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## Republican Women Federated's Efforts Provide A Better Environment For The Animals At Baldwin Park Shelter

By Jerri Potras and Lois Shade

**BALDWIN PARK** - As part of their Caring for America, East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated (ESGVRWF), Chaired by Barbara McPherson, Covina, and Brandy Guenveur South Pasadena, expediting deliveries, have at least one trunk load of newspapers, linens, towels, blankets, pet food, and animal toys each month to provide a better environment for the animals at the Baldwin Park Animal Shelter. With the help of Glendora School Board Member and candidate for the 48th Assembly District, Cory Ellenson and his wife, Natalia, two carloads of newspapers and materials were provided to the Baldwin Park Shelter on Saturday.

The newspapers, used to cover the floor areas in the cages and changed out regularly, help maintain a clean environment for the animals housed there. Last year, the Shelter received 8,628 cats, 7,863 dogs and 1,243 other animals. For the fiscal year 2015-16, as of March 1st, 4,630 cats were received at the Shelter, 4,274 dogs and 722 other animals. Others, I am told, include horses, llamas, turtles, and ham-



Delivering newspapers, blankets, rugs and other materials to the Baldwin Park Animal Shelter are (from right to left) Natalia Ellenson, Glendora Community Services Commissioner, Cory Ellenson, Candidate for the 48th Assembly District, Barbara McPherson, Founder & Chair, ESGVRWF Caring for America, Lois Shade, Former Mayor Glendora, Brandy Guenveur, Coordinator Deliveries, and Shelter personnel, Jared Zalamea, Animal Control Officer II, Javier Rodarte, Animal Control Officer.

sters, to name a few. All are looking for their owners or to be adopted out.

The Federated, under the leadership of Chair Barbara McPherson also collects and delivers books to K-8 children at school sites. One of their long-term book projects has been Potero School in El Monte mak-

ing sure each child has a book to read, take home and to keep.

Caring for America collects stuffed animals from various sources for the El Monte Police Department to give to children they come in contact with to ease

the trauma when their family is involved with the police department. Whether it is a domestic violence situation or other event, and if the child or children become displaced, that stuffed animal provides something for them

to hold on to giving some comfort.

The third Caring for America effort on the part of the East San Gabriel Valley Republican Women Federated is to provide support for our active and military veterans.

Republican Women Federated "Caring for America projects" are based on the belief that problems are most effectively solved through the generosity and combined energies of individuals than through dependency on government programs. All funding for these projects is donated by ESGVRWF members.

The Los Angeles County Baldwin Park Animal Shelter serves twenty five unincorporated areas and eight cities from Montrose / La Crescenta to Mt. Baldy and south to Brea and is one of six shelters in Los Angeles County. The Shelter is located at 4275 Elton Street, Baldwin Park, California 91706.

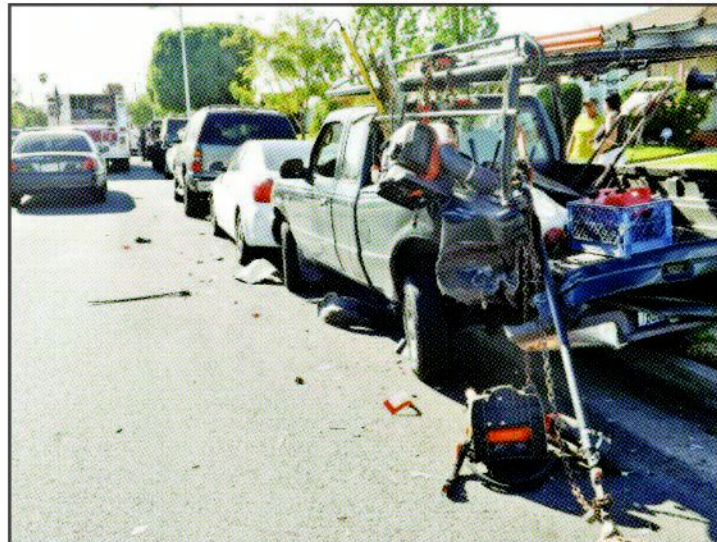
Information on the ESGVRWF can be found at [www.EastSanGabrielValleyRWF.org](http://www.EastSanGabrielValleyRWF.org).

## Seven Parked Cars Hit in Crash

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - West Covina Police and Fire Departments responded to a traffic collision in the 1200 block of East Puente and Lyall Avenues that involved eight vehicles. Seven of these vehicles were parked vehicles.

A senior citizen was traveling westbound on Puente Avenue just after a doctor's visit. He may have experienced a medical issue as he was driving which caused him to veer to the right and crashed into eight parked vehicles. The first vehicle he hit was a gardener's pickup truck filled with equipment. One gardener had just got through putting his lawn equipment on the pickup truck and walked away when it was hit. The impact drove the pickup truck into the car in front of it, and that car hit the car in front of it. The pickup truck was totaled and the rear wheel on the passenger side went up and over the curb. As the Cadillac traveled west-



Gardener's truck and other vehicles damaged in the crash.

bound it sideswiped other vehicles including two white sedans, an SUV, and three Jeeps. There were various degrees of damage to the vehicles, from very minor to major damage. It is believed that four vehicles were damaged enough to have a police report generated for their damage. The Cadillac appeared to have extensive damage to the front and right side of the vehicle to the point that it could be a totaled out vehicle.

The wide tires on the Jeeps helped prevent any serious damage to these vehicles.

The paramedics checked out the older gentleman and for the most part, he did not appear to be injured from the traffic collision, but as a health precaution, he was transported to the hospital.

The accident is still under investigation as there were no other injuries reported.

## Supervisor Antonovich Honored For Gold Line's Development And Construction

LOS ANGELES COUNTY -

At the MTA board meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich was honored by the Gold Line Construction Authority for his leadership over the past 20 years driving the development and construction of the Gold Line rail system. This month, the Gold Line was extended to stations opened in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa from Pasadena, which opened in 2003.

"The Gold Line is a vital component in our county's regional transportation system and will serve as the economic engine for the San Gabriel Valley," said Antonovich. "I appreciate this recognition and thank CEO Habib Balian and directors Doug Tessitor, Sam Pedroza, Marisol Rodriguez, Paul Leon, John Fasana, Gene Masuda, Carrie Bowen, Daniel Evans, Alan Wapner from our partner cities, South Pasadena, Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa, our town



With Habib Balian, Chief Executive Officer of the Gold Line Construction Authority and Doug Tessitor, Chairman of the Gold Line Construction Authority.

councils, and the community whose efforts have kept the Gold Line on-time and under-budget. We also look forward to working together to continue construction east to Claremont and

onto Ontario Airport, and westward to an expansion from Pasadena to Glendale, Burbank, North Hollywood and the Bob Hope Airport."

## Former Intern Jessica Buehler Studying to be a Veterinarian

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - Visiting Dr. Song Park at the West Foothill Animal Hospital recently, was Jessica Buehler who brought her cat along for a check up.

Jessica has ties to the West Foothill Animal Hospital and Dr. Park, because she interned over there for two years while she attended Glendora High School.

Presently she is in her second year at the famous Veterinary University, U.C. Davis in San Diego.

Dr. Park and his staff were happy to see Jessica once again.

The West Foothill Animal Hospital and Dr. Song Park has been around for twenty years. They expect to be around for another twenty years or more since Dr. Park's son Dr. Michael Song has now joined the practice.

The West Foothill Animal Hospital treats all kinds of animals, including dogs and cats.



Jessica Buehler with her mom Marian and Dr. Park.

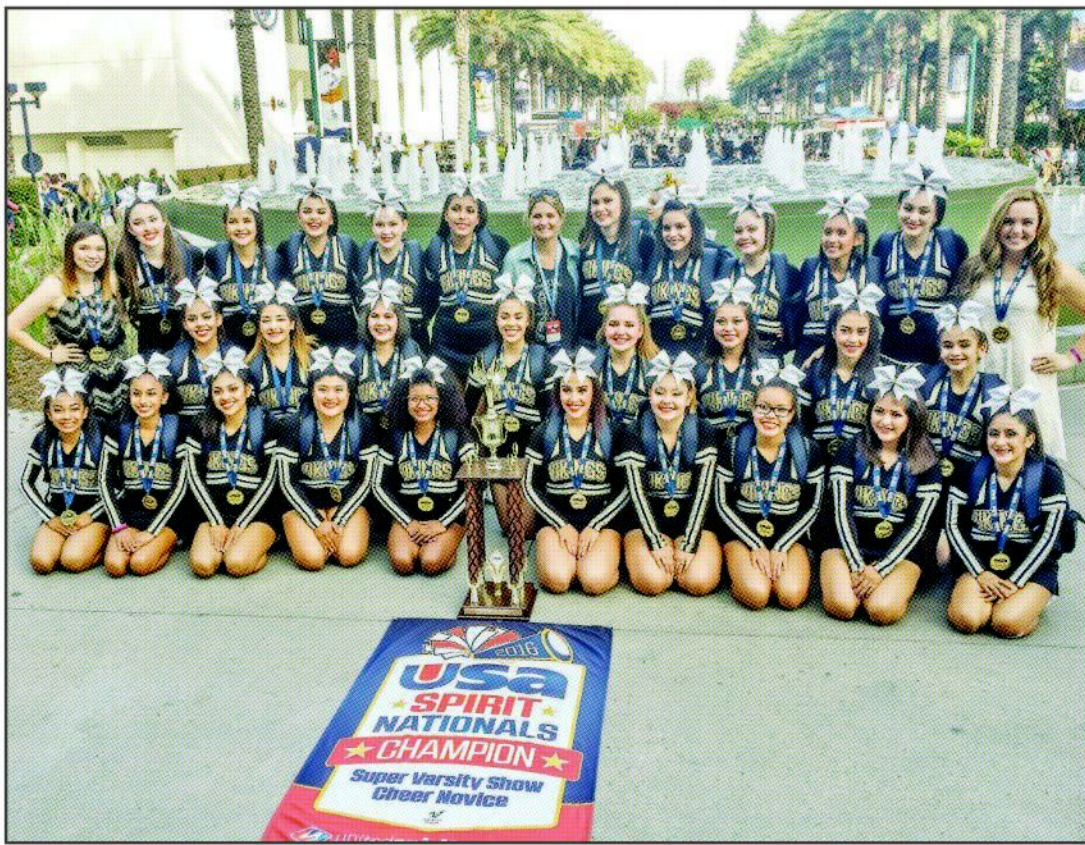
Both the doctors do surgeries, including spaying and neutering. Dr. Park counts many Glendorans as clients who bring their animals for their shots or other needs. They also clean dogs teeth and

have boarding facilities. West Foothill Animal Hospital is located at 615 W. Foothill Boulevard in Glendora; their phone number is 626-335-4912.



A senior citizen driver (left) of the damaged Cadillac being interviewed at the scene of the accident by a West Covina Police Officer.

# Northview High Comp Team Wins Back-to-Back National Championship Titles



**COVINA** - Winning its second national title, Northview High Comp Team won the USA National Super Varsity Show Cheer Novice National Spirit Title at the Anaheim Convention Center on Sunday, March 20, 2016. On Friday, 14 teams competed in the Super Varsity Show Cheer Novice division. The Northview Vikings along with four other high schools qualified and advanced to the finals.

The Vikings finished as National Champions in 2015, go-

ing into the finals on Sunday the team was one point behind. The road to Nationals has been a lot of hard work, a big commitment and dedication, the team is made-up of twenty-eight girls. The Viking Comp Team is led by Coach Krystle Garcia-Gibbons and Coach Bri Garcia-Gibbons, who are both alumni from Northview and former cheerleaders. The Northview Cheer Team competed in four Regionals beginning in December 2015, placing 1st in their division at each

regional.

Following the competition, the five finalist teams were brought back onto the tension-filled mats for the awards ceremony, each team in a circle, hand in hand, but when USA Spirit finally announced Northview as the National Champions, the team exploded into screams, tears and hugs.

The Northview Competition team will be recognized by the Covina Unified School District board on Monday, April 18, 2016.

# Glendora's 2016 Earth Day Festival Is Coming Soon

**GLENDORA** - The City of Glendora will hold its annual Earth Day Festival on Saturday April 16, 2016. The Festival will take place throughout the Glendora City Hall and Library grounds (116 East Foothill Blvd., Glendora).

The Earth Day Festival will feature a wide variety of free activities, suitable for all ages and all interests. There will be free confidential document shredding, used motor oil drop-off, a community bike ride, informative workshops, an animal magic show, tours to the Nature Center, animal and plant exhibits, an eco-tour of Glendora, a treasure hunt for kids, a free moon bounce, free face painting, information booths, giveaways, a wide diversity of vendors, and more.

Workshops are free of charge. Workshop topics will include: smart gardening, composting, efficient irrigation systems, native plant gardening, reusing rain water, and recycled crafts for kids. Industry experts will provide valuable information, innovative solutions, and practical tools to attendees.

Bring any CRV qualifying cans and bottles to the Earth Day Festival, and recycling proceeds will benefit community programs, services, and park facilities in Glendora.



Bring any unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals to the Police Department lobby for safe and anonymous drop-off. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for sale at a discounted price.

All event activities are free of charge. There will be something for everyone. For full details on the Earth Day Festival, please visit [www.cityofglendora.org/earthday](http://www.cityofglendora.org/earthday).

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## Police Discussion on Fraud Prevention

**GLENDORA** - Glendora Police Department will join Eye-Das for a discussion on most recent crimes occurring in Glendora and how to avoid fraud and scams from happening to you. Venue will be the La Petra Senior Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd., in Glendora on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

EYE-DAS ("Eye Diseases are serious") provides social and educational services to the visu-

ally impaired throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Clubs meet in West Covina on April 4 at noon in the West Covina Senior Center on Cortez; in Arcadia on April 12 at the Assistance League Building on Alta at noon. Both the visually impaired and their friends and family members are always welcome. For more information, contact EYE-DAS at (626) 335-3937.

## A Is For Art

**COVINA** - The City of Covina Parks and Recreation Department - Library Services Division is inviting all children to join us at the Covina Public Library for an afternoon as the Child Creativity Lab introduces Fun with PlasTikobots! Children will be able to create their own personalized art in a fun and educational

way. Limited space is available, first 25 children on a first-come, first serve basis. Join us on Saturday, April 2, 2-3pm.

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## Baldwin Park To Launch Official, Certified Farmers Market

Year-round event ties in to citywide healthy living campaign

**BALDWIN PARK** - Just in time for spring, the city of Baldwin Park will debut its new and certified farmers market, thanks to a partnership with Greenleaf Events Inc., a local company that has organized similar events throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

The official Baldwin Park Farmers Market launches Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. at Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. Residents are invited to be part of special grand opening specialties that will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and live entertainment, in addition to giveaways for the first 200 guests. Balloon animals and other interactive activities are also slated as part of the kickoff.

"This is going to be a one-stop-shop type of market," Yuriko Ruizeparza, a program supervisor with the Department of Recreation and Community Services, said of the incoming outdoor market.

Baldwin Park residents and

visitors will now have a chance to enjoy traditional farmers market fare and a children's fun zone, as well as shop from artisan and commercial vendors, local Baldwin Park merchants and various food booths, on Thursdays. More than 100 vendors - plus thousands of visitors - are anticipated at the Baldwin Park outdoor market every week. Additional features include select complementary children's rides, a free raffle of farm and other market products, and theme nights throughout the seasonal event, according to organizers.

Most importantly, Ruizeparza added, the new street fair complements the city's healthy living campaign, an ongoing effort to promote health-conscious activity and habits for all residents.

"This allows an opportunity for the community to have access to fresh fruits and veggies," said Ruizeparza. "It's a wrap-around approach because it provides opportunities for families to come out, recreate and enjoy themselves, and it also helps build economic prosperity for local businesses."

For the last two years, recreation department staff had coordinated and hosted an exclusive Summer Street Fair along Maine Avenue during the summer months. The outdoor fair - held for six consecutive weeks - drew local residents, merchants, and other businesses to the downtown area to shop and spend time with family and other members of the community.

Officials said it was the success of the Baldwin Park Summer Street Fair that prompted staff to expand that program. Ear-

lier this month, the city finalized a contract with Greenleaf Events to spearhead the Baldwin Park farmers market. Larry Trujillo, who runs marketing for Greenleaf, said his colleagues are excited bring their expertise to the local community.

"We think we'll be bringing a quality event that is time tested in other cities," said Trujillo, adding that Greenleaf also runs the highly recognized street market in Monrovia.

"What we will bring is an opportunity for the community to come out to a weekly event where they can spend as little or as much as they want, and be entertained," he added.

Trujillo said local merchants, vendors, and organizations are encouraged to promote their services during the weekly farmers market. In fact, Greenleaf associates said booths would be available to local groups at a reduced rate.

Baldwin Park's new farmers market will be year-round and will be held every Thursday, beginning April 7 and concluding December 8. The market is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. outside the Community Center. Once the Concerts in the Park series kicks off on June 30, the market will be relocated to Maine Avenue (between Ramona Boulevard and Palm Street).

To reserve a booth for the Baldwin Park Farmers Market, contact Greenleaf Events at (626) 386-5306 or visit the company's web site at [www.greenleafevents.net](http://www.greenleafevents.net). For general information about the weekly event, call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 268, or e-mail [yruizeparza@baldwinpark.com](mailto:yruizeparza@baldwinpark.com).

## Azusa City Council Walkabout Program - a Program For Proactive Community Engagement

**AZUSA** - For many Azusa residents, opportunities for direct engagement with the political process and elected representatives are much easier than in larger municipalities or cities. In an effort to encourage even more transparency in local government and civic engagement, the Azusa City Council has introduced a program they are calling the "Azusa Walkabout Program." Councilman Uriel Macias introduced this program in an effort to proactively engage and listen to issues where they actually appear in the city.

City Council members will walk a predetermined section of the City and engage in meaningful dialogue with residents in their neighborhoods to get feedback and provide updates on key projects and initiatives such as the Gold Line Parking Structures,

development projects throughout the City, and a variety of other topics selected by residents. In addition, they will identify areas of needed improvement, repairs needed, safety concerns, as well as possible beautification enhancements.

On the morning of Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Azusa City Council members will visit with residents and businesses in and around Downtown Azusa, the Gold Line Station, Parking Facility and City Hall. They plan on making visits along Azusa Avenue, between 5th and 9th Streets; on 9th Street, between Azusa Avenue and Pasadena Avenue; on Pasadena Avenue, from 9th Street to Foothill Boulevard and on to Azusa's City Hall.

"I walk through our city quite often. Through this walking-

working meeting, we will directly encounter the items that need to be addressed where they appear", says Azusa City Council member, Uriel Macias. "This is government in action! This program will insure that we get feedback and input from those residents and business owners who do not regularly attend scheduled council meetings."

Along the Walkabout route, if residents or business owners point out specific items of concern that they would like to see addressed, it will be noted on a field input card and then assigned to the appropriate city department or agency for further action. The field input cards have the contact information of the residents should specifics of the concern be needed or to simply let them know that their concern has been addressed.

## MPPD Makes Three Separate Arrests of Burglary Suspects with the Assistance of Residents

**MONTEREY PARK** - Between March 19-21, 2016, the Monterey Park Police Department made three separate arrests of burglary suspects. This was due largely to the assistance of Monterey Park residents who were vigilant in reporting suspicious activity and providing detailed information to officers who were conducting initial investigations and to detectives who conducted follow-up investigations. The information provided to the officers and detectives was vital in making the arrest of the suspects. The arrests accounted for three separate teams of burglars totaling eight

suspects.

The Monterey Park Police Department believes in building partnerships with our community to enhance public safety. We encourage our residents to be involved with their neighborhoods and the police department. One way to enhance the relationship is to be involved in the Neighborhood Watch program and learn who your neighbors are and who the officers are that serve our community. This will enhance the partnership and the safety of your neighborhoods. The Monterey Park Police Department would like to remind everyone that "If you see something say some-

thing."

If you would like more information on how to get involved in the neighborhood watch program please contact the Community Relations Bureau at 626-307-1215. Also follow the Monterey Park Police Department on its social media pages using Twitter, Nixle, and for Chinese speaking residents Weibo at the following:  
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 • Weibo: <http://weibo.com/mppd>.

## Azusa Police Arrest Nebraska Woman on Child Abduction

By George Ogden

**AZUSA** - A Nebraska woman was arrested by Azusa police in connection with the kidnapping of her 4-year-old daughter from her home state of Nebraska.

The arrest came on Thursday, March 24 around 7 PM. Detectives working on information from the Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department conducted a surveillance of an area that she was believed to be near the intersection of San Gabriel Avenue and Second Street.

It appears that Monique Marie Ramos, 28, of Lincoln, Nebraska,

who did not have legal custody of her daughter, fled that area back on March 10 of this year with her daughter and came to the Azusa area. During the surveillance operation, the officers spotted her walking with her daughter and arrested her without incident.

Ramos is being held without bail and most likely will be extradited to Nebraska for the kidnapping charge.

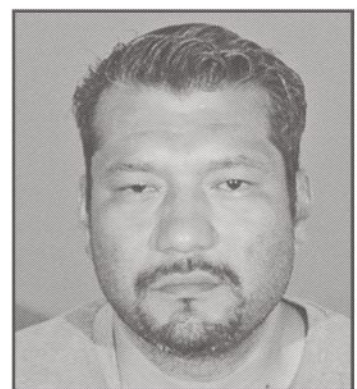
The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services took charge of the child and will work to reunite her with her legal guardians.

## Suspect Runs from Police and His Dog Attacks Officers

By George Ogden/  
Rudy Lopez WCPD

**WEST COVINA** - A suspect who resisted arrest as his dog attacked an officer was taken into custody, his dog was shot.

On Monday, March 21, West Covina PD Officers working in a 2-man car spotted the suspect wanted for warrants in front of his residence located in the 1800 block of Jennifer Place, in West Covina. When the officers attempted to make contact with him, the suspect looked at the officers, turned and ran. Officers chased the suspect into his home and out the rear door into the backyard. When the suspect began fighting with the officers, a large dog in that yard attacked one of the officers, biting him on the leg. During the struggle, the dog then charged the 2nd officer forcing him to fire his duty weapon striking the dog. The dog succumbed to his injuries. The suspect was then taken into custody without further incident.



Ramon Cardenas Lopez

No one else was injured during the incident.

The suspect has been identified as Ramon Cardenas Lopez, 38 of West Covina. He was arrested for Battery upon a peace officer and resisting arrest. He was also booked for outstanding warrants for resisting arrest on a previous case, drug possession and driving on a suspended license. Total bail is \$85,000.00. He appeared at West Covina Superior Court on Wednesday, March 23, and has additional court appearances.

## West Covina PD Arrest 5 for Loaded Weapons and Assault

By George Ogden/  
Rudy Lopez WCPD

**WEST COVINA** - On Tuesday morning, March 22, at 3:32 a.m. the West Covina Police Department received a call of a man with a gun who was bleeding near a gas station in the 300 block of N. Azusa Avenue in West Covina. When the officers arrived they saw two vehicles leaving the location. Both vehicles were stopped and 5 men were detained, one being the injured man who had sustained abrasions on his face. In the vehicle was a shotgun, large knife and a baseball bat.

At 3:39 a.m. a call was received from a local hospital regarding a 28 year old male stab-

bing victim who had come into their Emergency Room. The stab injury was to the victim's leg and was not life threatening. Through their investigation, officers were able to determine that these two calls may be related. They appear to be connected to a previous call received at 1:13 a.m. of a fight between several subjects in the area of the 1800 block of E. Grovescenter in West Covina.

Arrested for carrying a loaded firearm, assault with a deadly weapon and criminal conspiracy are Angel Rene Ramirez, 19 of Covina who has seven previous arrests since he has been here, Miguel Baltazar Ibarra, 20 of Baldwin Park who has 2 previous

arrests and was released from jail late last year, JB Fernan Lin Rabajante, 20 of West Covina, Albert David Mack, 25 of West Covina, was also charged with 849 PC and released along with Andrew Vince Cordia, 18 of West Covina.

It is believed that all of these individuals belong to, or are connected to a Mexican gang. All are originally being held on \$35,000.00 bail and are scheduled to appear at West Covina Superior Court on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

If you have any information on these people, or these crimes, please contact the West Covina Police Department.

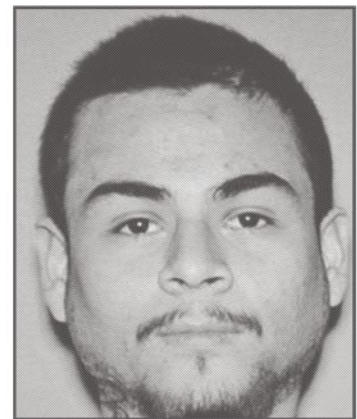
## Be on the LOOK-OUT for Suspect in Fatal South Gate Crash

By George Ogden

**SOUTH GATE/SGV** - All of Southern California and especially The East Gabriel Valley are asked to be on alert for a hit and run suspect identified as Bryan Rojas, who is 22 years old, 5 foot 10 and 180 pounds.

Rojas was involved in a traffic collision in South Gate where he was traveling at a high rate of speed and had a collision with another vehicle killing a father and his 15-year-old daughter along with critically injuring five other children. Rojas subsequently got out of his own vehicle after the impact and ran away without trying to render any assistance.

Rojas has at least seven previous arrests since coming into the area two years ago and it appears most of them are some type of driving violations that



Bryan Rojas, Wanted by Police. Includes possibly a suspended license.

Authorities have released his picture in the hopes that someone will recognize him and assist them with getting him apprehended. Rojas also had a

friend in his vehicle that was injured and remained at the scene.

There is a possibility that he has ties in Azusa that may assist him in getting back to Mexico. Rojas was also injured in the accident and may have injuries to his forehead. He may try to change his appearance by shaving off his mustache and goatee.

If anyone sees Rojas, do not approach him as he is considered dangerous. Notify your local police department immediately. All police agencies are thanking the public in advance for their assistance.

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# \$20 Billion Dollars Being Flushed to the Ocean

By Lois M. Shade  
Former Mayor of Glendora

Tuesday, March 22nd, there was a meeting held at West Covina City Hall with huge numbers thrown around the room and all of those numbers had dollar signs in front of them. Front and center were Senator Bob Huff, (West Covina R-29) now a candidate for 5th District L.A. County Board of Supervisors, and Senator Ed Hernandez, (West Covina D-22J), Chair, San Gabriel Valley Caucus and termed out of that seat in 2018.

Focus of the meeting: Federally mandated MS4 regulations under the 1972 Clean Water Act. MS4 is an augmented implementing component of the National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) and identifies 33 pollutants that need treatment or elimination to meet TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) or amount of that pollutant a water body can receive and still maintain water quality standards.

In 1990, U.S. EPA required cities and counties to obtain a NPDES permit to measure and

control discharges from pipes, man-made ditches and discharges from industrial and municipal sources, including parking lots, into surface waters.

In 1999, under Phase II of NPDES, called MS4, or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, U.S. EPA issued an order requiring urbanized areas, like cities and counties, to create a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to reduce the contamination of storm water runoff from their jurisdiction to storm drains/channels/streams and ultimately to the ocean.

Costs to implement MS4 and available funding sources to make L.A. County and the 88 cities in the county compliant with the new EPA standards were tossed out by City Managers, Chris Jeffers, Glendora, and Oliver Chi, Monrovia to give perspective to the massive undertaking being mandated upon cities and L.A. County with no stable secure funding source:

- \$20 billion of infrastructure improvements with deadlines to meet over 15 to 20 years
- Equates to \$1,300 per par-

cel per year

- \$349 per year per person
- Upper L.A. River - \$6 billion on capital costs and does not include operation and maintenance
- Lower San Gabriel River is \$64 million with compliance in 10 years
- Green streets in Sun Valley cost \$2.7 million. (Captures storm water and allows to percolate through the ground to clean naturally into the basin)
- Federal funding is \$163 million nationwide
- 2014 water bond for state was \$7.5 billion statewide for rain water capture infrastructure

As of August 2015, the preliminary estimated cost per year over a 20 year period for cities to implement MS4 and the required mandated 5 steps is wide ranging and fluctuates.

- Glendora - \$10 million year
- Baldwin Park - \$8.2 million year
- Covina - \$6 million year
- Claremont, La Verne, San Dimas and Pomona - \$8 mill a year each
- Average income in El Monte is \$41,000 so a parcel tax of

\$1,300 is not affordable

- Average income in San Marino is over \$100,000 so a parcel tax may be feasible but not equitable.

Upper San Gabriel River Enhanced Watershed Management Group is a coalition of L.A. County and the Flood Control District, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora Industry and La Puente and is required to perform 5 steps as part of the MS4 permit:

- Test the San Gabriel River for specific Pollutants to determine whether pollutant limits are exceeded.
- Test water flowing from each city into the San Gabriel River to see if it is causing water quality problems and that will require building monitoring stations.
- Test water flowing out when there is no storm or rain to assess those impacts on the River.
- Track impacts from new developments.
- Participate in Southern California Storm Water Monitoring Coalition (SMC) to assist in developing technical information to assess impact and develop tools

to improve storm water management.

Ray Tahir a consultant I met over a year ago, reinforced the information he has been providing regarding this whole process. He believes TMDLs are numeric limitations on pollutants proposed by NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and the EPA to create mandated water plans. He also suggested TMDLs are not properly calculated and are not valid because they are not on the Clean Water Act list. He also referred to testing result differentials depending on wet versus dry weather providing inconsistent number documentation.

John Harris, attorney for the City of Gardena, said interpretation of the Clean Water Act does not require cities and counties who are involuntary participants in this program, to achieve the impossible only provide evidence of measurable means of compliance. Cities don't have the option of shutting down a source pollutant and can't stop the rain.

Both Harris and Tahir pointed out Glendora, South Pasadena and

Gardena are three cities being forced to comply with TMDLs that are not on the Clean Water Act list.

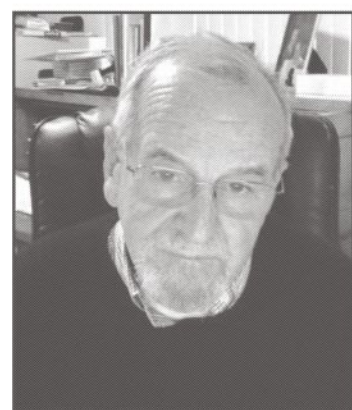
Senator Hernandez pointed out the California Water Quality Control Board and the nine regional boards created in 1967 are appointed not elected and review the MS4 permits for compliance. For those coming up for reappointment or appointment he said he will not support them unless they come to the cities he represents and listen to them.

Senator Huff acknowledged the federal Clean Water Act is good but compliance will cost \$20 billion for full implementation or \$2,000 per person. Cities facing the cost involved with MS4 can choose bankruptcy or compliance referring to the proposed fines if not compliant. Fines are \$10,000 a day per pollutant violation and \$37,500 a day at the federal level.

Both Senators agreed the San Gabriel Legislative Caucus, Democrats and Republicans, are working and coming together on transportation and water issues.

## To Defend And To Protect - What About The Police?

Over the years I have had a serious concern about how the police, relate to the minority citizens in the communities they patrol. It has been a mixed bag. When I worked on Chicago's southside, the police were not always there "to defend and to protect." More often than not their role seemed to be "to intimidate and harass." The victims were the black young men in the area.



Charles H. Bayer

A committee from the church I served produced a devastating report on Chicago's "Gang Intelligence Unit." The report was covered on the front page of a major Chicago daily newspaper. As a result, six uniformed officers showed up the next day intent on searching the church building, looking for something or someone. When asked to see their search warrant, they admitted that they didn't have one, and left.

Having been deeply involved in the anti Viet Nam war movement, I was gassed in what was called a "police riot" along with hundreds of others at the corner of Michigan and Balbo during the 1968 Democratic Convention.

A few weeks later I was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury which indicted the Chicago 8. It was an unnerving experience. I was accused of things I knew nothing about. I was not allowed an attorney and had no right to question my accusers, who turned out to be two young

undercover officers. These men were trusted members of our college youth contingent, and had infiltrated the group a few weeks back. In those days we rarely had a student meeting which did not include police informers. They dressed just like other grubbily-clad students, except they could be identified by wearing highly polished shoes.

I often found myself at the District headquarters complaining to Commander Pepp about what I found to be brutality and abuse. He and those who served under him had a very difficult dangerous job, and he gained my respect and admiration, even though we often disagreed.

Nevertheless I realized that the police had a mammoth set of problems working on Chicago's Southside. But I came to believe that their tactics were often counter-productive and, in fact, created hostility. I understand that since then there has been a

massive police retraining program and things in Chicago, are now much improved.

When I moved to a Midwestern city of 75,000 and became a member of the City Council, I was able to see the work of the police from a different perspective. Art Kelly, the Chief of Police, became a trusted friend. I have rarely met a more genuinely caring public official. My guess is that across the country most leaders of local police departments are very much like what I saw in him.

What about Southern California? The Los Angeles Times has recently reported that in LA County the police have shot and killed more than 650 people since 2000. To date there have been no indictments of any of the officers involved. But then there have been no prosecutions in the prominent cases in New York, Ferguson, Missouri and elsewhere. The affirmation that "Black Lives Matter" is a cry of pain the nation needs to hear and take seriously.

On the other hand, almost everywhere I have lived the police I personally encountered have been professional, polite, careful and helpful. In my current community I have ridden with them day and night as a member of a citizens' committee concerned with hate crimes. When I have needed them, they have indeed been on duty to "defend and protect." I respect them and the job they do. But then, I'm not young, poor and black.

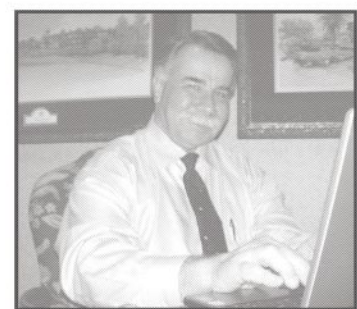
Contact Charles Bayer at [candwbayer@verizon.net](mailto:candwbayer@verizon.net)

## Don't Hand Me Your Baby

Over the many years I have had friends, acquaintances and even strangers try to hand me their little babies to hold. Do me a favor, please do not ask me to do that.

For some reason, I think this is some type of conspiracy that the parents have for asking people to hold their babies. I'm sure there is some type of indicator to them, that the babies are about to go pee-pee or make a pooh-pooh. Therefore if they do, why not hand the baby off to somebody else? Let them deal with the wetness and/or the solid matter that may be produced from the baby. There is nothing more pleasant than to have somebody's baby to pee on you or to make poop on you. For the rest of the day, that is exactly what you're going to smell like.

On the other parents agenda, they seem to know when their babies going to puke. What do they do, they hand the baby off to somebody else. Usually,



George Ogden  
That's just the way it is!

within seconds of taking possession of somebody else's baby, here it comes, puked up baby formula or whatever else they attempted to ingest. Parents, that stuff stinks.

Once again, if that happens to you, not only does it stain your clothes, but you smell like baby puke all day long.

If you're one of the lucky ones, you may get all three happen to you at the same time.

I don't know what the rules are, but if it's like a roll of toilet paper, and you are there when the

last sheet is used, you have to change it. So does that mean if I'm holding somebody's baby, and that diaper gets used, I have to change it? It ain't going to happen.

Now if you get real lucky, and they don't do any of the above, I'm sure you will get that thing just screaming in your ear until mom or dad takes the baby back. I have no idea how something that small can be so loud.

I am not alone with this; other people feel the same way. I get pooped on by adults, I don't need to have it done by babies that I don't even know, besides, I think babies hate me and that's why they do what they do to me.

The bottom line is, I'm not interested in holding a baby, and I don't know how to handle a baby or how to hold it. I am not planning to learn how to do this, so don't try to train me. I will just get pooped on again.

"That's Just the Way It Is?"

## American Cancer Society - BARK FOR LIFE!

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia along with the Hope Can Cure Cancer Club from Arcadia High School is hosting a Bark for Life Event on Saturday, April 2 from 10am - 1pm. Bark for Life is a non-competitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Bark for Life is directly related to Arcadia's Relay for Life and shares the theme, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." So bring your best canine friends and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Domotor from Dr. Domotor's Animal Hospital. Please remember dogs must be on a leash and please be ready to clean up after your four legged friends.

Arcadia Dog Park (Eisenhower Park) located on the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Second Avenue: 601 N. Second Avenue, Arcadia.

By supporting Bark for Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays. To register your dog, please visit: [www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadia](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadia). The cost is \$15 for your first dog and \$25 for your second dog. Registration begins at 9:15am; Opening Ceremonies start at 10:00am

For information contact City of Arcadia, Recreation and Community Services, 626.574.5113 or Carter L. Spruill at [barkarcadia@hotmail.com](mailto:barkarcadia@hotmail.com) or call 323.309.3954.

## Everyone's Spiritual Quest: Awake to a Higher Consciousness

By Don Ingwerson

Isn't everyone on a spiritual quest - yearning for spiritual answers - in one way or another?

That's what occurred to me as I joined more than 6000 people who attended an Eckhart Tolle and Deepak Chopra event in Los Angeles recently.

Perhaps ironically, the spiritual event was competing with its glitzy opposite, the 88th Academy Awards ceremony. And the mechanics of getting to the location of the event almost overshadowed it, with unbelievable Oscar-eve traffic in downtown

Los Angeles. On arrival, there was just as much of a jam within a packed Los Angeles Shrine auditorium - comprised of Hollywood stars and millennials. This was a huge event, and although I had hoped to meet either of these popular spiritual thinkers, I soon realized that hope was going to be unfulfilled.

Tolle and Chopra both presented ideas that dwelt on an inter-connectivity and a form of mindfulness. They had taken the time and effort to frame their spiritual message to meet the expectations of the attendees - saying that spirituality is more than membership in material organizations. Instead, they said, it is activity that resonates with the soul. Judging by the audience's reactions, these were the messages that the audience hungered for and connected with.

And it was as I sat in the audience of thousands that I realized that each of us is searching for meaning and purpose in life. And in particular, within that search for meaning and purpose, there is a yearning for spiritual freedom.

I can understand that. I found myself searching for spiritual freedom while in college. I started my quest by reaching out to different churches to find meaning. I even took courses in religion and had conversations with professors to find spiritual answers. In the end, it wasn't until I came across Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, written by religious leader

Mary Baker Eddy in the 1800s, that I found what I was looking for - an approach to religion that gave a reasoned, spiritual basis for seeing ourselves as inherently having unlimited freedom. Based on the Bible, particularly Jesus' biblical healings, this book presented the idea of our true nature being wholly spiritual, a reflection of God, and untouched by materiality.

This new/old idea is expressed clearly by Eddy in this passage: "To understand that Mind is infinite, not bounded by corporeality, not dependent upon the ear and eye for sound or sight nor upon muscles and bones for locomotion, is a step towards the Mind-science by which we discern man's nature and existence."

Whether we talk about awakening to this realization of man's spiritual identity, linked directly to God, or about finding spiritual answers step by step while walking toward God, the quest is underway to make unlimited spiritual freedom a reality, as it has been since before Moses walked out of Egypt.

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).

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# Wall Street Keeps An Eye On China - But Don't Forget Europe

The international economy has been a key driver of US equity and fixed income prices this year, which is remarkable given that the Fed embarked on an implied 325bp tightening in mid-December. China has attracted the most attention. A dozen rounds of stimulus in the past couple of years and the Chinese government still can't generate traction. Lending continues to slow, growth continues to slow, and capital continues to flee at alarming rates.

But don't let the world's second largest economy distract you from what's going on in the collective that was once the world's largest. Europe isn't doing very well either.

The European Union is falling on hard times again, and ECB Director Mario Draghi is pushing hard to fulfill the promise of more easing he made last December. If only it were that simple. According to Bloomberg News, the central bank is unsure whether more Quantitative Easing or still-lower negative rates will help the economy or weaken it further. What they do know is they have to do something.

## EU SALES ARE WEAKENING

The weather in Europe has been just as crazy as the weather in the US this winter, which likely explains some of the volatility in recent data. However, step back a bit and look at the trend, and it's not a pretty picture.

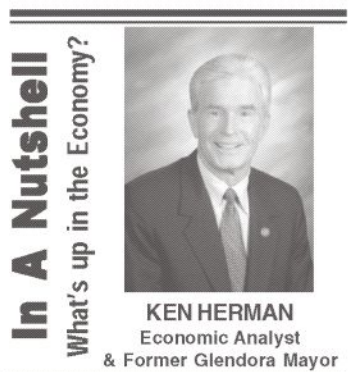
>EU GDP growth peaked in the second quarter of last year. In the fourth quarter it was unchanged at 0.3% quarterly and slowed 1.5% year-on-year.

>France, Germany and Italy all saw slowing GDP growth in each of the last two quarters.

>EU consumer confidence peaked in early 2015. It has since fallen to a level consistent with 1.5% retail sales growth. Unlike the US, confidence correlates closely with retail activity in Europe.

>Retail sales growth has been slowing since last summer. The retail sales deflator peaked in early 2014 and has fallen into negative territory since, suggesting deflation is still a problem in the EU.

Retail sales accelerated in January, as they did in the US, but the rise was insufficient to re-



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verse the weakening trend.

>EU Institute for Supply Management measures indicate that both manufacturing and services are weakening.

>EU manufacturing accelerated through 2015 thanks to QE and a weaker currency. However the manufacturing ISM fell sharply in January and again in February, unwinding two-thirds of last year's gain after the euro rallied in early December.

>EU industrial production was growing faster than 1% last summer. It's not much, but that was faster than industrial production growth in the US or China. In December, industrial production fell 0.7% year-on-year.

>Export orders and export volumes are falling. Exports peaked last summer.

>The unemployment rate is still falling, but the rate of improvement has slowed.

>Deflation returned in January with an unexpected -0.2% year-on-year CPI.

>The ECB has cut its deposit rate (interest on bank reserves) to -0.30%. Mortgage rates have fallen to 2.0% and non-financial business loans are being made at 2.6%.

## WHAT CAN THE ECB DO?

Mario Draghi, who has insisted the ECB has plenty of tools and the will to use them is expected to deliver in a big way. But, as many have pointed out, his options are limited. Further rate cuts will hurt bank earnings, encouraging behavior likely to limit lending. A QE expansion will be hard to execute because so many of the remaining government bonds in circulation are tied up in banks and insurance companies or are ineligible for purchase.

The trouble is, the market is anticipating a rate cut of at least 10bp and a QE increase from €60bn/mo. to €80bn/mo. Anything less would disappoint. That

means Draghi has to deliver even more if he wants to revitalize the stimulative power of policy.

As for expanding QE, the eligible bond universe could grow significantly. But to protect against the risk of a bond-market rally choking off supply, the ECB could either remove the old floor on eligibility, or lower it to some number of basis points below the deposit rate. The ECB could also buy corporate debt, but has avoided doing so up until now for a number of reasons.

## WILL IT WORK?

Experience in the US and Japan suggests QE is a powerful tool in the short run, but the impact fades quickly unless it is frequently expanded. And eventually, as Japan is finding out, there is no room to expand it further. As for negative rates, the jury is still out.

Much of Europe's current weakness stems from financial reform. European banks emerged from the Great Recession with even more bad debt than US banks, but unlike the US, the EU's governments were not big enough to provide a capital backstop while the mess was cleaned up. US banks might be too big to fail; European banks are too big to save.

European banks also had much lower capital ratios, because Europe had adopted Basel II, a reform regime which allowed lower capital ratios as long as banks loaded up on "safe" investments like high rated CDOs. You know, the ones that defaulted at 80-90% rates during our financial crisis.

Europe is in the process of tackling the mess now. A reform law similar to our Dodd-Frank Act passed in early 2014 and the regulations under the new law are in the first stages of implementation. The good news is that banks anticipated the reform and capital ratios are already considerably higher than they once were. In other words, after years of shrinking credit, credit growth in the EU could resume in a systemically safer environment as early as 2018. The result should be faster economic growth without the crutch of monetary stimulus.

The EU and the US are tremendous trade partners and rely on each other's economic growth. If one economy is doing poorly, the effects of that will have a systemic effect on the other. Currently the European Central Bank and our Federal Reserve are working in opposite directions. As our Fed recently raised interest rates, the ECB has been easing in an effort to stimulate growth. Time will dictate which one is wrong.

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*Is this true? Can I invest in an IRA for 2015 even though it's 2016?*

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*I have a couple of CDs that mature this month. Should I reinvest them into CDs or do you have something that is still safe, but could earn a higher rate?*

If your CDs are your only emergency fund, you probably want to leave some of that money there. If you want safe, tax-advantaged savings for future use,

and/or to leave it to heirs, then I would recommend moving some of that money elsewhere. If suitable for you, consider a fixed-indexed annuity, or a fixed-indexed life insurance policy.

*The small company I work for stopped matching 401k contributions, and now they are talking about doing away with the plan altogether. This would really affect my retirement planning. What should we do?*

This could be a blessing in disguise for you. As you know, money is taken from your pay before taxes, grows tax-deferred, and then you pay taxes when you take distributions which are mandatory at age 70 1/2. If you can afford to receive the income and pay taxes now on that money, you could invest in other tax-deferred, or even never-taxed-again accounts. Some of these do not have the mandatory distribution age of 70 1/2. These products allow you more choices in your retirement years.

## Got a question? Ask Julia by email:

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WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# Vulnerable To Hacking

We at Certified Automotive Specialists love cars and it is also how we make our living. This is why you can count on us to stay up-to-the minute on all things involving cars. When the FBI and the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently said motor vehicles are increasingly vulnerable to hacking, we took note and wanted to share it with all our friends in Glendora!

What is one of the many advantages of a connected car? Software updates that a driver simply downloads. Imagine receiving an email update for your vehicle and instead of it being legitimate, the links are taking you to a malicious website/software. All this "connectivity" makes us vulnerable to those who

want to use it for bad.

Most of the time, being aware of the possibility is helpful. Know who has access to your vehicle's information. We password protect our smart phones, laptops and other devices and are very wary of giving this information to just anybody. We need to be just as concerned who has this information when it comes to our cars.

This is why in future it will be very important to choose an auto repair facility wisely and stick with them. You have to take your vehicle to a trusted source and not just take it here for an oil change, there for a brake job and still somewhere else for cooling system services.

When it comes to recalls, we at Certified Automotive Special-

ists suggest you regularly visit the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) site <http://www.nhtsa.com/> to get the latest information. This will let you know if the "update" information you are given is legitimate or just a ruse to make you vulnerable to a hacking.

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Visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov) and click on the Find a Tax Rate by Address link to find the tax rate for the address of a specific business location. The new tax rates will be reflected on the BOE website beginning on April 1. You may also call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY:711) to find your local tax rates. Representatives are available to assist you weekdays from

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), except state holidays.

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# 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 Klenz, 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

### Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

## COVINA

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### 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

### Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes dis-

troubling. 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 re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

### 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.

## MONROVIA

### Caring Crafters

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

### Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

## WEST COVINA

### Let's Dance Seniors Club

Sunday evening dinner dance opening April 3rd, from 4pm to 8pm at the VFW Hall 2238 West Merced Ave. West Covina.

Price is \$7. Bring a friend or come by yourself. You will always be welcome.

For more information call Toni 626-858-2863

### 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.

# Mt. SAC Disability Athletics Faire is a Dream Come True

**WALNUT** - Two years ago, Jermy Schmidt was thinking about a way he could help the area's disabled population experience more in life. And when Mt. San Antonio College hosts its first Disability Athletics Faire on Saturday, April 2, his dream will have come true.

"It gives kids and older people with disabilities who don't get out much the chance to get out for the day and to do something that they have never done before," said Jermy, whose vision is making the event become a reality.

Jermy's dream for event involves about 300 participants with a variety of disabilities taking part in nine different events, including everything from kayaking to lawn bowling and swimming to rock climbing.

"After seeing the disability fair at Cal State San Bernardino two years ago, I thought why not have another fair for people in San Gabriel and Pomona valleys," said the 24-year-old who is helping to organize the event and is a volunteer at the Service Center for Independent Life in Claremont.

Jermy, who has a learning disability himself, approached Mt. San Antonio College, and together with the Service Center for Independent Life, the two institutions gave life to the event.

"In most places, I don't see disabled people getting out very

much. They play video games and watch TV, but they don't get out much," he said.

The event is being held to augment the quality of life and health of people with disabilities by introducing them to sporting activities. It will also help promote awareness of sports for the disabled.

There are no age restrictions, no disability restrictions. No restrictions whatsoever.

"You have to get outside of the box and explore what you can do," said Ed Davis, 58, who is completely blind and will be participating in rock climbing event.

Ed, a resident of San Bernardino, said when he first became blind he bought into the notion that there was a lot of things he could no longer do.

"At first, I was scared to come out of my house by myself," he said.

Now, Ed leads other blind people downtown on the commuter train to get a child dog and stills changes the brakes on his wife's car.

"It's all about letting people know what they can do, about getting out of your comfort zone," he said. "This event is their opportunity to try."

Another participant, 27-year-old Lindsey Wong, who has Asperger's syndrome, plans to try the kayaking and skateboarding events.

"For me, it was just like why

not participate. I think it will be fun," she said.

A total of between 700 and 800 people are expected at the disability fair, including participants, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and family members.

"A lot of people think that people with disabilities can't do something like this—like climbing a rock wall. We want to break that bubble," said Larry Grable, executive director of the Service Center for Independent Life.

The golf instructor for the event, for example, is blind.

"To get people doing something they are not used to doing is a great thing," said Larry. "It's not a competition, but everyone who participates is a winner."

The Disability Faire will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be held on the Mt. SAC campus in the area adjacent to the college's pool and Wellness Center.

The event is sponsored by Mt. SAC, the Service Center for Independent Life in Claremont, the Mt. SAC Associated Students, L.A. Care Health Plan, Molina Healthcare, Southern California Gas, Care First Health Plan, Ultimate Self Defense Studios, Access Services, and Krispy Kreame Doughnuts.

For more information, call the Service Center for Independent Life at (909) 621-6722 or the Mt. SAC Disabled Student Programs and Services at (909) 274-4290.

# Teen Spring Camp!

**ARCADIA** - The Recreation and Community Services Department is offering a Teen Spring Camp at First Avenue Middle School, 301 S. First Avenue in Arcadia. This camp is open to middle school children grades 6-8 and provides a fun, safe environment for youth to enjoy during their Spring Break. The dates are Tuesday, April 5th, Wednesday, April 6th, Thursday, April 7th and Friday, April 8th from 9am to 5pm for a cost of \$20 per day. Sign your child up for one day or all four. The camp is filled with fun group activities to keep children active and entertained dur-

ing their Spring Break. Children must bring a sack lunch each day. Supervision is generally on a ratio of one Recreation Leader for each group of 10 children. To register go to the city's website at [www.Arcadiaca.gov](http://www.Arcadiaca.gov) under the Recreation and Community Services Department or come by our office, 375 Campus Drive. Cancellations must be made by Monday, April 1st in order to receive a refund (which is subject to a \$10 service charge).

For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

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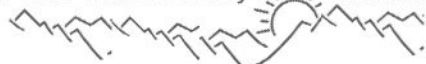
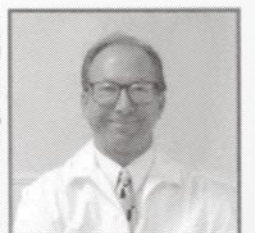
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# Citrus College Program Coordinator Named Woman of the Year

GLENDORA - Lillian Sass, coordinator of the Citrus College Foster/Kinship Education and Resources Program (FKCERP), has been named a Woman of the Year for the 25th Senate District by Senator Carol Liu.

Every year, state senators honor women in their districts who have made unique contributions to enhance the quality of life for others. Senator Liu selected five women from her district, which includes Burbank, Bradbury, Glendale, Pasadena, La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose, Altadena, San Marino, Shadow Hills, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Sunland-Tujunga, Monrovia, Duarte, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Glendora, and Upland.

Sass was selected because of her commitment to supporting foster youth and her dedication to educating foster and adoptive families.

A full-time Citrus College employee since 2003, Sass has worked as the coordinator of the Early Childhood Career Ladder Program and as the interim supervisor of Extended Opportunities Programs and Services. She was assigned to the FKCERP in 2006.

"Citrus College is proud of



Lillian Sass - 25th Senate District Woman of the Year

Lil's accomplishments and appreciates the many contributions she has made to the institution," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Her commitment to supporting foster youth and her dedication to educating foster and adoptive families is commendable. She is definitely deserving of this incredible honor."

As the coordinator of the FKCERP, Sass is responsible for overseeing a variety of specialized programs and classes. This includes the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success - Independent Living Program, a comprehensive and integrated program uniting community partners and academic leaders to empower current and former foster

youth.

"As a former community college student, I have always wanted to help others the way I was once helped. Being the coordinator of the Foster/Kinship Program has provided me with the opportunity to serve students in a unique way," Sass said. "I am honored to be part of such important work, and I am humbled by this award."

The FKCERP has expanded under Sass's leadership. Last year, Citrus College celebrated the grand opening of the Foster/Kinship Lounge in the Citrus College Integrated Success Center. The college also hosted a special event, "Our Cities Have a Heart for Children Who Need a Home," designed to encourage community members to consider participating in the foster care and/or adoption process.

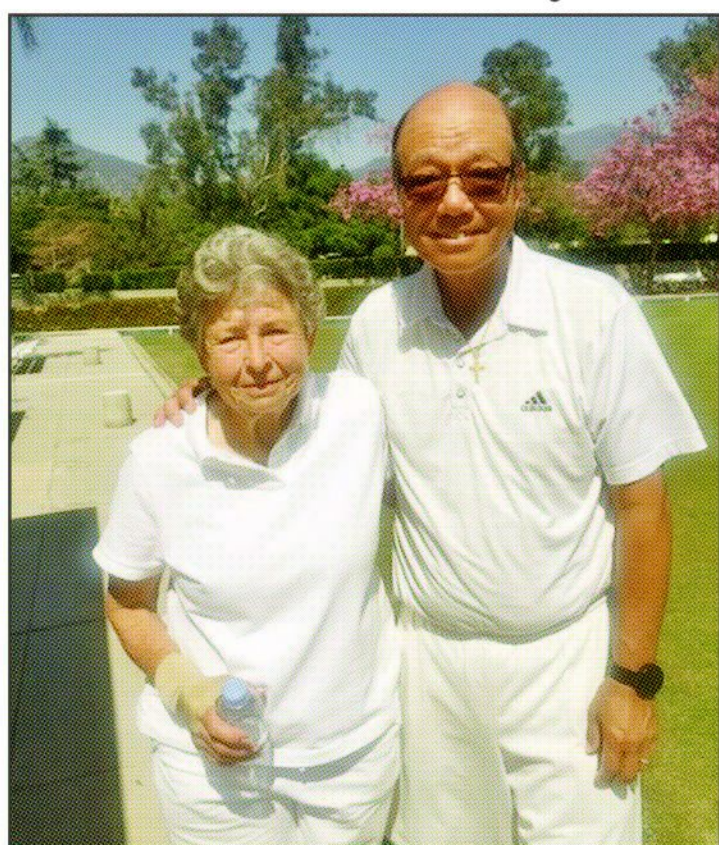
"Citrus College has been a valuable resource to students and families involved in the foster and adoption process for more than 25 years. During Lil's tenure as coordinator, the Foster/Kinship Program has evolved and its students have reached new heights," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "The Citrus College community congratulates Lil on receiving this honor and thanks her for her continued service to this unique population."

# March Floy Torvid Mixed Pairs Tournament At The Arcadia County Park

ARCADIA - The usual Floy Torvid tournament was delayed from the first Thursday of the month to the third Thursday due to maintenance on the bowling greens. Never the less it was held and we had a great day to lawn bowl a couple of games on the 17th of March.

The format of this tournament is to play one 12 end game, have lunch and play a second game afterwards. The two games scores were tallied and the winners were: Kay Tong and Sandy Dalzell in first place, Alan Ngo and Mow-Yi Chan finished second. Third place were Juanita Jones and David Cheung. Since the entries were small in number only the first three places finished in the money. Maybe we can have more entries next month and spread the wealth to four places.

Others bowling were: Steve Dowd and Marc Rich, Chris Lu and Fan Hung, Marino Tudor and Foster Wang. This tournament is played September through June each year, and on the first Thursday of the month, unless the ground-keepers have to do maintenance. Coming up at the end of April will be the Southwest Open. That tournament will draw men from across the United States, Canada and other countries. This year the Southwest Division is splitting the wealth. The men will bowl at Santa Anita and the ladies



Sandy Dalzell and Kay Tong smile after getting the first place money at the Floy torrid Tournament her the 17th of March at the Arcadia County Park, Lawn Bowling Freens. (Photo by Gene Plunkett)

will roll their bowls at Newport Harbor and Laguna Beach. If you go to these venues you will see some great bowling. The tournament will run from April 30th through May 5th.

Lawn Bowling is an easy sport to learn. Drop by the greens May 7th for our Open House and a chance to see how the sport is played. You can ask questions and find out how simple the sport is

but no one ever really masters the game.

If you think you would like to try lawn Bowling go to our web site: lawnbowling-arcadia.com and you can find out a lot of information. For private lessons or just for information, call Gene Plunkett at 626-351-5327. He can set up free lessons, give you information and get you started on the path to a great time lawn bowling. Try it, you'll love it. See you on the greens.

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## Supervisor Antonovich's Pet Of The Week: "Jackie"



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** — At the Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presents "Jackie,"

an 8-month old Papillon/Mix ready to be adopted. For more information about adopting a pet, please call (562) 256-1649.

## Legislation Introduced to Curb Fraudulent Disability Placard Use

**SACRAMENTO** — Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Los Angeles) introduced legislation to address the illegal use of disabled parking placards in cities across California. Today, there are approximately three million disabled parking placards in use in California—in other words, one in every eight drivers has one. While placards are most often used responsibly and for legitimate reasons, irresponsible and fraudulent placard use has become a significant concern.

AB 2602 will force the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to proactively retrieve expired parking placards, require individuals to reapply for parking placards upon expiration, and allow local jurisdictions to charge motorists displaying placards for the cost of parking, as long as the city offers sufficient, genuine parking

options for disabled individuals.

Multiple news investigations have caught swindlers in the Los Angeles area using placards belonging to friends and relatives, including a deceased relative and a disabled sibling. Other investigative reports showed hidden-camera footage of people fraudulently using placards at an airport, at meters in front of the gym they worked out, and of a man selling placards on Craigslist.

"AB 2602 will benefit the disabled by making sure that those who genuinely need a parking spot have access to one, instead of that spot being taken up by someone committing fraud on the system," Gatto stated. "This is an important bill for making sure our parking system is fair for everyone."

## Arcadia Par-3 Annual New Junior Golfer Day

**ARCADIA** - Arcadia Par-3 Golf Course located at 620 E. Live Oak Avenue is the hidden treasure of Arcadia. This 18-hole par 3 course is 1,947 yards with lush greens and newly created bunkers. It is also home to The Golf Learning Center, where golfers new and old can learn the "greatest game."

The Golf Learning Centers announce that on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 Arcadia Golf Course will host their Annual Spring New Junior Golfer Day. This complimentary clinic will be held from 10am-12pm and is open to junior golfers of all ages.

The two-hour complimentary clinic will feature stations covering the following:

- Full Swing: Participants will learn full swing basics including proper alignment, stance and will have a personal review of their swing technique.
- Short Game: Attendees will benefit from a presentation on

chipping and putting, plus an individual assessment of their technique.

"We are excited about the opportunity to sponsor this complimentary clinic and bring new players to the game," said Rich Carlson, Director of Instruction at the Arcadia Par 3 Golf Course. "For anyone who has ever wanted to be introduced to the game of golf, our Spring Junior Golfer Day provides a fun, non-intimidating environment to be a part of this lifelong sport."

Mr. Carlson hopes that the complimentary clinic and our positive, friendly approach to teaching will serve as a springboard, inviting new golfers to explore the game.

For more information, please contact the Par-3 Golf Course at 626.443.9357 or the Recreation and Community Services Dept at 626.574.5113 or log onto [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov).

## Fashions by Elizabeth Marcel Opening in Glendora

**GLENDORA** - Elizabeth is a clothing designer from Echo Park, Californian and has designed and manufactured dresses and hats for 25 years. Her first store was "The Hat Gallery" on Melrose, where she designed and made custom hats for many celebrities, such as Priscilla Presley and Isabella Rossellini. Her second store was called, "E" on Sunset in Silverlake, where she focused on special occasion dressing and feather purses. Now

a resident of the Glendora area, Elizabeth will offer her unique custom-made clothing to the community. Keep an eye out for her new store, at 1779 E. Route 66, Glendora...."Fashions by Elizabeth Marcel"

The Glendora Chamber will be hosting a ribbon cutting for "Fashions by Elizabeth Marcel" on **April 1st** at 9:30AM. Please join us to help welcome Elizabeth to Glendora.

## West Covina's Easter Celebration

By George Ogden  
**WEST COVINA** - West Covina held a huge event at Cameron Park in their city on Saturday, March 26. People from all around came for the Easter egg hunt, the entertainment, and the booths.

The event was well attended, which included dignitaries from the City Council and commissioners. Attending the event from the City Council was Mayor James Toma, Mayor pro tem Corey Warshaw, Councilman Lloyd Johnson and Tony Wu. Mike Spence was unable to attend as he was at another event and sent his best to everyone. Commissioners attending were Herb Redholtz and George Ogden. Along with the city representatives, hundreds and hundreds of other people from the community attended and enjoyed the event.

The Easter Bunny also showed up and was available for pictures not only for the little kids, but also for the big kids as well.



Big kids had fun at the event as well. From left in back are Commissioner George Ogden, Herb Redholtz (Planning Commissioner), Mayor James Toma, Councilmember Lloyd Johnson and Mayor Pro-Tem Corey Warshaw, Fire Chief Larry Whithorn and (sitting) Councilmember Tony Wu, Asst. City Manager Laura Minnich. The sexy model laying on the floor is former Mayor Mike Touhey.

The egg hunt when it started almost seemed like a riot with a mix of parents and kids having fun

trying to find the special eggs that would be redeemable for various prizes.

The event seems to be a lot of fun for everybody who attended.

City of Glendora

# Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 16, 2016  
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### Scheduled Activities

- ▶ **Community Bike Ride** - 8:30am to 10am - This annual bike ride is back with a new route designed to showcase Glendora's charming residential neighborhoods to its majestic mountain areas. The ride is approximately six miles, and intended for individuals at least 12 years of age. This scenic bike ride will feature many of Glendora's signature neighborhoods, community landmarks, recreational trails, and an exclusive glimpse of the famous GMR. Enjoy the introductory section of GMR, with its fairly easy terrain that ascends 1,300 feet, its rock garden creek, and its many picturesque views. Also ride South Hills Trail and experience about 1.5 miles of serene wilderness and views. Registration begins at 8:30am, and the ride will begin promptly at 9am. Helmets are required. Riders under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult. Report to the public parking lot between Vista Bonita and Wabash, south of Meda.
- ▶ **Confidential Document Destruction** - 9am to 3pm - Protect yourself against identity theft. Bring any confidential documents for free onsite shredding by a certified document destruction company. Documents will be accepted from Glendora residents only. Limit of eight boxes per household. Location: City parking lot, enter on Vista Bonita.
- ▶ **Collection of Used Motor Oil and Filters** - 10am to 3pm - Used motor oil and used oil filters will be accepted for recycling. Glendora residents may pick up a free drain container. Location: City parking lot, enter on Vista Bonita.
- ▶ **Recycling Fundraiser for the Glendora Community Services Foundation** - 10am to 3pm - CRV beverage containers (glass, plastic, and aluminum) will be collected and recycled. Recycling proceeds will benefit community programs, services, and park facilities in Glendora. Location: City parking lot, enter on Vista Bonita.
- ▶ **The Grand Eco-Tour of Glendora** - 10am to 2pm - Take an informative shuttle tour through the City of Glendora and discover its many ecologically significant points of interest. This narrated eco-tour will travel to a variety of locations, including Glendora's water wells and spreading grounds, drought tolerant demonstration gardens, Glendora's future Gold Line Rail Station, the Rubel Castle, and more. The eco-tour will feature a very special "Escape to Nature" through the Big Dalton Wilderness Area for a look at its treasured recreational grounds. All ages are welcome, tour duration is approximately 45 minutes. Shuttle leaves from the corner of Foothill and Vista Bonita, every 30 minutes.
- ▶ **Tours to the Nature Center and Native Plant Gardens** - 10am to 2pm - Shuttle service will be provided to and from the Nature Center, at the Colby Trailhead. The Glendora Community Conservancy will feature its award winning Native Plant Garden, its many nature exhibits, and an impressive variety of tours. Guided trail walks will follow the Colby Trail and travel to the Brodiaea Reserve, the Colby Fire Recovery, and the Children's Forest. Glendora's historic and endangered Brodiaea may be in bloom! Shuttle leaves from the corner of Foothill and Vista Bonita, every 30 min.
- ▶ **John Abrams' Animal Magic Show** - 10:30am to 11:30am - This interactive action packed magic show combines live exotic animals, music, wacky comedy, and dazzling magic. Location: Bidwell Forum, 2nd floor of the Library.
- ▶ **Reusing Rain Water: Turn Rain into Ground Water** - 10:30am to 11:30am - During this workshop, learn how to use a rain barrel to collect and reuse rain water. Learn how swales can keep rain water away from your home, while trapping and removing pollutants before they enter our ground water supply. Learn how to build a dry stream bed with rocks that add beauty to your landscape, while stopping soil erosion. Location: Friends Room, 1st floor of the Library.
- ▶ **El Niño vs. The Drought: Who Won? What Do We Do Now?** - 12pm to 1:30pm - Find out if the California drought still exists, if El Niño brought us too much water, and if we should continue to save water. Find out which drought-related laws are still in place, and how to fix water waste in your irrigation system. Learn the easiest way to convert to drip irrigation in your planters, and get an update on rebates that still exist for sprinkler system upgrades. Have your most challenging sprinkler and drip questions answered. Location: Bidwell Forum, 2nd floor of the Library.
- ▶ **Smart Gardening and Composting Workshop** - 12pm to 1:30pm - Learn how to maintain a successful garden using smart gardening tips and techniques. Understand how to implement backyard composting, worm composting, water wise gardening, fire wise gardening, and grass cycling. Compost bins will be available for purchase at a discounted price. Location: Friends Room, 1st floor of the Library.
- ▶ **Drought Tolerant and Native Species Plants** - 2pm to 3pm - Help your home garden cope with our demanding climate, from the ongoing drought to the El Niño rains. See, smell, and touch a variety of plant samples that thrive in our local climate. Learn how to create a beautiful and rewarding garden that's resource efficient, without sacrificing color and diversity. Location: Friends Room, 1st floor of the Library.
- ▶ **Children's Workshop: Recycled Craft Projects** - 2pm to 3pm - During this workshop, common recyclables will be given a new life and an unexpected new purpose. Children will learn the true meaning of recycling and reuse by completing easy and innovative recycled craft projects. It'll be all hands on, and lots of fun. Each participating child must bring: 1) an empty plastic drink bottle, at least 20oz in size, 2) four round objects, such as bottle caps or buttons, 3) a cereal box or similar, and 4) one sheet from a newspaper or large magazine. This activity is restricted to youth up to 12 years of age. Location: Bidwell Forum, 2nd floor of the Library.
- ▶ **Safe Drug Drop-Off** - 9am to 3pm - Bring unwanted pharmaceuticals to the police dept. for safe and anonymous disposal. Prescription and over-the-counter pills will be accepted. Liquids and sharps will not be accepted. Location: PD lobby.
- ▶ **Compost Bins and Worm Bins for Sale** - 9am to 3pm - Bins will be sold to Glendora residents at a subsidized price. Bins will also be on display. Location: City of Glendora Environmental Services booth, south side of Library Plaza.
- ▶ **Earth Day Treasure Hunt** - 9am to 3pm - Help create a 15 foot mural about protecting the Earth. Draw on the mural and receive a treasure map in return. Go on a treasure hunt and collect prizes at each stop! Treasure hunt is restricted to youth up to 12 years of age. Location: Information Booth, center of Library Plaza.
- ▶ **All Day Activities** - 9am to 3pm - Free face painting, free solar powered moon bounce, drought tolerant plant display, Trails Committee animal display, city hall department booths, child fingerprinting and ID cards, vendor booths, giveaways, live music, and much more.

Any business interested in promoting its product or service is invited to have a vendor booth during the Festival. Vendor booths are free of charge. For booth reservations, or for additional information about the Earth Day Festival, please call 626-914-8213.

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