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Glendora held a public hearing and voted to recommend approval of the Zone Amendment on December 1, 2015 after due notice was given as required by law, at which time oral and documentary evidence was introduced along with the written recommendation of the Planning Director; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held by the City Council on January 12, 2016, after due notice was given as required by law, at which time oral and documentary evidence was introduced along with the written recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Director of the City of Glendora.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the revisions to the Municipal Code are an activity that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Code amendments have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment, the City Council adopts a General Rule Exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**SECTION 2.** A new Chapter 9.64 entitled "Mobile Marijuana Dispensaries" is hereby added as shown with text underlined to the Glendora Municipal Code to read as follows:

9.64 Prohibition of Marijuana Dispensation or Delivery  
9.64.010 Statutory Authorization.

California Health and Safety Code Article 2.5 (Medical Marijuana Program) Section 11362.83 states, "Nothing in this article shall prevent a city or other local governing body from adopting and enforcing laws consistent with this article."  
9.64.020 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall, for the purposes of this Chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section, as follows:  
"Marijuana dispensary" means any facility or location, whether fixed or mobile, where marijuana or marijuana-infused products such as tinctures, baked goods, or other consumable products are cultivated, manufactured, processed, or by any means transported or delivered, or arranged to be transported or delivered, made available to or distributed by or distributed to a Person.  
"Person" means any qualified patient or primary caregiver of qualified patients pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5, firm, corporation, association, club, society, or other organization. The term Person shall include any owner, manager, proprietor, employee, volunteer or salesperson.  
"Operation" means any effort to locate, operate, own, lease, supply, allow to be operated, or aid, abet or assist in the operation of a Marijuana Dispensary.

9.64.030 Marijuana Dispensaries Prohibited.

Marijuana Dispensaries are prohibited in the City of Glendora. No person shall locate, operate, own, allow to be operated or aide, abet or assist in the operation of any Marijuana Dispensary within the City.

9.64.040 Marijuana Delivery Prohibited.

(a) No Person shall deliver marijuana to any location within the City from a Marijuana Dispensary, regardless of where the Marijuana Dispensary is located, or engage in any Operation for this purpose.

(b) No Person shall deliver any marijuana-infused product such as tinctures, baked goods or other consumable products, to any location within the City from a Marijuana Dispensary, regardless of where the Marijuana Dispensary is located, or engage in any Operation for this purpose.

9.64.050 Public Nuisance Declared.

Operation of any Marijuana Dispensary within the City in violation of the provisions of this Chapter is hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be abated pursuant to all available remedies.

9.64.060 Violations.

Violations of this Chapter may be enforced by any applicable law. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, a violation of this Chapter is not subject to criminal penalties.

**SECTION 3.** Section 5.23.030 of the Glendora Municipal Code is hereby amended with added text shown underlined and deleted text shown stricken through as follows:

5.23.030 Marijuana dispensaries and cultivation prohibited.

(a) No person(s) may operate a marijuana dispensary or cultivate, manufacture, process, distribute, store, exchange, deliver, make available or give away marijuana or marijuana-infused products to any person, qualified patient, or primary caregiver of qualified patients pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 within the city of Glendora.

(b) Any person who owns or manages real property located within the city of Glendora shall not allow such property to be used for the operation of a marijuana dispensary or the cultivation of marijuana.

(c) No person(s) may be issued a business license or business permit to operate a marijuana dispensary or to cultivate, manufacture, or process marijuana or marijuana-infused products within the city of Glendora.

**SECTION 4.** Section 21.01.020 of the Glendora Municipal Code is hereby amended as shown with added text shown underlined and deleted text shown stricken through as follows:

Section 21.01.020 C. Definitions.

"Marijuana" means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa L., Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not, and includes Cannabis or Cannabis-infused products used for medicinal purposes in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5.

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**SECTION 5.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The people of the City of Glendora hereby declare that they would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

**SECTION 6.** The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption thereof and cause same to be published at least once in the San Gabriel Valley Examiner, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Glendora, which newspaper is hereby designated for that purpose (GC § 40806); and thereupon, and thirty (30) days after its passage, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 26th day of January, 2016.

City Council of Glendora, California  
BY: Karen K. Davis, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
D. WAYNE LEECH, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Sessman, City Clerk of the City of Glendora, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading on the on the 12th day of January 2016. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 26th day of January, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Boyer, Murabito, Nelson, Thompson, and Davis.

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

I further certify that said Ordinance was published as required by law in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Glendora, California on the 4th day of February, 2016.

Dated: January 27, 2016

KATHLEEN R. SESSMAN, City Clerk

Publish in the San Gabriel Valley Examiner on February 4, 2016. #GB01

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No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 3248, the successful bidder shall furnish to the City at the time of execution of the contract a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. The successful bidder shall also furnish to the City at the time of execution of the contract faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

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Kathleen R. Sessman, MMC  
City Clerk

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Publish in the San Gabriel Valley Examiner on **January 28 & February 4, 2016. #GA04.**

PETITION FOR PROBATE  
(Probate) Decedents Estates

PETITION OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
CASE NO. BP 169238

Filed at Los Angeles Superior Court on December 14, 2015  
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles  
111 N. Hill St. POB 151, Los Angeles, CA. 90012  
Central District

Estate of TONY V. PARKS  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

**Publication will be in The San Gabriel Valley Examiner.**  
**Petitioner** KIMBERLY Y. HUNT request that KIMBERY Y. HUNT be appointed administrator with full authority be granted to Administer under the Independent Administration of Estate Act with no fixed bond.

**Decedent died** on November 2, 2015 at Los Angeles, CA, a resident of the county named above.

Street address, city and county of decedent's residence at time of death - 1424 VILLAGE LANE, WEST COVINA, CA 91790.

**Character and estimated value of the property of the estate:**  
Gross Fair Market Value of Real Property — \$493,473.00

Less Encumbrances ————— \$0.00  
Net Value of Property ————— \$ 493,473.00

Decedent died interstate  
**Appointment of personal representative** - Petitioner is related to the decedent as SPOUSE

Proposed personal representative is a resident of California  
Decedent was survived by spouse, no registered domestic partner, child as follows - natural or adopted

Decedent was not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent but for a legal barrier.

Decedent was survived by next of kin, all of whom are listed below.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

City of Baldwin Park Transit Center Fifth Floor Security Upgrades Re-bid

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Baldwin Park invites sealed bids for the above-stated project, and will receive such bids in the offices of the City Clerk, 14403 Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park, California 91706, until **10:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016** at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders and/or authorized agents are invited to be present. All information submitted with the bid is public information and may be subject to disclosure.

**Project Description** – Provide construction materials, equipment, labor and all services required in for the construction and installation of security upgrades to the 5th Floor of the Transit Center. Work includes installation of a secure access controlled automated roll-up vehicle gate and access controlled pedestrian gate, installation of two access controlled pedestrian gates at the 5th floor stairwell level, installation of security cameras, modifications to the elevator system to accommodate secure access control to the 5th floor and all appurtenant work per specifications.

**Pre-Bid Meeting** – A **Mandatory** pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 commencing promptly at 11:00 a.m., and will be held onsite at the City of Baldwin Park Transit Center, 14403 E. Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park, CA.

**Bid Proposals** – Bids shall be sealed and plainly marked "Bid No. 2015-0117 – TRANSIT CENTER FIFTH FLOOR SECURITY UPGRADES RE-BID." Bids must be prepared using the Contractor's Bid Proposal forms and all the other forms identified in the Instructions to Bidders. The forms required to complete a bid package are found in Section "B" of the Contract Documents. No bids will be accepted if not submitted using the approved forms.

Plans, Specifications, Documents – Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the Engineering Division office located at 14403 East Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park, CA 91706, (626) 960-4011 on and after February 04th, 2016 Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. A \$25.00 per set, non-refundable fee is required for these specifications and proposal forms. An additional \$5.00 is added to the fee, if mailed.

City Business License, Contractors License and Permit – Prior to contract execution, the contractor and his/her subcontractors shall obtain a City of Baldwin Park business license. In accordance with provisions of Section 3300 of the California Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class B California Contractor's License or other appropriate license classification under the State Contracting Code at the time the contract is bid. Failure to possess such license may render the bid non-responsive. The successful bidder will be required to obtain a City Building Permit, issued at no fee for the project.

Contractor's Registration – In accordance with Labor Code Section 1771.1, a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to labor Code Section 1725.5.

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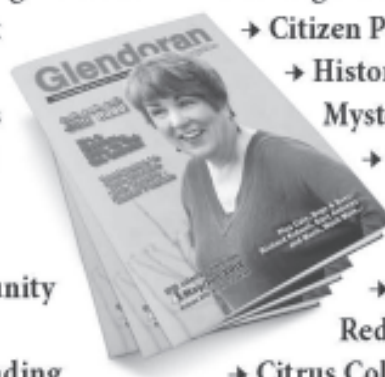
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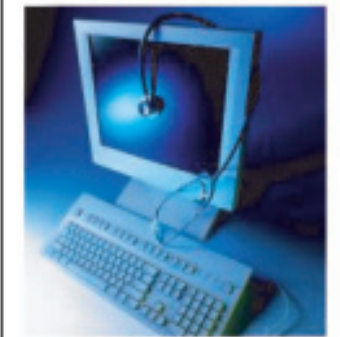
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# Azusa High Welcomes International Baccalaureate Diploma Program



Azusa High was officially recognized as an IB World School on Jan. 14, providing students who earn an IB Diploma the opportunity to earn college and university credits, as well as be more competitive on applications to prestigious universities worldwide.

**AZUSA** - Ambitious Azusa High School students aspiring for a globally relevant post-secondary education will soon be embarking on an academic journey that could significantly boost their chances for acceptance at prestigious universities worldwide.

Azusa High was officially recognized as an International Baccalaureate World School on Jan. 14. Beginning in fall 2016, 70 Azusa High juniors will take their first classes in the IB Diploma Program, a rigorous two-year college-preparatory curriculum which focuses on critical thinking, cognitive awareness, community service and personal development.

"This is a significant step forward for the District," Azusa Unified Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. "International Baccalaureate is another academic opportunity - along with Advanced Placement, AVID and Project Lead the Way at Azusa High School - for motivated students who want to maximize their college- and career-readiness."

To earn an IB diploma, students must take courses in six subject areas: language and lit-

erature, second language, experimental sciences, the arts, mathematics, and individuals and societies. In addition to passing IB exams for each course, students will also fulfill three core requirements: Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and Creativity, Activity, Service. Students have the opportunity to earn college and university credits by passing IB courses.

Azusa High began the application process for IB certification in 2012, after receiving support from the AUSD Board of Education. Over 20 teachers, administrators and staff completed professional development training in preparation to provide an IB program. An IB consultant completed the certification process with an on-campus visit in the fall of 2015.

"I couldn't be prouder," Azusa High Principal Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba said. "This is a clear result of the collaboration and teamwork from the administration, faculty and students. We have accomplished something extraordinary for the District."

Freshmen and sophomores have been taking AP courses,

such as Human Geography and World History in preparation for the fall 2016 launch of the IB Diploma Program. Students will have the option of taking IB courses exclusively or complement their schedule with a combination of IB and AP courses.

Though IB and AP courses both rigorously prepare students for higher education, AP courses are exam-specific and not tied to a definitive curriculum, while the IB Diploma Program is intent on developing the whole child, expanding global knowledge and encouraging students to be independent-minded and question why things are the way they are.

"The talented students of Azusa Unified deserve the best learning opportunities so they can reach their hopes and dreams for the future," AUSD Board President Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña said. "This program adds to the many college preparation programs that we provide to help them get into and be successful at top colleges and universities in the United States and all over the world."

# Campaign Kick-Off of Cory Ellenson for State Assembly



Some of the supporters of Cory Ellenson for Assembly were Glendora Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Murabito, Former Glendora Mayor Lois Shade and Glendora Chamber of Commerce Director Joe Cina.

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - January 28th was the date of the Kick-Off of the campaign for Cory Ellenson of Glendora. Cory who presently a Glendora School Board Member and a Tax Attorney and is running for State Assembly. Over one hundred supporters gathered at the famous Vista Manor on Wildwood Canyon Drive, the beautiful, scenic home of Sandy Valentine of Glendora.

Among those present were, Senator Bob Huff (former Senate Minority Leader in Sacramento), Senator Bob Margett (retired) (represented Glendora in assembly and senate for a total of 14 years in Sacramento), Glendora Mayor Pro Tem Gene Murabito, Glendora City Council Member Judy Nelson, Glendora School Board Member Chuck Gomer, Azusa School Board Member Paul Naccachian, Duarte School Board Members Cheryl Taylor and Tom Reyes, West Covina City Council Member Andy McIntyre (former), former Congressional Candidate Art Alas

(32nd Congressional District) and Commissioners and department heads from various cities in the 48th Assembly District. Also present were about twenty interns from Azusa Pacific University.

The 48th Assembly District includes Glendora, Azusa, Bradbury, Duarte, Covina, West Covina (71%), Irwindale, Baldwin Park, and El Monte (37%). The Primary Election (field will be narrowed down to the top two vote-getters) on June 7th and the General Election will be on November 8th.

The event began with remarks from Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Murabito which included the following quotes: "Cory is not just a colleague of mine in Glendora, but he and his wife Natalia are dear friends of ours. he has all of the qualities that we look for in a candidate for state assembly. Cory will make a great assemblyman."

Senator Bob Huff made his remarks and personally introduced Cory and said, "I have no doubt that Cory will make an excellent member of the State Assembly. Cory's experience will serve him well in Sacramento. Cory has served this community through various service organizations and on the school board, and that dedication to community service is what makes the best candidates. please welcome the next assemblyman from the 48th District, Cory Ellenson."

In Cory's speech he said "I'm not an experienced politician, I'm just a local school board member and tax attorney. Our campaign worked hard last year to prepare for this day: we built an incredible team, secured endorsements from elected officials across the district, and did significant initial fundraising. I'm not doing this because I love

politics, I'm doing it because I love this community and I'm disappointed with the way Sacramento is governing our state. We are all proud Californians, but we aren't proud that nationwide our public school system is ranked near the bottom, our under-employment rates are near the top, and per capita taxation rates are growing higher and higher. We are all disappointed when we hear of people and businesses leaving California, and friends and family still unemployed; the news says the recession is over and the economy is stronger, but we don't feel it. With an open seat in the 48th District this November, we have a real opportunity to make a meaningful difference on the most important issues facing our state. With my experience, education, and commitment to public service, I am uniquely qualified to accomplish: (1) better public schools, (2) a stronger job market, and (3) stronger and safer local communities. We can do this by increasing public school funding, investing in career technical education, working collaboratively with teachers, focusing on workforce development to grow our economy, supporting public safety and law enforcement professionals, and restoring local control to our city councils and school boards. My platform is not republican or democrat, right or left, red or blue, it's just a combination of smart, common sense solutions. I don't think politically, I think in terms of what makes sense and I don't care what side of the aisle that comes from. With these reforms, we can turn our state around, we can renew California pride; send me to Sacramento as your state assemblyman so I can start the work for us."

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### The Problem

A lower-than-expected retirement income could put a damper on plans and even affect necessary expenses such as health care and housing.

### Some Solutions

Fortunately, there are many ways Americans can ensure they will live comfortably in retirement. You can invest more in retirement savings accounts while still working, adjust how you invest, or put off retirement to sock more money away for the future.

For those who may not have those options, one of the best-kept retirement planning secrets is gaining traction among retirees: the reverse mortgage.

### Access Your Equity

Reverse mortgages let homeowners age 62 and older take advantage of the equity in their homes. With this cash flow, they can delay using other retirement assets. These other sources of income (such as Social Security or an IRA) then have more time to increase in value through compounded in-

terest. For example, according to the Social Security Administration, Social Security credit can increase by 3 to 8 percent every year it is delayed.

### Expert Advice

"Homeowners invest in their homes their whole working life. When they retire, their home can start working for them," explained One Reverse Mortgage CEO Richard Mandell. "Reverse mortgages are a tool that retirees can use for the financial flexibility needed to live comfortably while other investments continue to grow."

A reverse mortgage is very similar to a traditional mortgage—homeowners borrow money based on the value of their home, they still own their home and it can be paid off at any time. With a reverse mortgage, however, the homeowners can make payments if they choose but it's not required. There's also a guaranteed line of credit option, which isn't affected if home values decrease.

Mandell reminds retirees to keep every option in mind when making their financial plans. "If homeowners don't consider reverse mortgages, they may be selling themselves short. All seniors should talk to a reverse mortgage specialist to see if a reverse mortgage is a good option for them."

For further information, visit [www.OneReverseMortgage.com](http://www.OneReverseMortgage.com). (NAPSI)

## Barricaded Suspect, Police Pursuit, Heavy Rains and Strong Winds Make for a Busy Sunday for West Covina First Responders

By George Ogden

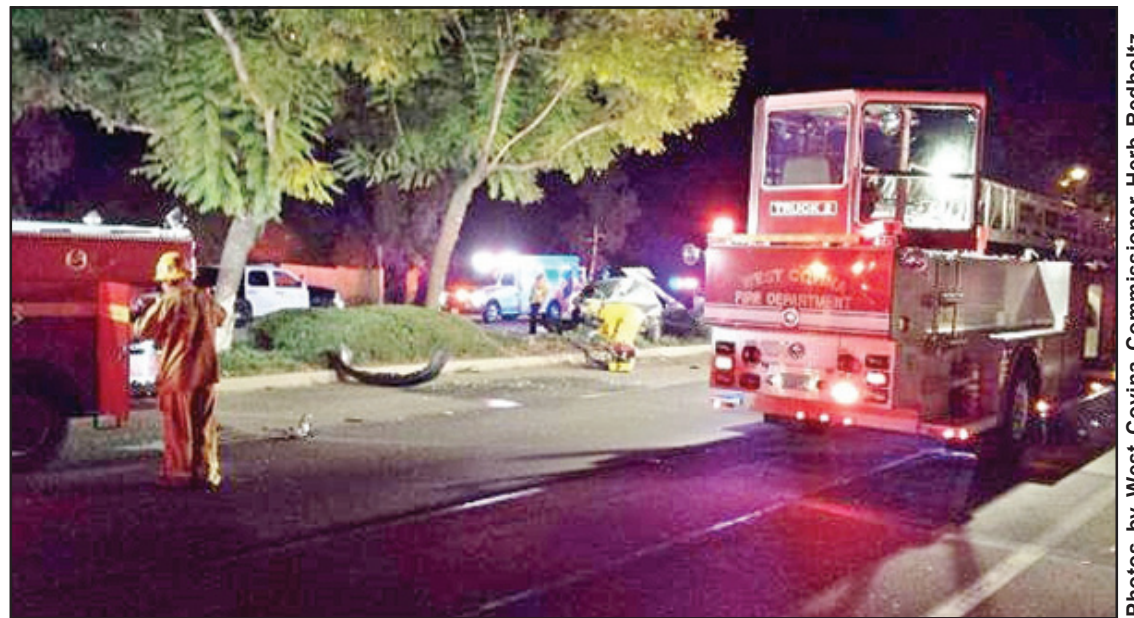
WEST COVINA - It must have seemed like all hell had broken loose for West Covina's first responders. Sunday afternoon, as the rains came it brought the winds as well. This caused everything from downed trees to downed power lines which affected both the fire and the police departments. The winds caused power failures which also caused a number of false alarms where the police had to respond to as well as the fire department. In the middle of this, the West Covina Police Department had to deal with a barricaded suspect on but Badillo and Phillips at an apartment complex. The man holed up in the apartment was possibly a gang member. Around 10 PM, the man's parents came out of the apartment leaving the front door wide open. However, the suspect failed to respond to police commands to come out of the apartment.

Not only did the SWAT team respond, but so did crisis negotiators. They were able to get a phone on the windowsill of the apartment so they can communicate with the subject. At around 2 AM Monday morning, they still had the crisis going on. The subject was seen sitting on the couch in the living room and was no longer responding to the phone calls. His leg is in a cast and he walks with a cane.

The West Covina police officers including the SWAT team and negotiators was handling this very delicately. They figured they would give the man time to figure things out and surrender peacefully. They did not want to rush in this particular situation for fear that he may hurt himself or possibly have a confrontation with the officers.

During the standoff, the residents that had been evacuated had been taken to the community room in the complex. During the waiting period, one elderly woman had exhausted her supply of oxygen and the fire department had to respond to assist her.

At 4:30 AM Monday morning, the SWAT team fired tear gas into the upstairs apartment. The man retreated to the bedroom closing the door behind him. Police then fired tear gas into the bedroom area. Soon he was seen crawling in the hallway from the bedroom area to-



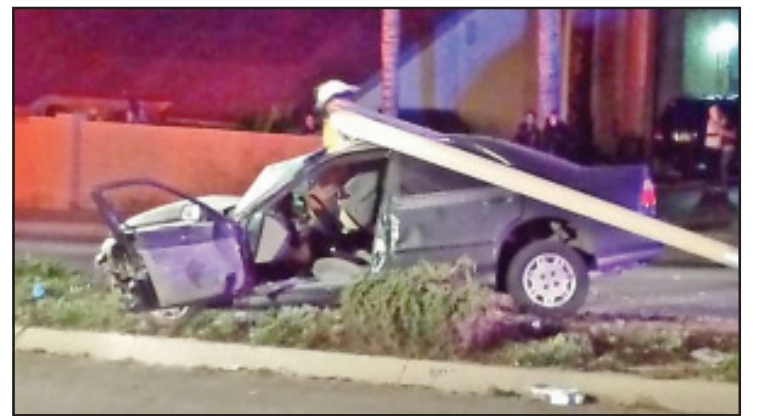
Firefighters and paramedics respond to an accident scene.

wards the front door. Around 4:45 AM, he emerged from the front door and worked his way down the stairs. The SWAT team then initiated the arrest and took him into custody and he was treated by the paramedics for the teargas exposure.

At 4:55 AM, the police declared the situation a Code 4, which is an all clear for the situation.

The police did an excellent job by waiting, negotiating, and then executing procedures that resulted within arrest and with no injuries outside of the suspect that was treated for exposure of teargas.

With all of that happening, earlier, around 9:30 PM, Cal Poly police became involved in a pursuit that went through Pomona, Walnut, and then westbound on Amar Road into West Covina. The police were chasing a sedan which was reported stolen and occupied by two females driving at a very high rate of



Car is nearly cut in half on the passenger side.

speed. As they passed Nogales, they were still traveling westbound when the woman driver lost control of the vehicle and slammed into a light pole which fell and also crushed the car. Both women were trapped in the car. With the fact that West Covina was dealing with a high priority situation in the north part of the city, basically all their resources were there. West Covina could not respond to the traffic collision on Amar and the Sheriff's department along with

the California Highway Patrol responded to that accident scene.

A number of West Covina fire Department units and personnel responded to extricate the two women from the vehicle. It appeared that both women may have been under the influence of drugs. Police also found a gun in the stolen vehicle. Both women were put into custody, and were transported to the hospital with two police units as escorts.

Photos by West Covina Commissioner Herb Redholtz.

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 Wound care management  
 Short-term recovery and long term needs  
 Stroke Recovery Programs  
 Cable TV provided to each resident  
 Wi-Fi availability throughout the facility  
 Accepting Medicare, Medi-Cal, and HMO insurances  
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**Villa Mesa Care Center**  
 99 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility  
 Programs provided include:  
 Physician directed plan of care  
 Post surgical and wound care  
 Pain Management  
 Skilled Rehabilitation services  
 Cable TV provided to each resident  
 Wi-Fi availability throughout the facility  
 Accepting Medicare, Medi-Cal and HMO Insurances  
 867 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Upland, CA. 91786  
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**El Niño**  
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**Be Prepared, Stay Informed**  
**10 Ways to Weather El Niño**

- 1. Create an emergency kit**, today! If you've already got an emergency kit prepared, check it regularly.
- 2. Check your car**. Make sure your car's tires have good tread and that your windshield wipers work well. Your headlights should always be on in the rain!
- 3. Check your house**. Clear your outdoor drains and gutters of any leaves, dirt or debris. Secure trash, recycling bins and any other items that have the potential of blowing or floating away. Have weakened trees inspected by an arborist.
- 4. Got flood insurance?** Consider purchasing flood insurance. Keep in mind, most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period.
- 5. Use sandbags**. Sandbags can be utilized to help protect your home and property before a storm.
- 6. Don't risk your life**. During significant storm events, avoid waterways, flood control channels and the ocean, which can all rapidly swell and become extremely dangerous. NO PLACE outside is safe when lightning is in the area!
- 7. Have Emergency Alerts sent to your mobile phone and email**. Register at [lacounty.gov/emergency](http://lacounty.gov/emergency), or simply search "Alert LA County" on the web.
- 8. Download "The Works"**, LA County's FREE app for iPhone and Android, to report storm-related problems.
- 9. Prevent stormwater pollution**. Rain washes everything into storm drains that lead to our rivers and ocean. Secure household hazardous waste with tight-fitting lids and store these items in covered areas.
- 10. Capture rainwater**. Prepare your landscaped areas to capture and retain more water by using compost. Collect rain that falls on your roof by installing rain barrels.



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