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Explore California's Diversity and Culture Firsthand

The Golden State shines year-round with a cornucopia of events throughout California that pay tribute to the state's past, present, diversity and rich agricultural history. These annual celebrations are the perfect way for visitors to get the flavor for our diverse state and interact in authentically local experiences.

Tantalize Your Taste Buds Annual Organic Stone Fruit Jubilee: Fresno County

Enjoy a lazy but fruit-ful day in Fresno County sampling over 60 types of peaches, plums and other stone fruit during the Annual Organic Stone Fruit Jubilee held every June. During the day visitors can enjoy fruit pies, a Japanese Tea Ceremony, local food vendors, a kid's craft area and informative presentations. Tours of the unique Oasis Garden, which uses natural farming methods, are offered. The exclusive garden has five sister locations worldwide.

Butter & Egg Days Parade and Festival: Petaluma

Small town pride and personality are on display in Petaluma as it celebrates its title as the "World's Egg Basket" with the Butter & Egg Days Parade and Festival. Now in its 38th year, the



Sacramento Gold Rush Days; Credit: Visit Sacramento

parade has more than 130 acts and draws over 25,000 people to town. A highlight of the festival is the adorable "Cutest Little Chick Contest" where toddlers dressed in yellow onesies and feathers ham it up for the camera to be crowned the "cutest," while local celebrities and city

officials compete in the Cow Chip Tossing Contest.

See Diversity on Display Chinese New Year Celebration: San Francisco

Celebrate the Year of the Dog beginning Feb. 16, 2018 at San Francisco's Chinese New Year Festival and Parade, the oldest and largest of its kind outside of Asia, and North America's biggest Asian cultural event. The party lasts for two weeks starting the day after Chinese New Year and includes a traditional Chinese Lantern Festival and American-style parade. The event was first held in 1858 along modern day Grant Avenue and Kearney Street. The parade is the main event and incorporates the Chinese New Year Flower Fair and the Chinatown Community Street Fair. Over 100 acts, a 201-foot Golden Dragon and 600,000 firecrackers make the spectacle one of the top parades of the year.

Fort Ross Festival: Sonoma Coast

Sonoma may be known for its Russian River wines, but the Fort Ross area is known for its Russian roots. The Fort Ross Festival at the Fort Ross State Historic Park - held on July 29, 2017 this year - celebrates the history of Russian emigration to California. Since the 1800s the Fort Ross area has been home to Russians, Alaskan natives and the local Kashia tribe. The day-long festival features Russian balalaika

music, native tribal dancing, elaborate costumes, crafts, international food and beer, and more. At the park, festival goers can also visit a historic colony that still has one original structure, historically correct reconstructed buildings, a Russian chapel and even a stockade.

Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo: San Diego

Located a mere 17 miles from Mexico, it's no surprise that San Diego throws the largest Cinco de Mayo celebration north of the border. In 2018 the Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo bash celebrates its 35th anniversary with a weekend extravaganza expected to draw over 100,000 people. Held in Old Town, San Diego's oldest neighborhood, the festival features a bustling Mercado, over 40 bands, lucha libre wrestling, a huge display of lowriders and a margarita and beer garden.

LA Pride: West Hollywood

In 1970 the Los Angeles Pride parade became the first permitted parade in the world advocating for gay rights and since 1979 the parade has called WeHo home. The annual parade held every June offers diverse events and entertainment for everyone interested in supporting the LGBTQ community and the pursuit of equal rights for all. True to its social justice roots, LA Pride 2017 peacefully marched rather than paraded, as it stood in solidarity with other cities for

the nationwide #ResistMarch for human rights.

Old Spanish Days Fiesta: Santa Barbara

Now in its 93rd year, Old Spanish Days Fiesta is five days of divertido! Break out the cascarones (confetti-filled eggs) and raise your margarita to toast Santa Barbara's rich Spanish history with colorful music, dance and culinary traditions at a variety of festivals and open-air Mercados. Visitors will delight in flamenco performances and a professional bull riding rodeo, or simply strolling the streets enjoying food, fun and hospitality.

Join the Culture Club

Modernism Week: Palm Springs

Midcentury architecture is all the rage and Palm Springs is ground zero to see the masters of the movement, from Richard Neutra to William Krisel, during the city's Modernism Week held Feb. 15-25, 2018. During the week there are over 250 events including signature home tours, double decker bus tours, lectures, walking and biking tours, nightly parties, live music and more. Modernism Week is designed to celebrate and create appreciation of midcentury design and architecture and is committed to helping preserve the buildings and design legacy of Palm Springs.

Moompetam Festival: Aquarium of the Pacific - Long Beach

Moompetam means "People of the Ocean," so there is no better place to celebrate the culture of California's Native American coastal tribes than at the 13th Annual Moompetam Festival at the famous Aquarium of the Pacific. The festival is slated for Sept. 16-17 2017 and is included with admission to the aquarium. The weekend celebration highlights traditional cultural crafts, storytelling, educational programs, live demonstrations, music and dance from the Tongva, Chumash, Acjachemen, Costanoan, Luiseno and Kumeyaay tribes.

Step into History Bodie Day: Bodie

California is known for the Gold Rush and today the ghost town of Bodie stands as the country's best-preserved mining

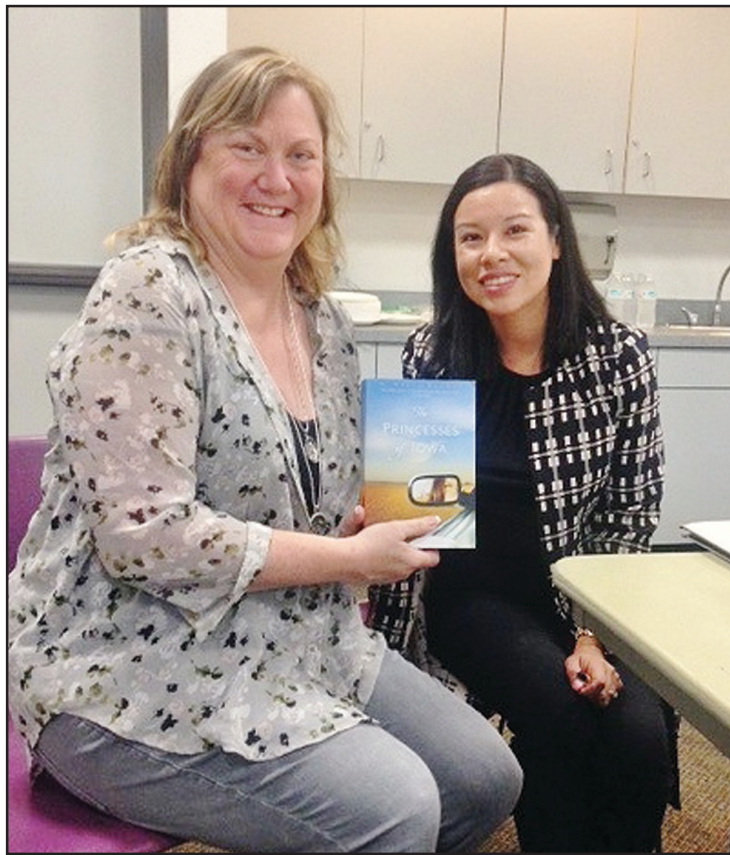
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Santa Anita Family Service Shares Resource Information

DUARTE - Santa Anita Family Service has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1951. Their mission is to create healthier and more stable children and adults through high quality educational, mental health, social services and senior programs provided by impassioned and dedicated professionals. Dr. Karla Perez-Pussman is one of those impassioned and dedicated professionals. She shared her story and the story of Santa Anita Family Services at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Club meeting. Their key programs include:

- Counseling and Social Services
- Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention
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One of the unique elements of their programs is the opportunity to serve their clients in the client's home eliminating issues of transportation and al-



Cheryl Reynolds, Duarte Kiwanis President and Dr. Karla Perez-Pussman.

lowing the counselor a better look at the "whole" person.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com

Ann Coulter, James Carville to Headline Politicon Event

PASADENA - Join pundits Ann Coulter, James Carville and others at Politicon - a full weekend of panels, debates, TV and movie screenings, art podcasts, comedy shows, Q&A's book readings, interviews, meet & greets, art exhibitions and music performances.

The quintessential non-partisan event will take place at the Pasadena Convention Center **July 29-30**. On hand will be representatives from all sides of the political spectrum with the

some of the biggest names in politics and the quick-witted voices in comedy and entertainment.

There will be 12 rooms ranging in size from 50 seats to a large auditorium where you can get up close and personal with political heavyweights. Talk with filmmakers on documentaries and parodies; and interact with some of history's great thinkers and leaders.

Admission to the event ranges from \$25 - \$300. For more information, visit politicon.com

Castle & Cooke Mortgage Expands in Southern California With Opening of Glendora Branch

GLENDORA - Castle & Cooke Mortgage, LLC®, one of the nation's leading independent mortgage lenders with locations across the U.S., has expanded in Southern California with the opening of its Glendora branch (NMLS #309718). The new branch is led by industry veteran and Glendora local Louie Rutnam (NMLS #669046), who has over 15 years of experience in the mortgage industry and understands the housing needs of the area well.

"The opening of our Glendora office is a great opportunity for Castle & Cooke Mortgage to address the borrowing needs of residents not only in Glendora, but in the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire as well," explained



Industry veteran Louie Rutnam heads up new location
Regina Rutnam (NMLS #692167), area manager for Castle & Cooke Mortgage. "My son, Louie, and I share the same vision of helping our neighbors achieve their homeownership goals, and are eager to work with the business community and local real estate professionals as we share

our mortgage industry expertise."

Prior to joining Castle & Cooke Mortgage, Louie Rutnam was a senior loan officer for Movement Mortgage, Freedom Mortgage and Nationstar Mortgage. Through his years of experience, Rutnam has honed his knowledge of the mortgage industry and has become familiar with a multitude of loan programs. He values clear communication and quick action, which helps him maintain the high level of customer service Castle & Cooke Mortgage is known for.

"I am thrilled to lead this new office and to be part of another Castle & Cooke Mortgage team that is focused on helping our neighbors meet their lending needs," stated Louie Rutnam. "I look forward to being available whenever my clients need me, and to finding ways to give back to the community where I work and live."

Rutnam can be reached at lrutnam@castlecookemortgage.com or at the Castle & Cooke Mortgage Glendora branch, located at 303 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741.

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Azusa Unified And University Of La Verne Partner On Admission And Scholarship Program

AZUSA – Azusa Unified School District is celebrating a new partnership with the University of La Verne, which has agreed to provide AUSD students access to higher education through financial support and guaranteed admission into the esteemed private university.

Officials with Azusa Unified and ULV on July 20 signed the Partnership for Access to College Education (PACE) agreement, which promises qualified AUSD students a pathway to ULV that includes guaranteed admission, financial aid of at least \$10,000 per year, application fee waivers and programs to help with college readiness and the application process.

“This is an auspicious day for Azusa Unified and all of our students,” AUSD Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. “We constantly strive to provide our students with the means to reach their higher-education goals and we believe that this partnership will help us achieve that. We thank the University of La Verne for believing in our students’ potential and making higher education accessible to all.”

To qualify for the PACE program, students are required to graduate from high school without needing to complete any remedial courses and must have been continuously enrolled with AUSD for at least four years. They must also meet a minimum SAT score of 980 and an ACT score of at least 19.

The PACE initiative will help with Azusa Unified’s mission to continue boosting graduation percentages and increase student academic achievement. The program also benefits district employees who are admitted to the Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership program; they will receive a \$100 scholarship per unit.

The ULV PACE program, launched in January, includes partnerships with a dozen pub-

lic school districts and one private high school. In all, the school districts will bring nearly 100 high schools into the program.

ULV President Deborah A. Lieberman said the program’s goal is to provide a supportive pathway filled with relevant op-

portunities for regional students seeking to achieve a college education. “We are excited to see Partnership for Access to College Education continue to grow, expanding opportunities for more and more students throughout the region,” Lieberman said.



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Arcadia’s Movies in the Park

ARCADIA - The Movies in the Park are held on Friday evenings with games and activities starting at 6:30pm on the lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). Movie begins at dusk. Hot food, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase. Movies in the Park provided in partnership with CHOICESS Arcadia.

Finding Dory (PG) - July 28, 2017

The friendly but forgetful blue tang fish, Dory, begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way.

Toy Story (G) - August 4, 2017

A cowboy doll is profoundly threatened and jealous when a new spaceman figure supplants him as top toy in a boy’s room.

Kubo and the Two Strings (PG) - August 11, 2017

A young boy named Kubo must locate a magical suit of armour worn by his late father in order to defeat a vengeful spirit from the past.



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County Probation Department is Recognized at Board of Supervisors in Honor of Probation Services Week

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Fifth District County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors formally honored the more than 6,000 Probation employees during its regular public meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Downtown Los Angeles.

Supervisor Barger presented Chief Probation Officer Terri L. McDonald flanked by Chief Deputies Reaver Bingham and Sheila Mitchell with a County scroll, proclaiming this week "Probation Services Week," honoring the men and women who have diligently and faithfully served the County of Los Angeles as Probation Employees.

July 16th-22nd, 2017 was "National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole and Community Supervision Week," when Americans are encouraged to recognize the work that probation, parole, and community supervision professionals do for our public safety. This year's theme is "Clients,

Employees, and Communities – Power through Partnerships," a Probation Department concept that Chief McDonald emphasized to the Board.

"With a Department as large as ours, it's impossible to bring every employee here today, but we do have a small sample here, representing the men and women who work behind the scenes to make this Department run efficiently and effectively," Chief McDonald expressed. "I can speak all day about these wonderful people and the amazing things they do for our communities."

Per the American Probation and Parole Association, there are over five million adults on com-

munity supervision in the United States—most of whom are monitored by pretrial, probation, and parole officers. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, making sure the offender attends counseling sessions and helping offenders to find suitable housing and employment. Many officers also supervise offenders using electronic monitoring equipment which requires expert knowledge of newer technologies.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is largest probation services agency in the United States, supervising approximately 100,000 adults and juveniles currently on probation.

Duarte Unified Accepting Applications To Fill Vacant Seat on Board of Education

DUARTE - Due to the resignation of Cheryl Taylor, Board Vice President, the Duarte Unified School District will have a vacancy on its Board of Education on July 31, 2017. At the Regular Board Meeting of July 20, 2017, the Governing Board announced the process to fill the vacancy by a provisional appointment from among qualified applicants.

The school district is requesting all those interested in serving on the school board to submit an application. Applications are available on the district website, www.duarteusd.org and at the District Office, 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA, 91010.

To be eligible to apply for appointment to the Governing Board, an individual must be at least 18 years old, be a resident of the Duarte Unified School District, be a registered voter in the State of California, and not

be disqualified from holding civil office by the constitution or any law of the State of California.

This appointee will hold office until the next regular election in 2018.

An employee of the Duarte Unified School District may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Board, unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office.

Return completed applications to the Superintendent's Office, 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010 or email to mr Ruiz@duarteusd.org, by the filing deadline of Friday, August 4, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

For additional information contact Mrs. Ruiz at 626-599-5037

Annual HEROES Golf Tournament at Via Verde

SAN DIMAS - The 7th Annual San Dimas HEROES Golf Tournament will be held at Via Verde Country Club on Monday, September 11, 2017. Registration starts at 9AM with a shotgun start at 11AM. A banquet dinner will be provided at 5PM, followed by a raffle and silent auction. So put on your best patriot-

ic attire and join us for a day of golf and fun. For further information please call the golf tournament hotline at 909 542 8511 or visit their website at www.SanDimas-HEROES.com or by email at SanDimas-HEROESGolf@gmail.com. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

District Elections

The Glendora City Council met at a Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, July 13 to vote to move local City Council Elections to District Election as opposed to our current At Large Election process. This means the City of Glendora will either be divided into 5 separate Election Districts or possibly 4 Districts with an At Large Mayor that would be selected by the entire City.

This was not an easy decision, but threatened with a law suit by the Law Firm of Shenkman & Hughes, the Council decided to cooperate with this change rather than spend tax payer money to fight a suit that doesn't appear to be winnable.

In 2001 the Legislature passed the California Voter Rights Act in order to combat what some groups considered unfair election practices in California. The unforeseen consequences of this Act was that it opened the doors for Attorneys to take action against Cities, School Districts and Special Districts to force them to change their election process or be subject to huge financial obligations. Various Law Firms have been taking action against public entities throughout the State of California in what seems to be a random pattern and Glendora just happened to be on the list at this time along with West Covina, South Pasadena and Whittier locally.

As Mayor, I believe we have an obligation to make prudent fiscal decisions and some entities have chosen to fight these suits and all have either lost or settled to a tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars upwards to approximately \$7,000,000 for the City of Palmdale. There are a number of issues facing municipalities currently that will affect



Gary Boyer - Mayor of Glendora our quality of life and it's important to choose wisely the battles we take a chance on.

One other reason for agreeing to cooperate is that we will at least have some control over the Districting process and the framework of future local elections. Should we make a decision to fight this suit, the courts would decide how to split Glendora and what our future elections may look like.

We could use community feedback. We have hired a Demographer who will help to set our District Boundaries.

Maps proposed will need to follow the criteria below:

Each Council district shall contain a nearly equal population as required by law

Council district borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act and avoids racial gerrymandering

Council districts shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact form as possible

Council districts shall respect "communities of interest" as much as possible (neighborhoods, school boundaries, common interests, etc.)

Council districts borders shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features as much as possible

District borders shall be de-

signed, insofar as this does not conflict with federal or State law, to respect the choices of the voters by avoiding the pairing of current Council members.

We also need to make a decision as to whether to go to 5 separate Districts and continue with our rotating Mayor as we do now or move to 4 Districts and an At Large Mayor that would be voted on by the entire community. The pros and cons of each of these options is that having 5 separate Districts with a rotating Mayor allows for differing leadership and shares the responsibilities placed on the Mayor. The disadvantage is that we will only be voting for one of our representatives, every 4 years. The advantage of 4 Districts and an At Large Mayor would be that we get to vote for 2 of our representatives (our District Council Member plus the Mayor) and vote every 2 years as we do now.

The disadvantage is that The Mayor has to run every 2 years in order to give all Council Members and opportunity to Challenge the Mayor and this would increase the cost of the election process. In addition to the District Elections, the State now requires that all local elections be moved to even numbered years and coincide with the General Election or Primary. This process must be completed by 2022. While making this significant change to District Elections, we will also be addressing the timing of the moving of our upcoming elections.

We have 2 upcoming Public Hearings in which we would like to hear from the Public. The first will be on July 31st at 7:00 PM at the City Council Chambers and the second on August 2nd at 5:30 PM also at the City Council Chambers at the corner of Foot-hill & Vista Bonita.

Azusans Will Walk A Mile Against Crime

Residents will participate in National Night Out with a Healthy Walk

AZUSA - The Azusa Police Department and the City of Azusa will observe National Night Out by asking its residents to join them in a one-mile stroll around the City of Azusa on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. After the stroll participants can mingle at the Target Store and pick-up free promotional items to be given away by the event sponsors.

The event is set to begin at the Target Store located at 809 N. Azusa Avenue. Target is the national sponsor of the free event

which is designed to promote crime prevention awareness throughout the nation.

"The Azusa Police Department and the City of Azusa would like to thank Target for their sponsorship of this program," said Azusa Police Chief, Steve Hunt. "It allows the public to interact with their civic leaders and Azusa's police, fire and safety personnel to obtain information about their respective prevention and safety programs."

National Night Out is a campaign by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

"The National Night Out campaign has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and fun program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our crime fighting campaign for a safer Azusa," adds Chief Hunt.

National Night Out is designed to:

- * Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- * Generate support for, and

participation in, local anticrime programs;

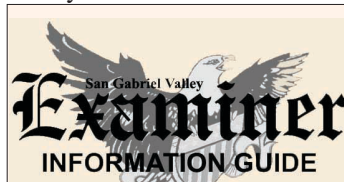
* Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and

* Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized.

Participants will rally at the Target Store at 6:30 P.M. to begin the one-mile walk around the City. At the end of the walk all participants will be treated to a healthy fresh fruit snack and a drink. Sponsors of the event and the Target Store will award all walk participants with free gifts and a raffle at the conclusion of the event.

Sponsors of the event include: Azusa Police Department, Azusa Light & Water Department, Azusa City Library Bookmobile, Target Stores, Azusa Beautiful, Azusa's LA County Fire Station 32 and 97 and Post 16 Fire Explorers Program, Metro Gold Line Americas Christian Credit Union and the Azusa Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on National Night Out, please contact the city at 626-812-5200.



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Are Democrats finally sitting in the seat and feeling the pain of constant criticism from the press that Republicans had to endure before they began the rebuilding process of the Republican Party into a formidable challenger in the upcoming elections? Criticism that continues to mount with the continual addition of more and more taxes that could cost several Democrats their seats in the upcoming elections?

Are the Democrats now the party of the socially elite and financial hierarchy and troubled by the bad deals cooked up in Sacramento that have had a huge negative impact on the middle class and low income families? Apparently not troubled about the state of the people they were elected to serve ... they just keep handing us one tax after another telling us it is for our own good and life will be so much better with this new dip into our pocketbooks.

What has Gov. Brown and the Sacramento supermajority handed us this year that has improved the middle class or poverty level citizens in California? Let me remind you:

California has the highest poverty rate in the nation and Sacramento hands us gas tax increase of 12 cents a gallon, 20 cents a gallon for diesel and higher car registration taxes that will only cost more to get to work and to put food on the table. That's hardly a helping hand for those struggling or trying to maintain status quo and pay their bills.

When voters in the 29th Senate District became upset with Sen. Josh Newman's vote to increase the gas tax and decided to recall him, Sacramento per-



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

formed an end run to protect him and the Democrat supermajority. Gov. Brown constructed a last minute trailer bill as part of the budget to change the rules and time frame for the recall procedures. He basically usurped the power of the people in an effort to protect his agenda. There are, last I saw, 88,000 signatures to recall Sen. Newman (D-Fullerton) and only 63,000 and some change were needed.

Travis Allen a conservative Orange County Assemblyman, (R-Huntington Beach) was very distressed with the gas tax increase and with the way in which passage of SB 1 was handled. He decided it was a good idea to get signatures to repeal the gas tax especially when Gov. Brown spent \$1 billion buying votes to get the gas tax passed. Yes, \$1 billion to buy votes to achieve a \$5 billion funding source to fix potholes. How many potholes can Sacramento fix with the \$1 billion they used to buy votes, including one Republican, to get \$5 billion in gas and registration tax increases? And then we find out there is a list of things besides potholes that money will be

used for including paying off old debt attached to the general fund.

Repeal the gas tax paperwork was filed to start the initiative process and what came back from Brown's appointed Attorney General was:

ELIMINATES RECENTLY ENACTED ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BY REPEALING REVENUES DEDICATED FOR THOSE PURPOSES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Title and Summary Issued on July 10, 2017

Would you know that was a gas tax proposal that 88,000 people in one senate district are willing to recall a senator over? Proponents of repeal gas tax plan to sue over the state-drafted title and summary for the ballot measure, which they say is misleading and negative.

So far, twice now Gov. Brown and Sacramento Democrats have tried to void the voice of the people with their political shenanigans. Overthrow a recall election by stalling the vote by a newly proclaimed process; and, using the position of attorney general to create a misleading title for a ballot measure.

But I doubt that is the end of it.

Next up: Sen. Ricardo Lara's Single Payer Plan or universal health care that is going to cost \$400 billion a year when the state has a mere \$180 billion total state budget. There has been no designated funding source for this proposal. Only suggestion I've heard is a 15% payroll tax. Folks, that is 15% (minimum) off the top of your paycheck ... and that's if you are working. How do you pay a payroll tax if you aren't working?

Revisiting Religion And Politics A Religious Divide - Part Three

There are a number of ways to define the substance of religion. In this case I'm limiting my remarks to the Christian faith, and specifically to how Jesus is understood. One option is to BELIEVE THINGS ABOUT HIM. Faith is affirming a series of doctrinal propositions. This is the approach taken by most people in Christian history for whom believing is the essence of faith. These must-be-believed orthodox doctrines have been spelled out in the historic creeds of the church. (The word CREDO means "I believe.") Among the essential doctrines about Jesus are the following:

Jesus is the Son of God, and as the second person of the Trinity, is God himself. But as he is fully God, he is also, without contradiction, fully human. He was born of the Virgin Mary without having a human father. In his earthly ministry he performed many miracles. Having taken on himself all human sin, he appeared God by his sacrificial death on the cross, thus securing our forgiveness. Three days after his death he was resurrected by God. At the time to be selected by God, he will return to earth..

While the foregoing is an oversimplification, these may be some of the essential things to be believed, and doing so is the path to eternal life.

However, there is a very different approach to being a Christian. It is not to believe in specific doctrines about Jesus, but TO FOLLOW HIM IN FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE. Jesus came



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to show us the path to godly living. The biographical sketches we have about him are found in the gospel narratives we know as Matthew, Mark and Luke. In them Jesus does not focus on committing his followers to believe things about him, but calling them to follow "in his steps." A generation after these three gospels were collected and revised, the author of the fourth gospel has Jesus calling the world to acknowledge him as Christ, the divine savior.

While it can be argued that faithful Christians must both BELIEVE and FOLLOW, in our era when supernaturalism is a problematic rational exercise, many Christians are more inclined to FOLLOW, while others are more inclined to BELIEVE. It is how one assigns weight between these two options that separates theologically liberal Christians from evangelicals or fundamentalists.

As I have increasingly come to understand that FOLLOWING is more important than BELIEVING I, have heard from several of

my more orthodox friends who accuse me of reducing the whole Christian religion to a list of ethical propositions. That accusation is only partly partially true. While there are many Christians for whom believing in creedal statements is not the center of their faith, they take seriously the guide to living at the center of Jesus' life and work.

At the same time it seems to me that when the Christian faith is reduced to a set of propositions that one is to believe, the temptation is to say that all those who do not affirm them, have placed themselves in jeopardy of rejecting God's offer of forgiveness, and with that rejection, their souls' salvation-whatever that might mean.

If I am seeking common cause with those actively committed to making this world a better, safer, happier, more just and peaceful place for every person, I will probably choose colleagues who share the ethical commitment I have found in Jesus' life and teachings, and not those whose faith is centered on doctrines about him. Many of them will probably be humanists or agnostics.

I have been profoundly influenced by Albert Schweitzer who ends his quest to discover the historical Jesus like this: He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lake-side, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me!' and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is..

Next week I will conclude this short series on religion and will be taking a break until after Labor Day.

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It's Not about Health Care - It's about Control

by Jane M. Orient, M.D.

As Congress struggles to do something about the ObamaCare disaster, Senators may be getting calls pleading, "Don't take my healthcare away!" But the more influential voices will be whispering, "Don't take my ObamaCare dollars away!"

The American Medical Association (AMA), for example, is urging people to call about "cuts" (constrained growth) to Medicaid.

Let's get the terminology straight: The government cannot "take away" or "give" you health care. Caring for your health is something you do—or don't do—yourself. It costs practically nothing; in fact, it saves you money. Nonsmokers save thousands of dollars a year. Walking around the block every day is free—and maybe you'll meet your neighbor. Healthy foods like fresh fruits and vegetables cost something, but less than Starbucks coffee-flavored milkshakes or fast-food lunches. Being faithful to your spouse pays huge dividends.

You can go to a "healthcare provider," get counseled on smoking cessation, and have all your bad habits, risk factors, and soon probably your DNA and political views recorded in an electronic data base, accessible to the government and thousands of other entities. They will constantly score you—on your value to society, eligibility to own a self-defense tool, suitability for a loan or a job, and eventually perhaps your qualifications to have a child.

Your health depends on basic necessities not included in the \$3 trillion poured into the "health care system" every year. Lacking a place to stay warm and dry, one homeless person lost his feet to frostbite, while Medicaid was paying someone \$563 every month just to have him on a list of enrollees. Last year, Nevada Medicaid paid managed-care companies as much as \$213 million for more than 30,000 people who received no care at all. Maybe that money was taken from housing or law enforcement.

Does the money given to Medicaid contractors perhaps pay safety-net hospitals to care for the needy who do need care during the year? We don't really know where all the money goes.

"TIME JOCKEY" - The Wilson Family

By Joe Castillo

Patton Foundation.... Benjamin Davis Wilson arrived in Mexican California at a time when a whole lot of status positioning was taking place. Wilson had become a wealthy and popular businessman and politician as well as a successful vintner and cattleman. He had acquired nearly 20,000 acres around Los Angeles but became disenchanted with the City of Angels. In 1849, as the economy started to boom in the post gold rush era so too did crime. Too many times was Wilson's front yard and strong sturdy tree's used for vigilante lynching's and he soon realized it was no place to raise a family.

At the time, Wilson was married to his second wife Margaret Hereford of St. Louis and wanted a safe place for his daughter and son from his first wife and future children from his new wife. He built a \$20,000 adobe on 2,000 acres of land in the San Gabriel area. His land included a year round spring which he named Lake Vineyard, which also became the name of his estate. His daughters Nannie and Ruth were both born on the estate, and lived a privileged life even though they were surrounded by rural land owners rather than the socialites living in Los

A preliminary look at publicly available documents of Arizona's Medicaid system, allegedly the most efficient in the U.S., revealed that managed-care contractors made more than \$225 million in pre-tax profits in just one year. And in 5 years, nearly \$400 million of Medicaid funding was transferred to other state agencies.

From a basic economics standpoint, it is just absurd to use third-party payment schemes for routine, predictable (hence uninsurable) costs. It doubles or triples the costs, while making services look free or worth \$5 at the time of service. It perpetuates the illusion that somebody else is paying, while managed-care stockholders, administrators, arbitrageurs, and purveyors of ridiculously overpriced drugs or procedures rake in profits.

Of course, there is the risk of a car crash, cancer, heart attack, or other true emergency. I'd like to buy catastrophic insurance to cover my risk for those things, without buying everybody else's contraceptives, fertility treatments, smoking cessation counseling, drug abuse treatments, and blood pressure pills. Such insurance became very difficult to obtain years ago, and ObamaCare outlawed it.

We're moving toward the endgame of single payer, which assures the continued diversion of funds to the Swamp. These funds are no longer available for people to choose to spend. And worse, the System will carefully control the funds that actually provide care, say by punishing doctors for deviating from government-dictated "best practices." It will allow nothing it calls "snake oil" (things like vitamin D, hormone supplements for aging, or other generally benign items that people find worthwhile but that drain profits from government-approved treatments). Nothing "futile" like experimental treatment for Charlie Gard. Nothing experimental outside the control of the FDA (that might compete with lucrative drugs). Nothing that is not "value based" (such as life-sustaining treatment including food and water to patients not valuable enough to treat for pneumonia, heart failure, or a bleeding ulcer).

The system is also striving to eliminate nonadherence. Patients

will take all their vaccines or lipid-control medicine, like it or not, because the benefit (to "society") is claimed to outweigh the risk (to them personally).

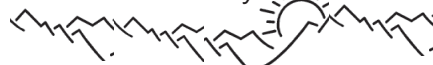
The system wants Americans to trade their freedom for the illusion of "health care." But Americans will soon learn that freedom is of the greatest importance when life is at stake.

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dream to see Los Angeles become a world-class seaport and he came out of retirement to drive the project to dredge the Port of Los Angeles and build a new harbor.

As part of his new direction, Wilson enforced his political relationships. One of his allies was State Senator George Hugh Smith, and Wilson called on him to discuss the harbor situation. But Wilson fell ill while at Smith's home and returned immediately to his Lake Vineyard home. That night he suffered a heart attack and died shortly thereafter. Seventy-five carriages followed Wilson's hearse carriage in the funeral procession. His services were held at the Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel, and he was buried in the San Gabriel Cemetery adjacent to the church. Senator Smith could not attend Wilson's funeral but he sent his own step-son in his place. His name was George Smith Patton II and Benjamin Wilson's legacy would soon take an abrupt turn in history....

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Are We in Danger of Another Tech Stock Bubble?

Most investors fear a replay of some past portfolio haircut - specifically the financial crisis of 2008 or the tech stock bubble of the late 1990s, which memorably popped in 2000. In just 31 months, the tech-heavy NASDAQ index fell by 78%, from a peak of 5048 on March 10, 2000 to just 1114 on October 9, 2002.

However, many of the "dot.com" stocks of 2000 deserved to be annihilated. They had no earnings or prospects of future earnings at that time. That tech bubble was built on fantasies and greed.

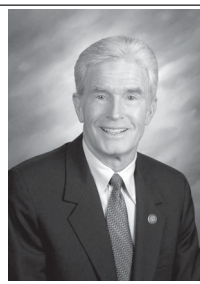
Unlike the "dot-bombs" of 2000, most of today's leading tech stocks are older, well-established firms with desirable brand name products and services, with a steady source of income and billions of dollars in cash. The current tech market is not analogous to the 1999 dot.com fantasies with no earnings and a high cash burn rate. Furthermore, tech stocks have NOT been the runaway leaders of the current bull market.

During the bull market that began March 9, 2009 (according to economist Ed Yardeni), Information Technology is up 379.8%, the third best sector, well behind Consumer Discretionary (+471.2%) and just behind the previously-butchered Financials (+380.3%). At the bottom, Telecommunications Services come in at next to last (up 81.5%), ahead of only Energy (+56.5%).

In the latest bull market surge (since the lows of February 11, 2016), Yardeni computes Financials in the top spot (+51.1%) followed by Information Technology (+50.3%) with Telecom Services last (+1.5%).

By comparison (Yardeni reports) the S&P technology sector rose 1,697.2% from October 11, 1990 to March 24, 2000, more than quadrupling the 417% gain in the S&P 500 over the

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same time span. At the tail-end of the tech stock bubble, "the S&P 500 IT sector's share of the overall index's market capitalization rose to a record 32.9% during March 2000. However, its earnings share peaked at only 17.6% during September 2000. This time, during May 2017, the sector's market-cap share of the overall index rose to a cyclical high of only 22.9%, while its earnings share, at a cyclical high of 22.0%, was much more supportive of the sector's market-cap."

In March 2000, the forward earnings expectation in the tech sector (48.3) more than doubled that of the S&P 500 (22.6). "During the current bull market," Yardeni says, "the Tech sector's forward P/E hasn't diverged much at all from that of the overall index. Last month, the former was 18.1, while the latter was 17.3."

But that only begs the question, is the whole market (not just tech stocks) overvalued?

Is the Overall Market Near a Bubble Condition?

This is the second longest bull market in history, at over 3,000 days, or 99 months, exceeded only by the 1987-2000 El Toro Grande, which lasted either 150 months (counting from October 1987), or 114 months (counting from October 1990). Bull and bear markets historically reversed course a lot faster. Yardeni says the average age of the past 22 bull markets in stocks (since

1928) has been only 33 months.

Real-life bulls die of old age, but financial bulls are not flesh-and-blood animals subject to decay. They usually die when the economy falls into a recession. Sometimes markets crash out of fear (1987), but no recession follows. Specifically, there have been only three recessions and bear markets since 1982. Two of those recessions were short and mild (1991 and 2001), and one (2008-2009) was severe.

We've come a long way in this bull market, and we're also up so far in 2017, despite the failure of the Trump administration to pass (or even conceive) corporate tax reform or a revised health care plan. But we must remember that other new Presidents also stumbled in their first year. Bill and Hillary Clinton's health care experiment failed in 1993 and their rookie Attorney General Janet Reno stumbled badly in Waco. George W. Bush won an election that was far more disputed than the recent one, and Bush seemed rudderless until 9-11. Reagan was nearly assassinated in March 1981 and he fired air traffic controllers in August. Obama's 2009 "shovel-ready" infrastructure plans were mostly spending boondoggles, as was his "Cash for Clunkers." Even John Kennedy flubbed the Bay of Pigs and Vienna summit in 1961. While the press seems to be reveling in this dysfunctional White House, they weren't so critical of other rookies in office.

It's time to take a deep breath, see this market in perspective, and then... have a great summer at the beach, knowing that the stock market probably has room left for growth.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We rent, but we'd love to own. Can you help us figure out the real cost of being homeowners vs. continuing to rent?

Housing prices and mortgage loan interest rates are both on the rise. It's a really good time to get out of renting and into owning your own property. Get a basic answer to your question by using an online Rent vs. Own calculator. Then, contact a loan originator who will shop many different loan programs on your behalf to find the best loan program for you. (Your bank loan originator is limited to the loans offered by that bank. Internet lenders sometimes quote great rates, but the fine print disqualifies most borrowers.)

What are the important ages in regard to financial planning, and why?

At age 59 1/2, as long as certain conditions are met, you can start taking withdrawals from qualified retirement plans and IRAs without incurring a penalty. Since these have been growing tax-deferred, you'll now have to pay ordinary income taxes. At age 62, you could start collecting reduced Social Security benefits. Depending on what year you were born, you could take full Social Security benefits when you reach "full retirement age" (usually ranging from 65 to 67). At age 65, you're eligible to enroll in Medicare. (If you want coverage at the earliest possible date, enroll 3 months before turning 65.) For those eligible for SS, Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance benefits are automatic. There's a monthly premium if you decide you want Med-



Julia Yoder

ical Part B Insurance benefits. At age 70 1/2, you are required to take minimum distributions from most tax-deferred retirement plans if you want to avoid a 50% penalty on the amount that should have been withdrawn. The federal government determines your life expectancy, which is what the annual required minimum distribution is based on. **Without having to pay income taxes on what I've accumulated in my current annuity, is there a way for me to trade it in for one that better suits my financial needs?**

Do you have any early surrender fees that would be due on your annuity? Sometimes this can be countered with all or part of a bonus offered on a new annuity. With that said, we could look into whether or not it would be beneficial for you to do an exchange (IRS Code Sec. 1035). A 1035 exchange would allow you to exchange an existing annuity contract for a newer one without having to pay taxes on the accumulation in your old contract. If we find that it's a good thing for you to do that, you could gain new opportunities for flexibility and

tax-deferred accumulation, and again, without paying taxes on what you've already accumulated. Newer annuities offer anything from a bonus, easier access to funds, nursing-home benefits, guaranteed lifetime income, possible increase in retirement payout, and/or a bonus to beneficiaries willing to take the money over several years rather than in one lump sum.

We'd like to set up some sort of an account for our grandson. What do you suggest?

There are several investment accounts you could establish for your grandchild, but one that my clients fall in love with is a cash-value life insurance policy. Starting while your grandson is young, and paying less than \$100 per month into a \$100,000 life insurance policy, the cash-value could be enough to pay for college or enough to put a sizeable down-payment on a house. Of course, if he waited even longer to access the cash value, he could possibly have more than a million dollars for his retirement.

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Assessor Jeffrey Prang Releases 2017 Assessment Roll, Reports 6.04% Increase

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang released the 2017 Los Angeles County Assessment Roll. The annual Assessment Roll reflects the updated value of all taxable property in the county. "Funding for vital public services and our schools begins with the Assessment Roll that we are presenting today," said Assessor Jeffrey Prang. "The work that we do in the Assessor's Office provides the foundation for the property tax system that results in funding for critical local government services such as education, public safety, healthcare and infrastructure improvements," stated Assessor Prang.

"I am very pleased to present the Assessment Roll and to report the gross value of all taxable property in the county is a record \$1.474 trillion," said Assessor Jeff Prang. "This is a 6.04% net increase over last year and reflects the continuing strength of the real estate market and high demand for new multi-family residential properties in the Los Angeles County area," said County Assessor Prang.

"The 2017 Assessment Roll provides a comprehensive view of the strength of the Los Angeles real estate market," Assessor Jeff Prang said. "The Roll reveals that in the last year, every city in Los Angeles County recorded an increase compared to 2016. I am pleased to report the 6.04% increase for assessed property values in Los Angeles County represents the seventh consecutive year of growth," Assessor Prang stated. The net assessed value, (which excludes non-profit, homeowners', and disabled veterans exemptions, and other State exemptions) is \$1.416 trillion, \$80.6 billion greater than in 2016.

Assessor Jeff Prang delivered the Assessment Roll to John Naimo, the Auditor-Controller for Los Angeles County. The Auditor-Controller's Office applies the annual tax rate to the assessed value of individual properties and submits the data to the County Treasurer and Tax Collector. The Treasurer and Tax Collector mails property tax bills to property owners and collects property tax revenues. The taxes collected are disbursed to over 900 local taxing agencies and used to fund schools, roads, public safety, and other local government services.

The 2017 Assessment Roll contains the details of over 2,300,000 taxable real estate parcels, 170,000 business/personal property assessments, 26,000 boats, and 3,000 aircraft. As a means of providing tax relief to small business owners, Assessor Prang initiated a change to the Low-Value Ordinance by increasing the threshold from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The change provides property tax relief to more than 50,000 small businesses by relieving them of a property tax obligation for equipment, machinery, office furnishings, and even some boats and aircraft that have an assessed value below \$5,000.

Transfers of ownership, such as real estate sales, caused the greatest increase in the growth of the Assessment Roll at 3.13%. Additional factors of growth include decline-in-value restorations (0.38%) and new construction (0.55%). Decline-in-Value restorations include properties in areas still recovering from the property value downfall of the economic recession. The annual inflation-adjusted trend, which is responsible for the increase in property taxes for properties that

did not experience any form of changes in ownership or construction, added an additional 1.77% to the value of the Roll. This is consistent with Proposition 13 requirements, which limit it increases to a property's base value to 2% a year - or less if the California CPI is less than 2%.

From 2007 through 2010, the economic recession caused a decline in real estate values resulting in diminishing assessment roll values. However, between 2011 and 2016, an improving economy and a thriving real estate market in the County of Los Angeles resulted in consecutive increases in the Assessment Roll of 1.36%, 2.20%, 4.66%, 5.47%, 6.13%, and 5.58%, respectively. With a growth of 6.04%, the 2017 Assessment Roll continues on this upward trend and illustrates strong market recovery.

The primary responsibility of the Office of the Assessor is to discover and enroll all taxable real and business property in the County of Los Angeles. Enrolling all property through this valuation effort results in the annual Assessment Roll. The Assessor maintains 6 separate offices covering 4,084 square miles. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, the nearly 1,300 Assessor staff members processed over 390,000 deeds, assessed over 135,000 transfers, enrolled over 74,000 new construction permits, reviewed approximately 150,000 decline-in-value parcels, and prepared over 38,000 Assessment Appeals Board cases. In the last year alone, Assessor business personal property staff canvassed over 374,000 businesses and processed over 130,000 business property statements.

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Goodbye Spare Tire?

Remember when cars had a full size spare tire? Then they went to the small temporary spare tire called the donut, (that reminds me I need to stop at the world-famous donut man in Glendora for a strawberry one). Now, in order to save weight, many manufacturers are doing away with the spare tire altogether on certain models. Certainly, less weight increases gas mileage. It is also easier and less expensive to shed weight from a car, than to introduce technology to save fuel. This year about 14 percent of new model cars in the United States have no spare tire.

The tire repair kit which replaces the spare tire, weighs in at about 20 pounds less than a spare tire and a jack assembly and do not take up much room either. But what should you do if you happen to get a flat? The car

manufacturers are supplying a quick-fix kit instead.

If you get a major blow out that is larger than a quarter of an inch, or if the puncture is on the side of the tire instead of the bottom, the repair kit won't do the job and you will need to be towed. The manufacturers figure that in most cases the repair kit will do the job as it should take care of flats 85 percent of the time.

The manufacturers also feel that TPMS (tire pressure monitoring systems) will alert you in most cases that you have a leak which you can fix before you have a flat. So, if the low tire light sends a signal, don't ignore it. If you buy a new car, you might want to look for the spare tire.

Manufacturers have been mandated by the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards

and are scrambling to get better gas mileage (an average of 54.5 miles per gallon) by 2025 and are doing all they can to make it happen. Not every manufacturer is using this method to help their cause but it is something you need to be aware of. You don't want to be stuck in the middle of nowhere and start looking for a spare that you aren't going to find.

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It's \$7.6 Million or 17 Years in Prison for Tax-Evading Clothing Retailer

LOS ANGELES - A two-year investigation led by the Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement (TRaCE) Task Force, with assistance from the Department of Insurance, ended with a Southern California clothing retailer pleading guilty on four counts of sales tax evasion, filing false state tax returns, failure to pay taxes on employee wages, workers' compensation fraud, and admitting to two special enhancements: white collar crime and excessive taking.

Jeong Hwan Kim, 59, of Los Angeles County, entered the plea in Los Angeles County Superior

Court, Norwalk Branch, on July 18, 2017. Kim owned and operated more than 50 retail clothing stores in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Ventura counties. From 2010 through 2016, the TRaCE investigation revealed Kim failed to report more than \$29 million in sales, more than \$39 million in taxable income, more than \$8 million in wages, and evaded payment of \$5.7 million in sales, income, and payroll tax. Kim also failed to report more than \$7 million in wages to his insurance carriers, and evaded payment of more than \$350,000 in workers' compensa-

tion insurance.

Kim's plea agreement states that he must pay more than \$7.6 million in restitution for tax and associated costs, and serve two years in county jail. If he fails to pay full restitution within six months, he will receive a 17-year prison sentence.

The California Attorney General's Office prosecuted the case in coordination with the California Department of Justice, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Department of Insurance, Employment Development Department, and Franchise Tax Board.

Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

AUSD Free Meals to Children

Azusa Unified School District will offer free lunches this summer to children ages 18 and under through the federal Summer Food Service program. Lunches will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 28 at school campuses and public parks. Meals are available to any child residing within Azusa Unified boundaries. Call Nutrition Services at 626-732-8057 for specific locations and times.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Do you have some extra time to spare? Are you a good driver? The Azusa Senior Center has a great volunteer opportunity for you! The Azusa Senior Center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers to deliver lunches to our homebound seniors in the city of Azusa between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Prewitt for more information at (626) 812-5204, ext. 5303.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

ARCADIA

Community Summer Dance Night!

The Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation, the City of Arcadia, and the Arcadia Unified School District proudly present a Free Community Summer Dance Night on Saturday, **August 12** from 7-9:30pm at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, 188 Campus Drive, Arcadia 91007. There will be karaoke singing and dancing under the stars. Catering and ice cream will be available for purchase.

Bring the whole family out to participate in this FREE event! For more information, please call 626.574.5113.

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Tennis Anyone has been teaching successful tennis classes for the Arcadia community since 2012. Tennis Anyone believes in the development of tennis players from beginning through competitive tournament levels. Their goal is to run a comprehensive program of classes that will suit the needs of all ages and levels of players. Coaches are energetic, dynamic, friendly, fun, and passionate about the game.

This summer, Tennis Anyone is offering Pee Wee, Beginner Junior Tennis, Intermediate/Advance Junior Tennis, Small Group, and Adult classes, as well as weeklong camps. Don't miss out and sign-up today! For more information, please visit our website at www.arcadiaCA.gov or call the Recreation Office at 626.574.5113.

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 Av-

enue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

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

COVINA

Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

Volunteer Services of Citrus Valley Health Partners is looking for volunteers to share the gift of music with the patients, families and staff. If you sing or play an instrument and have a passion for bringing peace, comfort and joy to others please call Tiffany Ramirez, Director of Volunteer Services at (626) 925-6237 or email at tramirez@mail.cvhp.org to start the application process.

DUARTE

Blood Pressure Checks

Health Care Partners will provide a medical assistant to do free blood pressure checks. No appointment needed. **Every 2nd Tuesday** of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Meals on Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$2. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

GLENDORA

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

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.

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Cars 4 the Community

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

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

MONROVIA

Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program

is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

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

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

SAN DIMAS

San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Monday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead? Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn

these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

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 oper-

ates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Senior Lunch

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

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

Community Articles Are Welcome

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

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Classic Car Nights

PASADENA - Lake Avenue Church is hosting free Classic Car Nights on Friday nights throughout the summer, on July 28, and August 11 and 25, from 6-8 p.m. The church's west parking lot will be transformed into a car enthusiast's paradise of classic, vintage, exotic and vehicles, along with music and

burgers. Admission is free for all events. Donations to cover the cost of the food are appreciated. Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway.

Toastmasters' Toast To The Best


SAN DIMAS - Our San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Monday from 7 PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead? Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. In our July 20th meeting this past Thursday, the new of District 12 Area-A Director, Steve Baer, attended. We had a lot of fun, especially with Table Topics with our 3 guests,

Luis, Dan and Steve. Who knew Iguanas were such workaholics. On August 3rd, Thursday, Tim Cheng will be Toastmaster and speakers will be our President, JoAn Haase, ACB, ALB, Tim Cheng and Idaly Acosta, ACS. Our Table Topics Master will be our new President, JoAn Haase, ACB, ALB. And we are excited to announce that Ms. Xuling Wu-Gerbl accomplished her Competent Leader. You can stop by to meet with us at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave (Between Walnut & San Dimas Canyon Rd) San Dimas. Contact is Art Douglas, VP of Membership of Toast To The Best (951) 505-0555.




July 20 winners Best Speaker-Elsa Tovar at left, Table Topics-Art Douglas, DTM and Evaluator-Shauna Gilkinson. Awarded by President JoAn Haase, ACB, ALB at right.

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West Covina Summer Concert Series

WEST COVINA - Grab the family and your dancing shoes for this year's West Covina Summer Concert Series. This free event is held every Thursday evening thru August 17th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the West Covina Civic Center, located at 1444 W. Garvey Avenue South. The lineup for this year includes:

Thursday, **July 27th** - The Swing Cat Big Band (Swing)

Thursday, August 3rd - Time Bomb (Rock from 1975-1985)

Thursday, August 10th - Sgt. Pepper (Beatles Tribute Band)

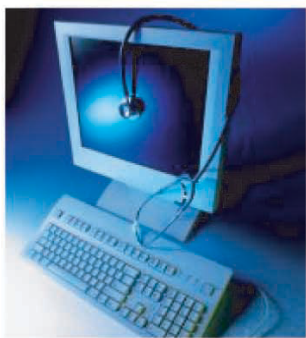
Thursday, August 17th - Mariachi Divas (Mariachi)

Food and merchandise will be available for sale at each of the concerts. For more information visit www.westcovina.org or contact the Community Services Department at (626) 939-8489.

Baldwin Park Unified Joins National Night Out Celebration

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park Unified will participate in the community's 34th annual National Night Out anti-crime program at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, **Aug. 1**. National Night Out promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. The event begins with a 1.5 mile-march from Baldwin Park City Hall to the Target Center, where the community will hold a celebration with free barbecue, entertainment and prizes. Local vendors will staff booths.

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town. The entire town is a National Historic Landmark and Bodie Day, on Aug. 12, 2017 this year, was designed to provide visitors a glimpse into the town's heyday during the height of gold

fever in the state. There will be special historical presentations and tours along with an evening BBQ and cemetery tour. Everyone is welcome, but you must become a member of the Bodie Foundation to attend the evening events.

Loggers Jamboree: North Fork

For 59 years North Fork has paid tribute to its past and present logging tradition with the Annual Logger Jamboree. The two-day event slated for July, 2018 offers spectators a chance to watch both amateur and professionals compete in traditional logging competition events like wood chopping, axe throwing and more. The

festival also features a parade, local food and craft vendors, a swimming hole and the Wood Chopper's Ball.

Sacramento Gold Rush Days: Sacramento

This Labor Day weekend, party like it's 1850 as Sacramento's 28-acre historic district is transformed into a scene from a West-

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