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Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee Hosts Azusa Memorial Day Ceremony

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA- The Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee (AVMC) honored all fallen Azusans with a beautiful and very emotional ceremony on Monday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. in front of Azusa's City Hall. Over 200 persons gathered on Memorial Day to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The ceremony started with the call for Presentation of Colors by Jesse Martinez, VFW Post 8070 Commander and presented by the Gladstone High School JROTC which was preceded by the Upland High School Bagpipers. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by VFW Post 8070 Officer Jorge Galvez and his daughter Claudina, the singing of the National Anthem by Azusa resident Anna M. Aramburo-Aguilar, and the invocation by Pastor Samuel Martinez of Amazing Love Ministries. The Master of Ceremonies was Azusa resident and owner of BK Industries Bruce Knoles.

Welcome remarks were made by Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha, who is also AVMC's Chairman, as he thanked all AVMC members and the City for making the event



Vietnam Veteran Ray Chavira and AVMC Member Jim Griffith visit the Azusa Memorial Wall after the Azusa Memorial Day Ceremony to pay respect to Azusa's fallen soldiers.

possible. He thanked all Veterans and their families for their sacrifices, as well as all those who took the time to attend the ceremony and honor all veterans. Mayor Rocha in his remarks took the time to highlight three Azusan World War II Veterans in attendance at the ceremony. He went on to present guest speaker, Con-

gresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, CA 32nd District and the Keynote Speaker, Sergeant Joshua Monday, U. S. Army.

Two musical interludes consisting of military songs were performed during the ceremony by the Upland High School Bagpipers and students from Azusa's private Christian school, Christbridge Academy. One student from each of the three Azusa high schools and one from Christbridge Academy won an essay contest and were selected to read their essays at the ceremony addressing, "The Meaning of Memorial Day to Me." They were Nicole Agob, Azusa HS; Marco Jungie Peng, Christbridge Academy; Eliza Concidine, Gladstone HS, and Abel Carrillo, Sierra HS.

The annual highlight of the ceremony was the reading of the

names of Azusans killed in action in all wars. As each of their names was read, Bart Luce, AVMC Member rang a hand held bell in each of their honor. WWI names were read by Ben Heck

and a Wreath was laid in front of the WWI Memorial Monument by Bill Sena; WWII names were read by Richard Lugo and a Wreath was laid at the Memorial Wall by Jeri Vogel; Korean War names were read by Stephanie Mills and a Wreath was laid at the wall by Jim Griffith; Vietnam War names were read by Ray Chavira and a Wreath was laid at the wall by his brother Blas Chavira; and for the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars the names were read by Tom Sanchez and a Wreath was laid at the wall by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harris.

Prior to the closing remarks by the four high school students and the Benediction by Christbridge Academy School leader, Dr. Daniel Simonson, as well as a 21-gun salute to all Fallen Soldiers by the Azusa VFW Post 8070 Memorial Team and Taps played by Retired Sgt. John Lopez, Army, Korean War Veteran.

The ceremony concluded with the song, "God Bless America," sung by Ms. Aramburo-Aguilar and all persons in attendance.



AVMC Jean Martinez member pins flower on Gold Star Mother Guiselle Harris while her husband, Leroy Harris, holds a picture of their son, Leroy Harris III, who was killed in the Iraq War.

St. Dorothy's Catholic School Graduation

By Jayam Rutnam

GLENDORA - "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" was the theme of the Graduation Ceremony of the students in Kindergarten at St. Dorothy's Catholic School. On Thursday June 1, the students graduated to First Grade in a ceremony at the St. Dorothy's Parish Hall. The list of graduates included Mia Aboudiab, Gabriel Baguindoc, Michaela Chidester, Joelle Fournell, Emma Gomez, Claire Grino, Christopher Gutierrez, Maya Jacobo, Eden Lopez, Julia Malabag, Eva Rose Mejorado, Camila Monge, Gianna Soriano, Joseph Miguel Terrazas, Gianna Vakharia and Isabella Vasquez.

The Teacher, Mrs. Chidester and Principal, Mrs. Ferguson gave speeches of welcome to the hall full of parents, relatives and friends. The students walked in procession to "Pomp and Circumstance." Father Mark Warnstedt (Pastor of St. Dorothy's) gave the blessing



Mrs. Chidester (Teacher), Mrs. Ferguson (Principal) and Mrs. Gilman (Teacher's Aide) pose with some of the kindergarteners who graduated

and the Opening Prayer.

There were poems and songs and skits by the students. Two of the songs were "Ready to Go" and "ABC You Later." There was a slideshow of photos of the many events and projects the students were involved in during the past year. The Diplomas were then handed to the students after which were the Presentation of Graduates. The event concluded with a speech by teacher Mrs.

Chidester after which bouquets of flowers were handed to the teachers and volunteers. The finale song was "ABC You Later."

There was a reception with refreshments while the students mingled with family and friends.

"You're off to great places, Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So...get on your way."

Chick-fil-A Opens in Glendora



Amy Elzik, Michelle Street and Joe Cina of the Glendora Chamber of Commerce pose for a photo with Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer, Glendora Councilmen Mendell Thompson and Michael Allowos and friends, opposite the new Chick-fil-A restaurant in Glendora.

GLENDORA - Chick-fil-A had its Grand Opening ceremony on June 1, 2017 at their new location in the Glendora Commons at 1247 S. Lone Hill Avenue. Chick-fil-A franchise owner Carlos Mayen was there with his family to host and celebrate the event, which included a ribbon cutting organized by the Glendora Chamber of Commerce.

The National Anthem was sung while the American Flag was raised in front of the establishment. A life size figure of a person dressed as a cow, was at the entrance. The event was attended by the Mayor of Glendora Gary Boyer, Council Members Mendell Thompson and Michael

Allowos among the many dignitaries present. Joe Cina, Michelle Street and Amy Elzik were there along with other members of the Glendora Chamber of Commerce and Chick-fil-A executives.

The proceedings actually started the day before when more than 60 fans arrived to the new Glendora Commons Chick-fil-A location early in the morning to participate in their Grand Opening Road Trip. At the end of the day, all participants won free Chick-fil-A for a year. After a delicious Chick-fil-A breakfast, participants packed 10,000 meals with "Feeding Children Everywhere" at the restaurant. The meals were donated to

Shepherd's Pantry. Around 10 a.m., participants then hopped on the luxury tour buses and made their way to their first stop at Rubel Castle. At 12:15 p.m., they arrived at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park where they stopped to eat lunch, enjoy the park and play games. They then headed to Barnes & Noble to pick out books to be placed in their Book House and donated to the Glendora Public Library. At that point, the buses headed back to the restaurant for the Book House presentation, dinner and the award celebration.

Franchise owner Carlos Mayen also owns the Chick-fil-A across APU in Azusa.

Learning Works - Yes it Does!

DUARTE - Mikala Rahn shared her vision and amazing success story for her organization, Learning Works at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Meeting. Her organization is truly transforming Dropouts into Graduates. Learning Works is now a unique Charter School in Pasadena and through their work, they have been able to help cut PUSD's dropout rate from 24.6% to 9%! They have started with a set of Principles for the students attending:

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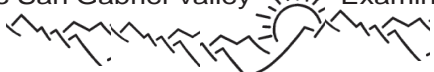
The program has been so successful in Pasadena, they have been invited and have started a second site with Fr. Gregory Boyle on the site of Homeboy Industries.

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



Mikala Rahn of Learning Works and Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds.

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Duarte Unified Years of Service & Retirement Recognition 2017

DUARTE - Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) honored staff at the annual Years of Service and Retirement Recognition Reception held on May 24, 2017.

Classified employees receiving retirement recognition: Susan Huthmacher, Ralph Mc Cravey, and Yolanda Segura.

Certificated employees receiving retirement recognition: Korie Beth Brown, Joilyn Campitiello, Meredith Clark, Sheila Fields, Terri Jenkins, Ruth Kidd, Stephen Maloney, Cynthia Mitchell, Patricia Robertson, Laura Thomas, and Maryann Volmert.

Congratulations were also offered to the following employees for their dedicated service to our district:

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Michelle Ganivet, Klista Alatorre, Maria Salas, Marisela Solis, Timi Snedden, Annabelle Lopez, Wendy Moreno, Lisa Caceres, Carolina Camarena, Humberto Macias & Maria Quezada

15 Years

Francisca Moreno, Berenice Beltran, Teri Brillhart, Lillian Barrero, Susan Huthmacher, Jorge Ledesma, Rene Cardona & Elizabeth Delgado

20 Years

Denet Avila, Flora Luque, Patricia Williams, Christi Young, John Cantrell & Martina Anguiano

25 Years

Mary Munoz, Elizabeth Nowak-Reilly & Sylvia Torres

30 Years

Ralph McCravey, Darnell Prothro & Raquel Morales

35 Years

Willie Mc Donald

Certificated Honorees:

10 Years

Cynthia Slane, Heather Messner, Yvette Martinez & Jeffrey Radsick

15 Years

Maria Martinez, Patricia Scherer, Krystine Leckrone, Amparo Gomez-Paiz, Mara Leppaluoto, Leslie Bartlett, Joseph Kenney, Stacy Nunez & James Thomas

20 Years

Cynthia Mithcell, Richard Armas, Teresa George, Alicia Gomez-Roman, Chris Yochum, Levon Yotnakhparian & Dav-

id Barrile

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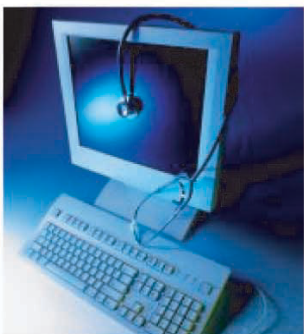
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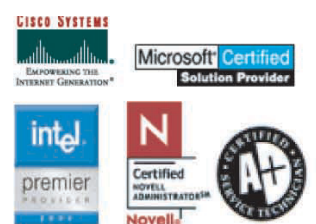
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Sheriff's Search Warrant Turns into Drug Bust in for Guns, Drugs, Stolen Property

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Industry Sheriff's detectives investigating an attempted burglary had requested a search warrant at a home in West Covina. With information and evidence compiled from an attempted burglary in the City of Industry, which failed when suspects rammed a rental car into a building's roll-up door and attempted to break into it about a week earlier.

Armed with a search warrant, deputies raided the home in West Covina Tuesday morning May 29. When they made entry, they de-

tained two male suspects and started their search. The deputies hit the jackpot. In fact, there was more there than they expected. The deputies found not only stolen property, but they found large amounts of marijuana, cocaine, pounds of methamphetamines, an illegal sawed-off shotgun, two stolen pistols and much more.

Most likely, it was about this time that the deputies decided to go ahead and arrest the two suspects. Also mixed in with the stolen loot, they found ski masks. This indicates that these two

criminals have been on a crime spree including robbery. They are believed to be linked to many other crimes in the area.

The deputies did not release the names of the suspects because of an ongoing investigation where the two suspects are most likely naming other members of the gang who are also involved in the crimes so they can get a lighter sentence when convicted.

This was certainly another great day for law enforcement as two more armed criminals were taken off the street.

Next Hourly Minimum Wage Increase Goes Into Effect In Unincorporated Areas Of Los Angeles County July 1st

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - In less than a month, starting July 1, the minimum wage will increase to \$12.00 an hour in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County for businesses with 26 or more employees and \$10.50

an hour for businesses with 25 or fewer employees. Businesses are strongly encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) Wage Enforcement Program (WEP) at 1-800-593-8222 for questions and assistance.

"Business owners should feel free to come to us for any questions or to find out about County resources that can help them during the wage increases," said DCBA Director Brian J. Stiger.

Since the first increase went into effect last year, WEP visited over 1,800 businesses in person in the unincorporated areas

of the County and will continue to do so. During the visits, staff explain the County's minimum wage law, provide a copy of the required minimum wage posting, and inform them about DCBA's Small Business Services. Earlier this year, DCBA also mailed out information to 15,000 businesses on the upcoming wage increase and information on the Small Business Initiative.

The 'Wage Enforcement' tab on dcbalacounty.gov features information on the ordinance, answers to frequently asked questions, and more for workers and businesses.

Police Officer Louie Pompei Memorial Service

GLENDORA - A Annual Remembrance Service for Agent Louie Pompei will be held this Friday, **June 9**, at 6 p.m. at the Louie Pompei Me-

morial Sports Park, behind Von's, at the corner of Puente & Via Verde Aves in San Dimas.

Assemblyman Holden's 2017 Bills Cleared State Assembly

SACRAMENTO - Last week, six of Assemblyman Chris Holden's bills passed off the Assembly Floor. These bills help low income students, enable more housing construction, protect energy customers and create solutions that help all Californians. Ten of Assemblyman Holden's bills are ready to advance to the State Senate. These bills include AB 17 which creates low cost transit passes for low income students; AB 56 which makes funds available to housing-related projects; AB 61 which reforms worker's compensation; AB 279 which adjusts the rates of developmental disabilities service providers; AB 533 which increases penalty for off-road reckless driving; AB 726 which protects energy customers; AB 959 which increases regional center service transparency; AB 1180 which establishes a storm water compliance fund; AB 1239 which increases access to EV charging stations; and AB 1567 which streamlines foster youth enrollment in community colleges and universities.

AB 17 will create low cost transportation passes for California's low income students. The cost of getting to and from school adds pressure to the already skyrocketing cost of receiving a quality education. AB

17 will provide safe, reliable and low cost means for California students to get to class, reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions, and develop lifelong ridership habits among California's high school and college students.

AB 56 will clarify which types of housing-related projects are available to fund through the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank). I-Bank is authorized to fund and assist in a variety of projects that help spur economic development. However, I-Bank is prohibited from funding housing directly. This presents a grey area where the types of projects that may relate to housing, but are not housing in particular, might come into question on how the funds are being used. AB 56 pools together definitions to relieve ambiguity and clarify the types of housing-adjacent projects that could be funded by I-Bank in order to help incentivize housing in the long run.

AB 61 will require that one of the 11 seats on the State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) Board of Directors have previous small business experience. This member would ideally offer practical advice on the role that workers compensation has on small businesses across the state. AB 279 will extend authority

to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and regional centers to adjust the rates of developmental disabilities service providers to comply with local minimum wage ordinances. Current law prevents DDS or regional centers from adjusting service provider rates of reimbursement without specific statutory authority to do so. Without an increase to reimbursement rates to meet local mandates, many services providers may have to shut their doors. AB 279 extends recognition to local ordinances raising minimum wage at a different pace than the state.

AB 1567 will authorize the Department of Social Services and County welfare departments to share the data of a foster youth once they are enrolled into college. Nationally, California has the largest population of foster care youth. Evidence shows that those who access resources early have higher chances of achieving academic success. AB 1567 seeks to facilitate data sharing to increase the number of foster youth who enroll in and utilize campus support programs. It also streamlines the process by which a foster youth enrolls into educational assistance programs in a California Community College and a California State University.

Auto Theft Suspect Locks Down Neighborhood in Standoff with Police

By George Ogden

AZUSA - Azusa police chased a stolen vehicle through Azusa to the 200 block of W. 2nd St. on Wednesday, May 31 around 8:30 AM. The suspect left the vehicle and ran through some backyards to get away. A containment area was set up by the Azusa Police Department who were soon

joined by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Irwindale Police Department, West Covina Police Department, and the West Covina K-9 unit. And the search continued.

A Sheriff's helicopter circled overhead, the Azusa police dispatch got a call from a resident who found his garage door locked. The resident suspected that somebody was locked inside and notified the police. Soon, scores of law enforcement officers surrounded the garage and called in a SWAT team.

Schools in the area were shut-down as the search continued into the afternoon. In fact, the entire neighborhood was basically shut down.

The SWAT team ordered the

suspect out of the garage but he failed to respond. It came to the point where the team was going to make entry. Once they did, they noticed debris from the ceiling on top of the cars parked inside the garage. This made it clear to the officers that the suspect was in the crawlspace in the roof area. He was located in the crawlspace and ordered to come down in which he finally complied.

Taken into custody was Johnny Ray Chavarria, 26, of Azusa. He was charged with resisting arrest, evading a police officer, vandalism and burglary. He is being held without bail and court appearances are pending. He has been arrested in the past by Azusa police on other felonies.

Summer Beach Bus Service Begins

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced that the Charter Oak/Duarte Summer Beach Bus service to Santa Monica Beach has started June 7.

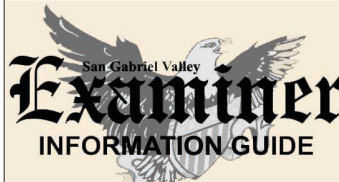
"The Beach Bus service runs through Labor Day, providing our residents an opportunity to travel to the beach without having to drive through traffic, find a parking space or feed a parking meter," Supervisor Barger said.

Passengers can board the Summer Beach Bus every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday through Labor Day, Monday, September 4. The stop locations are at the intersection of Cienega Avenue and

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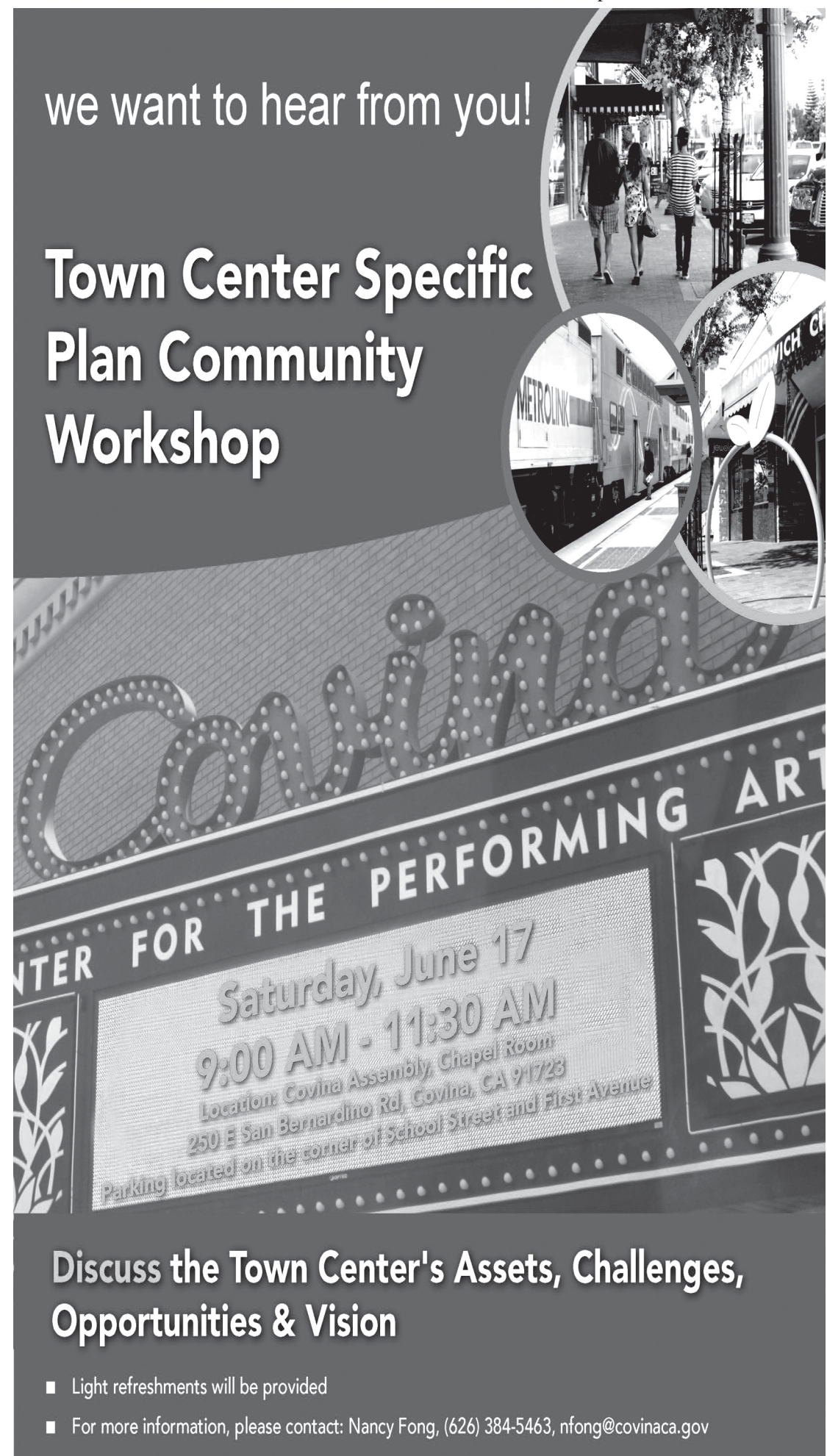
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Allen and Republicans Say ENOUGH!

Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) elected to the State Assembly in November 2012, has stepped up to lead the repeal of Governor Brown's gas tax, SB 1, that increased the tax on gas by 43% or 12 cents a gallon and diesel fuel by 20 cents a gallon beginning November 1st, with additional costs in vehicle registration fees (taxes).

Allen spoke to Republicans in El Monte reminding them, once upon a time, Gov. Brown promised no new taxes. Despite that promise, Allen said, Brown spent \$1 billion in payoffs getting the votes to pass that gas tax. And, that included a half a billion dollars to one legislator for a train connection in Modesto.

Allen said, "In 2011 the budget was \$88 billion and today it is \$128 billion. What did the Governor do with \$40 billion? It didn't go to fix our roads, we have the worst traffic in the entire nation, and it didn't go to fix our water infrastructure and it didn't go to fix crime which is up 7.6%," said Allen.

Brown's infamous response to opponents of the gas tax calling us all "freeloaders" has backfired with the voters all over California going into the rebellion mode and KFI's John & Ken Show coming out full blast in opposition to the tax and chastising Brown for calling anti-tax people "freeloaders".

Allen said they will need 365,800 signatures (but aiming for 600,000) to qualify the repeal for the November 2018 ballot. The Attorney General's Office should have the measure's title by July 8th and petitions will be ready for circulation. Check online. www.nocagastax.com

The backlash over the gas tax has caused an outrage we've not seen since Gov. Gray Davis raised the gas tax and ended up recalled. The average citizen sees the other outrageous tax proposals streaming out of Sacramento and has had enough!

The Single Payer Plan, by Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) is a \$400 billion health care plan proposal to be run by the state



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

with no private insurance companies operating here and dictated by a 9-member appointed board that would make health care decisions. There is no sound proposal to pay for this program except with more new tax dollars. One method suggests a 15% payroll tax; and, another is a 2.3% gross tax on business revenues above \$2 million and a 2.3% general sales tax on everything except housing, utilities, groceries and "other necessities".

Many are asking how this affects their health care, doctors and one of the major health care providers in this area—Will Kaiser leave California?

Or the MS4 debacle, a US EPA experimental mandate on L.A. County cities *ONLY* to provide clean water, clean enough to drink by the time it gets to the ocean. A \$200 million cost to each city over 10 years — \$20 billion total — to build new infrastructure to capture stormwater because we are not allowed to use existing infrastructure. Democrats are calling that a "solution" to water conservation. To avoid Prop 218 requirements that voters approve all new taxes, Sen. Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) has created legislation to allow cities to conduct a vote by mail in their city asking voters to tax themselves or allow their city go bankrupt or cut essential services like law enforcement or public works projects.

I asked myself as Sacramento not only supports, but forces this mandate forward creating a new property tax, what happened to

the 2014 Prop 1 bond money for water infrastructure improvements, surface and groundwater storage, drinking water protection, and water recycling? Where did that money go? Aren't cities in L.A. County eligible for some of that funding because of the US EPA mandate?

Two things on Gov. Brown's wish list these days to notch his belt in California history books seems to be his Bullet Train and the Water-Fix project. The Bullet Train is now looking for a new CEO, the \$64 billion project, set at one time to run the length of the entire state is reduced, is 7 years behind schedule and has a funding gap of \$40 billion. Cap and Trade dollars, a tax on business pollution to incentivize clean air, were being used to support the efforts to get the bullet train on track, but that revenue source dries up in 2020 as the law sunsets.

The Twin Tunnels Delta project or Brown's California Water-Fix is meant to deliver water to the Central Valley and Southern California at a cost of \$15.7 billion. It would run two giant tunnels, each four stories high, for 35 miles under the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and send water south.

The Public Policy Institute of California says, Prop 1, a "\$7.5 billion water bond intended to provide significant investments in the state's drought-challenged water systems... has seven funding categories, with a pot of money allocated to each. The bond language preauthorized spending in the largest area—\$2.7 billion for water storage projects. For the other six areas, spending must be appropriated in the state budget." That leaves about \$5 billion to be allocated by those in Sacramento.

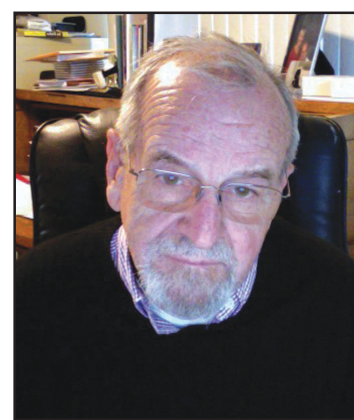
If Gov. Brown and progressive state democrats are crying for more money to pay for basic road repairs and basic water infrastructure for MS4, how in the world do you imagine they will ever be able to pay for the Governor's two pet projects?

Waiting For The Real Republicans

I was born and spent my early childhood in the depths of the depression. To feed our family my father and grandfather went every morning to the South Philadelphia rail yards where they picked up bits of coal that had fallen off the tenders. They would then go into the city and sell what they had collected by the coffee can. Despite the hardship, my father never lost his life-long optimism. He was convinced that FDR would save our suffering family, and the nation. Our family made it through those tough years, and so did the nation.

Ours is the story of millions of other families, making possible the four-time election of FDR, for four terms carrying huge Congressional majorities on his coattails. For the ensuing eight plus decades all the members of our extended family have been dedicated New Deal Democrats. Little wonder.

While our political proclivities have been transparent, I never recall any vituperation against or even unkind remarks about Republicans. The political debates we observed which took place on the national stage, as well as at our dinner table, might have been vigorous, but they were always polite. Dwight Eisenhower, Everett Dirksen, Robert Taft and other prominent Republicans of that era were political antagonists, but not enemies. Things heated up with the coming of Joe McCarthy, and continued to be warm in the Ronald Reagan era. Even then the rhetoric was controlled. These Republicans were



Charles H. Bayer

adversaries but they were decent adversaries. Richard Nixon was as close as we came to having a real political enemy, and when he crashed and was forced to resign, there was obvious joy among my relatives and most of my friends.

Throughout these decades Republican leaders were respected, if misguided. From Tom Dewey to John Danforth they had our respect if not our votes. That brings me to the present. It is no secret to anyone who follows these columns that for me Donald Trump is a dishonest, wrong-headed egomaniac, and the most despicable President in American history. My guess is he will be driven from office before the end of his first term.

All of us today probably have Republican friends. Certainly a sizeable group of my readers are themselves members of the GOP, or usually vote for the candidates of that party. Among the Republicans I know and with whom I correspond, several, however, were part of the "Never Trump" movement. These good Ameri-

cans were as horrified at Trump's persona and his announced agenda as I am. They may be in favor of replacing Obamacare with an alternate plan that more closely meets their goals, but they certainly do not want to see a restarting of the nuclear arms race, a trade war, the reinstatement of water boarding and other forms of torture, the dismantling of any effort to address climate change, the construction of an impenetrable wall across our southern border, or the eviction of persons who were brought here as infants and know no other nation.

They see what President Trump says he is going to do, and they feel hamstrung! Where are these frightened Republicans and how long will it be until they realize the disaster that continues to descend on their party and the nation? Pulling out of the Paris accords shames all of us, putting nationalism before the integrity of the planet, and thumbing our nose at the other 190 nations and the world's scientific community. There are already signs that for many dedicated Republicans enough is already more than enough. Clearly Senators Graham and McCain realize the Party is headed over the cliff. and have said so.

The Democrats can fuss and fume but cannot successfully address the current disaster. Only the Republicans can. The time must soon come when they know it.

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Don't Water Down Our Right To Vote On Taxes

By Judy Nelson

Los Angeles County residents should be aware of stormwater regulations that could dramatically increase our property tax bills. Proposed legislation in Sacramento known as SB231, sponsored by Democratic state Sen. Robert Hertzberg of the San Fernando Valley, would allow stormwater-control costs to be added to property assessments without a direct vote of the people.

In 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted groundbreaking stormwater-management regulations affecting all cities in the region. Our county is the test site for the rest of the state and the country.

The mandate, called an MS4 permit, requires that cities capture 85 percent of the water from the first 24 hours of a storm. All water that flows out of the city via storm drains must first be monitored and treated for over 30 pollutants.

Those of us in government for local cities support the ideal of conserving water and preventing pollution from reaching the ocean. But the costs of implementing the systems are daunting, as this is a mandate without a funding source.

In order to reach compliance, most cities must install porous streets, large retention basins and complex monitoring/treatment systems. Initial cost estimates are \$20 billion and rising, with maintenance costs in perpetuity. The majority of cities do not have

the funds, but risk fines and lawsuits if they cannot comply.

In the San Gabriel Valley, cities already capture, infiltrate and reuse 95 percent of stormwater runoff in regional settlement basins. We question the value of building new infrastructure within each of our cities rather than continuing to use the shared infrastructure that is already in place and working reliably and efficiently.

The big question for cities is "Where will the \$20 billion to pay for the stormwater regulations come from?" Some are saying that a stormwater assessment should be added to property tax bills. If this is implemented in Glendora, where I am a council member, the average assessment is estimated at \$1,400 per parcel annually. Residents, businesses, churches, schools and hospitals would all be impacted.

Twenty years ago, the people of California passed Proposition 218, which guarantees citizens the right to vote on increases to taxes, fees and assessments, barring three exceptions: trash, household water and sewage. Stormwater control has never been included as one of the three exceptions and, at this time, requires a two-thirds majority vote of the people to pass. It is debatable whether citizens would vote to support a large stormwater tax at the ballot box.

SB231 is moving forward in Sacramento, with a vote expected later this spring. It expands the definition of sewer service to encompass stormwater-manage-

ment costs. Stormwater would then be included as one of the three exemptions allowed to bypass standard voting requirements under Prop. 218. If passed, it would allow property assessments for stormwater to be implemented after a city or county conducts what is called a "protest vote."

Protest votes differ from standard voting procedure in that they are not held on election day. Instead, municipalities mail a letter to property owners after a public hearing, notifying them of the intent to increase property assessments. One vote is allowed per property and 51 percent of the ballots must be mailed back with a "no" by a specific deadline or the tax automatically goes into effect. Often, citizens are not expecting the letter and a majority are not returned on time.

I strongly believe SB231 violates the intent of Prop. 218. If legislators want residents to pay for stormwater management, the tax should be placed on the standard election ballot to allow for a direct vote of the people.

If you have concerns about SB231, contact your local City Council representatives, your state legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown. In the event that SB231 is passed, ask your councilmembers if they will be implementing it in your city, and ask when the protest ballot is scheduled to arrive in your mailbox.

Judy Nelson is a member of the Glendora City Council.

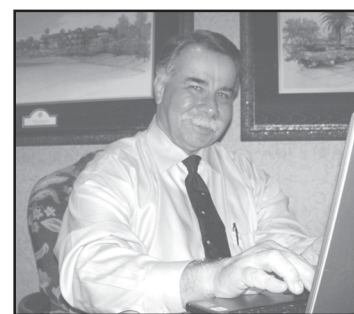
Beheaded Trump Video by Kathy Griffin, That's NOT FAKE NEWS

With all the fake news that's out there by the liberal press towards Trump and other dignitaries is just unreal. The press does not need to twist around Trump's words, because he does a good job himself. Let's face it, Trump is a horrible speaker, doesn't think before he speaks. Therefore, the press takes it by creating its own stories. Let's not forget who the press was in bed with, the Clintons and the Democratic Party.

There is a large investment by the Clinton family into the news media. That relationship is what dictates what they put in the press to tear down people like Trump. Half-truths and fake news is the order of the day. Trump can take himself down without the help of the news media. I have to say he is rather entertaining, and like I said, we have great entertainment coming from the White House in the next four years.

We don't need fake news to make them look bad or fake news to highlight horrible tragedies around the world and then turn it to their advantage. Tell it like it is.

What surprises me is how the news media actually responded



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

to Kathy Griffin and her horrible photo shoot and video of her holding a lifelike bloodied decapitated head of President Donald Trump. It appeared as though she was condoning the ISIS terrorist beheading tactics as she held up Donald Trump's head by the hair with blood dripping off it. All I can say is, "You have to be kidding me". If you don't like the man, fine, but don't indicate that you would like to have terrorist behead him. I wonder how she would appreciate it if somebody put out a video of one of her family members being beheaded and held up for videotape and photo shoot. Well, the news media got it right this time. They slammed her.

Too bad the media can't get it together and simply want to sway

Retired Teachers to Hear from STEM Academy Director

ARCADIA - Imagine teenaged math and science students attending classes and doing projects in their very own special building! That is exactly what will happen in the Corona-Norco Unified School District (Riverside County) when the new Eastvale STEM Academy opens in 2018. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The school's mission is to "prepare all students to be college and career ready in the STEM fields." Although the school is located on the campus of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, it is based on the concept of "A School Within a School."

Members of the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA-SGV) will learn more about the STEM Academy when Dr. Kim Lu Lawe, Direc-



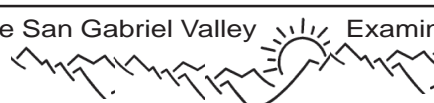
Dr. Kim Lu Lawe, Director of the Eastvale STEM Academy (Corona-Norco SD)

tor, speaks to the group. Dr. Lawe is a product of El Monte schools, both as a student and a teacher. She earned a B.S. in Biology from Redlands University, a Master's in Education at Cal Poly Pomona, and an Ed.D. in Educa-

tion from Azusa Pacific. She was a science teacher and an administrator before becoming director of Eastvale STEM Academy.

The CalRTA #71 luncheon meeting will take place on Friday, **June 9** at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 W. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, next to the Lawn Bowling Greens. The cost of the luncheon for those who pay at the door is \$13. As an alternative to the hot meal, a tuna salad is available. For luncheon reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714.

Membership in the California Retired Teachers' Association is open to all retired educators, to current educators, and to any others interested in joining. CalRTA's motto is "Your Partner in Pension Protection."



An Expanding Economy

While there is now some doubt about whether President Trump's economic agenda will be the goose that lays golden eggs, the bullish case for stocks remains fairly healthy on its own merits. We've seen the economy hitting its stride this quarter - regardless of what we hear from the White House. If tax reform, healthcare reform, trade reform, deregulation, and/or infrastructure spending also happen, so much the better.

Until then, I would argue that we may be moving down the road of populist change. How the political circus plays out in Washington D.C. may not significantly slow inertia created by an economy the size of America's. It might even be possible this inertia could accelerate us to a cruising speed of 3% or higher GDP growth.

Take a look at the U.S. economy for a minute:

- The United States is the world's largest national economy in nominal terms, representing 22% of nominal global GDP. The U.S. GDP was estimated at \$18.56 trillion in 2016.

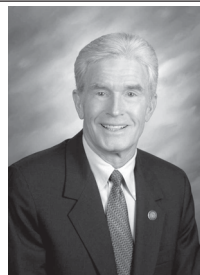
- The U.S. dollar has been the world's foremost reserve currency since World War II.

- Americans have the highest average household income and employee income among Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) nations, and America has essentially held this ranking since the 1890s.

- America is also the second largest manufacturer and third largest producer of oil and natural gas and is home to 128 of the world's 500 largest companies.

This is quite a handsome resume. This set of advantages easily explains why America's financial markets attract more than \$2.4 trillion in foreign investments. At the same time, American investments in foreign countries total more than \$3.3 trillion. In addition, the U.S. leads in international ranking on venture capital and global research and development funding. Topping it all off, consumer spending comprises roughly 71% of the U.S. economy with household final consumption expenditure five

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

times larger than Japan's. Americans are by far and away the world's greatest shoppers!

The hope for lower taxes, less government intrusion, pro-business initiatives, and big-time public works spending targeting job creation has sentiment readings at historic highs. Whether or not much of this economic agenda passes this year, the hope of turning ideas into laws has provided a needed jolt to business and consumer confidence. Good ideas have a way of spawning themselves into grass roots movements that suddenly burst onto the national stage, which greatly explains why a guy like Donald Trump is President.

While the messenger is mired in a political morass, the message is resoundingly popular with the business community and half the voting population. The growing popularity of the Trump message has Democrats in a full-blown lather. Even if a cure for cancer were included as part of the Trump agenda, his opponents would still likely prefer to find a way to jettison Mr. Trump from office before approving a cancer cure.

Turning to the Trump agenda, even as Congress embarks on overhauling the Affordable Healthcare Act, some aspects of it seem to be non-negotiable, such as the inclusion of those that didn't have healthcare before and coverage for pre-existing conditions. Even as Obamacare is hemorrhaging from cost overruns, any new legislation will somehow incorporate these two features. In the same way, Trump's other agenda items may not pass in their current proposed forms, but I have no doubt that "the genie is out of the bottle." There is a real chance Trump's

other key agenda items may eventually pass in some form.

Taken at face value, nothing has been done to enact anything Trump has campaigned on and yet earnings and forward guidance from America's largest companies is clearly bullish for the economy and the stock market. It's my position - and that of a growing number of market analysts - that the stock market may be still in the first phase of the business cycle, the "expansion" phase. We're just moving from the central bank's involvement to stimulate growth to that of earnings-driven growth, with a lot of runway left before we would experience something approaching the 'peak' phase of the business cycle.

In the wake of all the accusations, investigations, and "he-said, he-said" bantering, it will be nothing short of amazing if Mr. Trump survives the onslaught of the Washington elite and the legions of special interests that have had their way for several decades. Yes, Mr. Trump is a highly contentious personality, but the message he voices specifically for the economy is a positive one. The question is whether there truly is a bi-partisan plan to "kill the messenger" because of his threat to their entrenched power.

As this reality show unfolds, investors might have confidence that the U.S. economy is like a giant aircraft carrier that, once up to cruising speed, takes five miles to come to a complete stop because of the ship's inertia. Business is good and maybe getting better. The political forces marshalled against President Trump may not be able to stop American prosperity from growing at a more robust rate under his watch. And that's the part that probably stings those who dislike him the most.

The big ship U.S.S. Economy has set sail and it appears to be approaching cruising speed.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

My teacher's retirement funds are in a 403(b). I'm trying to decide whether or not it's a good idea to leave it there, or to invest it in something else. What do you suggest?

Before making a decision, it's most wise to review your complete financial picture and talk about your goals and dreams during retirement. You might find it beneficial to move at least part of those funds to an account that guarantees you cannot lose your money, and which guarantees you get a lifetime income, even if your investment funds run out. These accounts offer 'living' benefits, and can be more flexible regarding beneficiaries. Let me know if you need a referral to a knowledgeable and caring financial advisor.

We have an FHA loan. What can you tell us about refinancing?

With interest rates so low, you might want to look into a Conventional loan, possibly with no mortgage insurance. If your FHA mortgage was endorsed on or before May 31, 2009, you might look at an FHA Streamline refinance. It has minimal qualifications and paperwork. You can contact me for more help, or apply online (see below).

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

The income-tax free benefit from a life insurance policy is typically paid quickly to the heirs, thus providing them with the funds to help with final expenses and estate taxes that exceed the prevailing exemption



Julia Yoder
amount.

I currently rent a 2 bedroom, 1 bath place for \$1,800 per month. This includes water and trash. I have about \$10,000 in savings, and my parents said they could help with another \$10,000. I'd love to be a homeowner, but how do I figure out if I could afford the payments?

You've done really well to save up \$10,000, and are blessed to have that offer from your parents! Contact me for more help, or apply online (see below). Once you have the preapproval letter in hand, you'll be ready to work with a Realtor and making offers on properties! Let me know if you'd like me to refer you to Realtors I personally know. Interest rates are still low, it's the perfect time to buy property.

A collection company keeps calling me. I cannot afford to pay the \$2,200 balance. I feel bad, but what can I do?

Answer their call. Since your credit is already harmed, ask them if they can offer you a "settlement" amount instead of the whole \$2,200. When they tell you a dollar amount, hesitate,

groan, and tell them it'll take you a couple of days to figure out if you can come up with that amount. Sometimes they'll come back with an even smaller settlement, and often they'll post-date the payment until the end of that month, or freeze the account and let you make steady, small payments. If they refuse to negotiate, consider a balance transfer to another credit card with zero or low interest. Then review your budget and pay it off as quickly as possible. This will take discipline, but you can do it!

I take care of my elderly dad who is housebound. He really wants to get his hair done, but I cannot take him to a beautician. Does anyone make house calls?

On Mondays, "Fritz" of Campus Kuts does house calls for those who are housebound. Call him at (626) 335-9511 to set up an appointment. He's been in business for over 30 years, and is warm, friendly, trustworthy, skilled, and is reasonably priced.

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Heidar Baba Grill Honored As Senator Portantino's Small Business of the Year



SACRAMENTO - State Senator Anthony J. Portantino had the privilege, along with the California Small Business Association (CSBA), to honor Pasadena-based restaurant Heidar Baba Grill as the 25th Senate District 2017 Small Business of the Year. Ali Shirmohammadi and Mahrokh Eftekhari, owners of Heidar Baba Grill, were recognized during a luncheon ceremony in Sacramento along with family and friends.

"There is something very special about Ali and his family's hospitality at Heidar Baba Grill. To me they remind me of my youth in the way the entire fam-

ily works to make this proud Pasadena-based small business a success. They are so deserving of this honor that I could not wait for this day to come," commented Senator Portantino.

Heidar Baba Grill serves Persian and Middle Eastern food. It is situated across the street from Pasadena City College. It enjoys strong local support from students, the Persian American Community, and food lovers from across the San Gabriel Valley.

"My family and I were extremely excited when we were informed of this honor. We take

pride in our work making our restaurant a success. We enjoy sharing our family's cuisine with our neighbors and appreciate the California Small Business Association and Senator Portantino for recognizing us," concluded Ali Shirmohammadi.

CSBA is a statewide association that promotes small business in California. Every Senator has the opportunity to nominate one small business for recognition each year. Senator Portantino has a long and productive relationship with the CSBA and local family-run businesses in the 25th Senate District.

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

June 14th is Flag Day!

On June 14th we celebrate Flag Day and the entire week is National Flag Week. We in the USA are encouraged by our president to fly the American flag during that week. You will observe that it is prominently displayed on all government buildings during this time.

On June 14, 1777, the first American flag was approved by the Continental Congress. In 1818, they fixed the number of stripes at 13 and decided that each state will be represented by a star. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established June 14th as Flag Day and in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Our flag represents us...it

makes us stand out and you could even say it is our country's logo! Other countries around the globe recognize the flag as representative of The United States of America! Many of us in the USA affectionately call it "Old Glory" or "The Stars and Stripes."

Flag Day is celebrated in different ways in our country...some you may not be familiar with.

- Pennsylvania, in 1937, became the first and only state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday.
- The oldest continuing Flag Day parade held each year in Fairfield, Washington started in 1909. It was not held in 1918.
- Quincy, Massachusetts has

been celebrating with a parade since 1952.

- Appleton, Wisconsin has done the same since 1947.
- Troy, New York has the largest parade which draws 50,000 spectators annually.
- The Betsy Ross House is the site of Philadelphia's Flag Day events.

We wish you all a Happy Flag Day!

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Toastmaster Club 5880 Toast To The Best Meeting next Thursday Evening June 15th

SAN DIMAS - We had a great time at our June 1st meeting. Art Douglas, DTM won best Speaker, Idaly Acosta ACS won best Table Topics and JoAn Haase ACB, ACL won best Evaluator.

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.

On June 15th, our Toastmaster will be JoAn Haase ACB, ACL will be Toastmaster. Speaking



Art Douglas, DTM winner best speaker; Idaly Acosta, ACS winner best Table Topics; and JoAn Haase, ACB, ACL winner of best evaluator.

will be Art Douglas, DTM, Idaly Acosta, ACS and Shauna Gilkinson. Idaly will also be our Table Topics Master. 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, President of Toast To the Best (951) 505-0555.

Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

ARCADIA 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 Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

Volunteer Services of Citrus

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

DUARTE Blood Pressure Checks

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

Meals on Wheels

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

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

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

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

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

Center at 357-3513 for an appointment.

GLENDORA Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

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

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

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-8:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit glenkirkchurch.org or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

Glendora After Stroke Center

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

Cars 4 the Community

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

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

MONROVIA Tenth Annual Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Commu-

nity 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.

Social Dance

San Gabriel Valley Social Group will sponsor a dance, from 7:30 to 11:30pm Friday, **June 9** at the Elks Lodge; 841 W. Merced Ave., West Covina. Admission cost \$12. For more information call (626) 332-9530.

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 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.

Republican Koffee Katchers Meeting

GLENDORA - With all the controversy coming out of Washington, D.C. these days about who said what to who, about whom, and when, it is so timely for Jack Orswell to speak to the Republican Koffee Katchers and tell us all "Where Do the Leaks Come From?"

Jack Orswell was our Republican nominee for Congress against Congresswoman Judy Chu and got to know the ins and outs of local and national politics in the San Gabriel Valley.

Jack was born and raised in Pasadena, served 15 years as a Special Agent with the FBI in Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles working white collar crimes ... bank fraud, political

corruption and labor racketeering. He also served 20 years as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Arcadia.

Jack owns his own environmental consulting company, employs 9 people and conducts environmental assessments for financial institutions, real estate companies and law firms.

Please join Republican Koffee Katchers on Saturday, **June 10**, 8:30 a.m. Registration. 9:00 a.m. Speaker, \$12 Breakfast, \$5 Coffee, at Denny's, 546 W. Baseline Rd., Glendora (Off the 210 Freeway at Grand Ave). Reservations please to lmshade1043@gmail.com or 626-963-3895.



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Senior Seminars

ARCADIA - Arcadia Senior Services is hosting FREE informational seminars on various topics concerning seniors at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. The topics and dates are as follows:

Thursday, **July 20** at 1:30pm: New Laws Affecting Living Trusts & Probate, Presented by Carlos Arcos, esq.

Thursday, **August 17** at 1:30pm: Peripheral Neuropathy, Presented by Arcadia Chiropractic Center

Thursday, **June 15** at 1:30pm: Natural Solutions to Sleep Problems, Presented by United Integrated Health Care Center

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To RSVP for either of these seminars or for more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

EYE-DAS Potluck and Bingo Night

GLENDORA - This is an annual end-of-year party for all three clubs. Potluck and Bingo Night with prizes is always a fun way to cap off the year. Meetings resume in September.

EYE-DAS ["Eye Diseases are serious"] provides social and educational services to the visually impaired throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Clubs

meet in Glendora on **June 12** in the La Fetra Center at 6:30p.m.; in Arcadia on **June 13** 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 or (909) 392-0488.

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GLENDORA - Hostess Margaux Viera, retired Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, and former Glendora Mayors Sue Bauer, Gary Clifford, John Gordon, Cliff Hamlow, Ken Herman, Bob Kuhn, Lois Shade and Guy Williams invite everyone to a fundraising reception for Glendora City Councilman Michael Allawos featuring newly elected Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger this Saturday, June 10th from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Supervisor Barger and Councilman Allawos will discuss issues facing our City, County and State. Refreshments will be served, and guests will enjoy the spacious grounds of this estate home of the family that brought

Singer sewing machines to America and the world.

"I'm honored that Kathryn Barger is joining me at this event" said Allawos. "She is doing a great job for the residents of Los Angeles County, and I'm looking forward to working with her closely for many years to come. The Singer mansion is truly a historic treasure for Glendorans, and I'm grateful to Margaux for her generosity in opening up her home for my reception."

The event will be held at the Singer Mansion located at 820 N. Verano Drive, Glendora, CA 91741. Smart casual attire is recommended. For more information or to RSVP, please call (626) 824-4546 or email mallawos10@gmail.com.

A Celebration of Life - Barbara Cline

Barbara Cline, age 89, of Sierra Madre passed away on May 18th 2017 at Arcadia Methodist Hospital, surrounded by her children.

Barbara was born on October 8, 1927 in Westford, Massachusetts and was the youngest of seven children born to Mark and Wilhemina Alfarth Palmer.

Barbara attended the Chamberlain College in Boston for design. When she left Boston for California, she worked as a buyer for the Broadway in Los Angeles. She soon met Lee Cline and they married in 1954. In 1955, they moved to Sierra Madre where they raised four children, Barbara, Joan, Mark and Kyle.

Barbara continued her edu-

cation and graduated from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena with a Masters Degree. During her career, she worked at Pacific Oaks College, Jackie Robinson Center, and JPL, from where she retired.

One of Barbara's greatest gifts was her deep compassion for others. She fed the homeless, clothed those in need, served on the boards of the Foothill Unity Center and the Sierra Madre Cemetery, served Meals on Wheels, volunteered



Barbara Cline
October 8, 1927 - May 18, 2017

for the Woman's Club, was instrumental in preserving the Sierra Madre Playhouse, and was a volunteer in the Chaplain's department at Methodist Hospital.

Barbara's greatest enjoyment came from her family, friends and home. She loved people, enjoyed entertaining in her back yard, and attending her grandchildren's events. She is loved beyond measure and deeply missed.

Barbara is predeceased by her husband Lee Cline and is

survived by her loving children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be sent to the Arcadia Congregational Church to support their many outreach programs for those in need.

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given; a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." St Francis of Assisi.

We Love you always and forever Mom.

The San Gabriel Valley Examiner and its family sends their condolences to the Cline family.

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