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Irwindale Speedway 2017 Season Underway As Sellout Crowd Attends Opening Night

by Howard Palmer

IRWINDALE - Irwindale Speedway opened its 18th season Saturday night to the delight of a sellout crowd. From beginning to end everyone was on the edge of their seat as each event took place. Due to rumors over the past few years many fans are not aware the racing facility is still in operation. The fact that cars were backed up for miles to get into the parking lot provided evidence word is passing fast - Irwindale Speedway is still in business. Since 2013 each season has been entered into with concern by track officials as to a full season. This year confidence has returned as officials announced the full season with a strong probability of another year, much to the happiness of racers and fans.

Saturday night's event, presented by 211 Enterprises, was the first of the year for the track's Whelen All-American Series. The 19-race championship series for its top division, the Pick Your Part Late Models, is the feature of Saturday night racing. The Irwindale Race Trucks, Spec Late Models, Legend Cars and Bandoleros will provide a com-



Photos by Marc M. Piquan

On-Track Autograph Session before the race gave the crowd a chance to meet their favorite drivers, get their autograph and have a closer look at the race cars.

in the intersection resulted in breath taking gasps. The demolition derby, always a fan favorite, enabled each child to watch real cars crash like when they play with their toy cars. Many in the crowd experienced their first skid plate and trailer races. The skid plate race cars are front drive cars with the rear tires replaced with a steel plate. This results in the cars often spinning in a circle as the driver strives to control the car and the crowd laughs in amusement. The event taking over as the highlight of all the destruction is the trailer race. Each racer must be towing a trailer, from boats to mobile homes, the variety is left to the imagination. The objective is to destroy your opponent's trailer. The crowd encourages the destruction and selects their favorite as the track is left in shambles

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If you've never seen a jet engine powering a land vehicle you are missing a big "wow". As the jet truck roared to life it was evident this was a first for many in the crowd. A trip around the track with bursts of flame really brought the crowd to life as it returned to its starting point where it increased the jet to maximum power for a few seconds blast down the straightaway. The roar was nearly matched by the roar from the crowd.

A Saturday night at Irwindale Speedway is a full evening of entertainment. Start with the On-Track Autograph Session at 5:45 before the racing, meet the drivers, get a selfie with cars and drivers, have your child climb behind the wheel of real race car. Then go get your child's face painted. Enjoy a huge baked potato with all the fixings, grab a bag of popcorn and head for your seats and a night of excitement. Check the track website for the racing schedule and tickets www.irwindalespeedway.com

Baldwin Park's Geddes Elementary Receives CABE Seal of Excellence



Students in Geddes Elementary School's transitional kindergarten program take part in Día de Los Muertos as part of the school's dual-language immersion program.

BALDWIN PARK - Geddes Elementary School will be named a 2017 Seal of Excellence School by the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) on Friday, March 31 at the group's annual conference in Anaheim.

The award recognizes Geddes, which offers a dual-language program in Spanish, for its commitment to graduate students who are bilingual, biliterate and culturally diverse.

"We are tremendously proud of our team at Geddes for earning the Seal of Excellence," Baldwin Park Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "It is a testimonial to the quality of Geddes' academics and the dedication of its teachers and staff."

Teachers at Geddes work together to develop lessons, analyze student performance data, engage parents and collaborate with other dual-language schools. Students are clustered in small instruction groups to focus on specific language needs.

Classroom cultural programs include Día de Los Muertos, Día del Niño, winter and spring performances, field trips and culturally relevant lessons. The school partners with Baldwin Park High

School's dual-language program for mentorship, a culture fair and literacy efforts.

"Dual Language is not just a program at Geddes Elementary, it is an experience for our students to progress academically while increasing their bilingual, biliterate and bicultural skills, knowledge and competencies," Principal Irene Garcia said. "This program creates a foundation as we prepare our students for the global society they will encounter as young men and women."

The school's Spanish dual-language immersion program was launched in 2002-03 with 40 students in two kindergarten classes. Today, 235 of the 639 Geddes students in transitional kindergarten through fifth grade are enrolled in the dual-language program.

About half of the school's students are English learners and nearly 90 percent come from low-income homes.

The school surpassed the state's 800-point threshold on California's Academic Performance Index in 2010, and remained above that level through 2013 - rising to 828 before the school quality measurement tool was retired.

Dual-language students consistently perform at comparable or above proficient levels on state tests in comparison with other students, including on the new, more rigorous Smarter Balanced Assessments in English language arts and math.

The school reports significant success in reclassifying English learners as fluent English proficient and in the acquisition of Spanish skills among its native English speakers.

In a letter announcing the award, CABE CEO Jan Gustafson-Corea praised Geddes for its commitment to educational excellence.

"CABE is proud and motivated by the work you do each day to provide your students and school community with the highest caliber of education along with a strong vision for biliteracy," Gustafson-Corea wrote.

Baldwin Park Unified offers dual-language instruction at several other elementary and middle schools, and at two comprehensive high schools. Previous winners of the CABE Seal of Excellence include Walnut Elementary School in 2016, Olive Middle School in 2010 and Tracy Elementary School in 2005.

from one end to the other. Every now and then there is a special feature. Taking everyone's breath away Saturday was the Pick Your Part Jet Truck.



Nick Joanides autographs a young fan's checkered flag during the Autograph Session before the start of the race. Joanides won the NASCAR Pick Your Part Late Model race later in the evening.



The trailer race was the crowd's favorite event of the evening, leaving behind a trail of destruction.

Dream Car Give Away to be Held by Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary

GLENDORA - With great excitement, the president of the FPH auxiliary, Garry Reynolds, announced that this community organization would be raffling off a beautiful 2017 red Ford Fusion Hybrid worth over \$40,000. The car, generously donated by Colley Ford of Glendora, comes fully equipped. This car gets over 90 miles to the gallon and enables a single driver to drive in the car pool lane. To make it even better, the auxiliary will pay the sales tax and the registration fees for the first year. The kick-off for the raffle will take place on March 22nd from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM in front of the Village Eatery, 221 North Glendora Avenue in the city of Glendora. Stop by and see this beautiful car that could be yours.



Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary to raffle off 2017 Ford Fusion Hybrid on September 30th.

The drawing for the car, along with a second place winner of \$1000 and a third place winner of \$500, will be held on September 30th with place and time to be announced later. The tickets are \$25 a piece or 5 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased at the FPH gift shop or

Hill Top Real Estate in downtown Glendora. We hope we can count on your support. Remember, all proceeds benefit the hospital's improvement and scholarship funds. For more information call (626)857-3102 or visit our website: www.fhp.org.

Coming Together To Celebrate Black History Month At DUSD



Duarte High School Black Student Union Members and Guest Speaker T.K. Carter at Black History Luncheon held on February 28, 2017. Photo provided courtesy of the Duarte Unified School District.

DUARTE - On Tuesday, February 28, a luncheon was held that drew approximately 50 students and adults that was inspired by Freshman Dylar Spicer, President of the Duarte High School Black Student Union. It was an opportunity to come together and celebrate Black History Month.

Teacher and BSU Advisor, Lisa Bowdoin, coordinated the event which was the culmination of a conversation Ms. Bowdoin had with Spicer, a first-year student at the school.

"He came up one day and asked me why we didn't have a Black Student Union on campus," said Bowdoin. "I explained we did in the past, but that interest had sort of died off. Spicer said, 'We need one.' That led to us forming one this year."

So the BSU was rekindled, and one of the first events was to sponsor this luncheon as part of Black History Month. Recognition was offered for BSU students who are seniors and will be moving on to college and careers after the school year. There was also a chance to touch on the theme of Education and Freedom, Moving Forward with Knowledge. The luncheon also provided a chance to sample black culture from the delicious food items offered.

A highlight of the celebration was an appearance by comedian T.K. Carter - a Duarte High graduate from the Class of 1975.

Carter began his stand-up routine at age 12, and, by high school, appeared in Neil Simon's production of "The Odd Couple." He has since appeared in multiple movies such as cult classics The Thing and Runaway Train. He also had comedic roles in the films Space Jam, A Rage in Harlem and Ski Patrol, and starred in TV series like Good Times,

Everybody Hates Raymond and The Steve Harvey Show. Carter shared his message of hard work and tenacity as a path for success in the entertainment industry with the BSU students. The students then performed a stirring rendition of the historic Negro National Anthem that was followed by words of inspiration from school board member, Mr. Ken Bell, who was first elected to the Board in 1989 and whose professional career included 21 years with the L.A. Sheriff's Department, and 15 years with the L.A. County District Attorney's office as an investigator.

"This was a much needed event in which we were able to come together and appreciate our community support and share ideas for success," said Bowdoin. The accomplishment of this first event was a great way to re-energize the Black Student Union at Duarte High School and an excellent opportunity for our entire learning community to celebrate Black History Month.

Azusa High Femeiners Sharpen Their STEM Skills in Project-Based Learning Club

AZUSA - Azusa High School 10th-grader Isabel Noriega studied her miniature carousel design, trying to determine what was keeping it from spinning around. Noriega suspected it was a problem with her circuit board, or possibly a miscalculation in the design process.

Noriega is one of a dozen Azusa High students in the inaugural Femeiners program, an all-girl after-school technology club that seeks to inspire females to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Azusa High recently launched the three-year mentorship program through a partnership with Cal Poly Pomona's College of Engineering.

"The Femeiners are a group of highly motivated and imaginative students who are focused on college and career," Azusa High chemistry teacher Laura Banks said. "The Femeiners Program allows them the space to develop, construct and program their own designs, work together in teams and solve problems on their own."

Introduced in January, the Femeiners meet twice a week to learn the basics of technology, electronics, and computer coding, working with Azusa High science advisors to complete STEM-related projects such as creative robots and wearable technology.

For their latest assignment, the Femeiners were tasked with creating a motorized carousel of a Ferris wheel, with the freedom to add their own creative touches. Under the tutelage of Laura Banks and Azusa High science teacher Chuen Ng, the girls work individually or in teams.



Azusa High School Femeiners put the finishing touches on a motorized carousel. The Femeiners is an Azusa High partnership with the Cal Poly Pomona School of Engineering.

am learning in the Femeiners, like computer coding, gets me one step closer to my goal," Fitzgerald said.

On April 7 Cal Poly Pomona will host the Femeiner Summit, where students from all participating schools will meet to display their engineering projects, talk with students from the School of Engineering, and attend a panel discussion featuring industry professionals and high school student leaders.

"Azusa Unified is committed to providing opportunities for all students, especially our girls, to engage in project-based learning programs, particularly in STEM," Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. "The Femeiners is an excellent program that emphasizes critical thinking and collaborative learning while providing our female students the skills needed to compete for in-demand careers."

"I want to be a doctor, which requires great knowledge of STEM curriculum," Lidhar said. Similarly, Azusa High 11th-grader Frances Fitzgerald was drawn to the club for the chance to enhance her knowledge of environmental science.

"I want to study chemistry and climate change and what I

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Employment Opportunities Promised At Job Fair

Visitors encouraged to be ready for consultations, interviews

BALDWIN PARK - As many as 60 employers, all with the promise of job opportunities in tow, will gather in Baldwin Park on Thursday, **March 23**, for the Baldwin Park Job Fair. The event is slated from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Esther Snyder Community Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd.

Organizers said it is free and open to the public.

On-hand will be professionals who, according to officials, are prepared to help job seekers with resume critiques, direct hiring, online and computer access, and even on-the-spot interviews.

"They're coming from many different fields: from warehouse to security, childcare, immigration and customs organizations, government groups, health care, manufacturers, etc.," said Armando Nava, a program coordinator with the city's Department of Recreation and Community Services. "Everything you could think of, we're going to have here on site."

As many as 700 people are expected at the Baldwin Park Job Fair, organizers noted.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in appropriate business attire and bring multiple copies of their resume to help make their day productive. Organizers have even recruited cosmetology students from the Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education program to offer visitors a free haircut.

The Baldwin Park Job Fair has been an annual event for more than a decade, according to Manny Carrillo, director of the Department of Recreation and Community Services. It is spearheaded by Carrillo's staff, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LA-COE), State of California Employment Development Department (EDD), the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Managed Career Solutions America's Job Center of California, and Goodwill Southern California.

The Baldwin Park Job Fair was initiated in response to the economic downturn in 2007, when job market opportunities began to dwindle. By July 2010, the unemployment rate increased to its highest at 17.1 percent. The city's unemployment rate has since steadily decreased, and is now down to 6.3 percent, although it is still higher than the Los Angeles County rate of 4.7 percent, according to officials.

Carrillo described the event as an outlet that "continues to provide meaningful professional development and job opportunities for hundreds of job seekers."

Don Lindgren, a career development employment specialist with the Office of Education, noted that the Baldwin Park Job Fair exclusively connects job seekers and employers offering quality positions.

"If they do have an opening, they're going to be here offering those positions," Nava added, noting that employers from throughout Los Angeles County, as well as Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino counties will participate in the fair.

Organizers also spoke of the concerns job seekers may face when it comes to finding the right placement. The employment search process can be intimidating, said Lindgren, so officials are doing what they can to keep job seekers encouraged.

"This brings the jobs directly to the community. It's hundreds of employers with thousands of job leads in one place," he added. "It's a one-day, one-stop job, kind of event."

Lindgren noted that the Baldwin Park event is one of the most successful for his group. "The job fair is changing, because we're getting people jobs, but we're also getting people because they want to get better jobs."

For more information, call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 330.

Holden's Bill to Address Minimum Wage for Developmental Disabilities Service Providers Passes First Committee

SACRAMENTO - Assemblyman Chris Holden's legislation to address the minimum wage discrepancy for developmental disabilities service providers, Assembly Bill 279, passed the Assembly Committee for Human Services with a 6-0 vote. Specifically, Assembly Bill 279 extends authority to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and regional centers to adjust the rates of providers to comply with legally binding local mandates and minimum wage levels across the state.

"Without an increase to reimbursement rates to meet local

mandates, many developmental disability service providers may have to shut their doors," said Assemblyman Chris Holden. "This would lead to a shortage of services available to people with disabilities throughout our state."

The statewide minimum wage statutes enacted from Senate Bill 3 in 2016 did not recognize that a number of municipalities and counties have enacted minimum wage ordinances mandating all employers within their jurisdictions to increase wages to levels above State law. Assembly Bill 279 extends authority to DDS and

regional centers to adjust the rates of providers to comply with locally mandated minimum wage laws enacted in the jurisdiction in which they employ workers to meet service needs under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act.

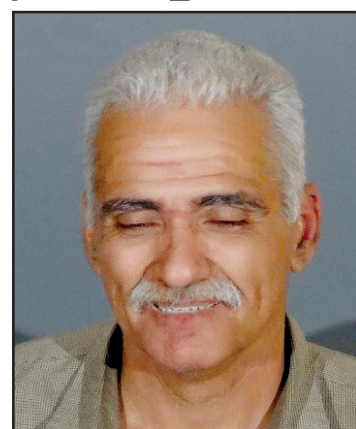
"The simple fact is that when the state raised the minimum wage, it recognized a responsibility to provide a mechanism and funding to adjust rates that are impacted, and my bill simply extends that recognition to local ordinances raising the minimum wage at a different pace than the state," said Holden.

Citizens Calls to West Covina Police Get Burglary Suspect Arrested

By WCPD/George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Burglary suspect arrested with help from "See Something, Say Something"

West Covina Police Officers arrested a 50 year old La Puente man for burglary after witnesses reported seeing him in the neighborhood acting suspiciously. On Wednesday, March 8, at 5:48 hours, several callers reported the suspect was seen driving around in the area of the 2200 block of W. Corak Street, West Covina. One caller stated he saw the suspect exit his vehicle and walk to the rear yard of one residence. When West Covina Officers arrived, they spotted the suspect in front of the location. He was detained. The location was checked and a screen to a rear window had been removed with the window open. The resident returned home during the investigation and confirmed that items from within the home had been



Salomon Rodriguez Ayub, 50 of La Puente arrested for West Covina burglary.

moved and placed by the open window.

Arrested for suspicion of burglary was Salomon Rodriguez Ayub, 50 of La Puente. He was originally held at the LA County Jail with a bail set at \$50,000.00. Since then, he has been released and on probation pending court appearances.

This is clearly another successful example of the "See Something, Say Something" campaign. Residents noticed something suspicious and acted on it by reporting their suspicions to the West Covina Police Department.

If you See Something unusual, something you know shouldn't be there, someone's behavior doesn't seem quite right, or a vehicle that is strange to the neighborhood, Say Something - because only you know what is normal and what is not in your neighborhood.

Report any suspicious activity to your Police Department. Describe specifically what you observed, including:

- " Who or what you saw;
- " When you saw it;
- " Where it occurred;
- " What they look like; and
- " Why it's suspicious.

Glendora Bank Robbed

By George Ogden

GLENDORA - On Friday, March 10 around 5:20 PM, the Glendora Police Department responded to the Bank of America to investigate a robbery.

A man came into the bank and handed a teller a note which demanded cash. The teller complied and the suspect left the bank. It was unknown if the suspect had a weapon or not. At the time, it is unknown how much money was taken.

Police searched the area they were unable to find the suspect. The police and the FBI will review the surveillance recordings

to see if they can identify the suspect.

If you were in the area of the bank at the time of robbery, and you feel you may have seen something that may help in the investigation, please contact the Glendora Police Department.

Glendora Police Department did not release a description of the man and no further details were available. Anyone with information can reach the Glendora Police Department at 626-914-8250. Tips may also be submitted anonymously to L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

Monterey Park PD Advises to Plan Before You Party This St. Patrick's Day

MONTEREY PARK - St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17 has become one of the nation's favorite holidays to celebrate and party. Unfortunately, too many people are taking to the roads after drinking, making the holiday one of our most dangerous. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 252 people lost their lives in drunk driving-related crashes during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period from 2011-2015. More than a fourth of them were killed in drunk driving crashes that occurred in the early morning, post-party hours (midnight to 5:59 a.m.).

That's why the Monterey Park Police Department and the California Office of Traffic Safety are teaming up to reach all drivers with an important life-saving message and warning: Don't Drive Impaired by Drugs or Alcohol.

Monterey Park Police Department will deploy additional officers on special DUI Saturation Patrols specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment. In addition to this St Patrick's Day enforcement effort, all police,

sheriff and the CHP will be on heightened alert ready to stop and arrest any impaired driver throughout the long weekend.

"These needless deaths can be prevented," says Chief Jim Smith from the Monterey Park Police Department. "Planning a sober ride home before the party begins is the first step in staying safe on St. Patrick's Day. Don't wait until you've already been drinking to make your transportation decision. Designate your sober driver in advance, and never get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

If you plan to celebrate this St. Patrick's Day, follow these tips to stay safe:

Before celebrating St. Patrick's Day this year, decide whether you'll drink or you'll drive. You can't do both. "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving."

If you're planning on driving, commit to staying sober. If you've been out drinking and then get behind the wheel, you run the risk of causing a crash or getting arrested for a DUI.

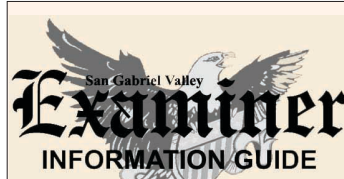
Drugs such as many prescription medications, marijuana or illicit drugs can also lead to impairment and unsafe driving, leading to a DUI. When mixed with

even a small amount of alcohol the affects can be compounded.

If you have been drinking, call a taxi or sober friend or family member or use public transportation services. You can download the Designated Driver VIP free mobile app, "DDVIP," for Android or iPhone. The DDDVIP app helps find nearby bars and restaurants that feature free incentives for the designated sober driver, from free non-alcoholic drinks to free appetizers and more. The feature-packed app even has social media tie-ins and even a tab for the non-DD to call Uber, Lyft or Curb.

Help those around you be responsible, too. Walking while impaired can also be deadly, as lack of attention could put you at risk of getting hit by a vehicle. If someone you know is impaired by alcohol or drugs, do not let them get behind the wheel and help them find a sober ride home.

This enforcement effort is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who reminds everyone to be alert and 'Report Drunk Drivers-Call 911' if you see a dangerous driver call immediately.



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Trump: Right-On With Wire-Tapping Charge

Sunday on Face the Nation Rand Paul addressed the wire-tapping issue President Trump has tweeted about and accused former President Obama of concocting by suggesting the accusation could very possibly be a reality and could have also happened to Obama. Paul told the audience:

"I doubt that Trump was a target directly of any kind of eavesdropping but I'm not saying it didn't happen, I think there's a very good chance it does," he said. "I don't have any special information but the way it works is the FISA court ... [United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court] wiretaps foreigners and then listens to Americans. It's a backdoor search of Americans."

Interesting information but I have to ask what the FISA Court does with this information as they collect it. Do they use it for any real purpose or just collect it?

When people run for elective office or receive political appointments and succeed, they know they have detractors either from the opposition party or sometimes from those with their own agenda who need to give themselves a boost in the political arena or just re-inflate their own egos. It happens across the board from big time politics down to the local levels like school boards, city councils and water boards.

President Trump, an outsider after a very hard campaign, I'm sure is no different than others



Lois M. Shade
Former Mayor of Glendora

in these high-stake campaigns. And, more so with Trump given the promises made by the Democrats to undermine and blow up his campaign promises.

Paul Sperry, New York Post, must have fueled that paranoia in the Trump Camp by releasing a couple of articles about Obama's attempt to sabotage this presidency. Those articles reported *Organizing for Action* is an army of 30,000 agitators, run by Obama, less than two miles from the White House. Their credo:

OFA [Organizing for Action] is committed to mobilizing and training the next generation of progressive [liberals] organizers and leaders, because real, lasting change doesn't just happen on its own—it requires a program, it requires organizing, and it requires people like you.

With grassroots chapters in neighborhoods across the country, OFA volunteers are building this movement from the ground up, person to person,

community by community—because democracy isn't a spectator sport.

For some old-timers who have been through a lot of history and a war or two, that rhetoric must bring back some very upsetting memories but also provide the inspiration to support President Trump and his agenda, Make America Great Again.

And, of course, the first item on their agenda is protecting Obamacare or the Affordable Care Act, intended to be Barack Obama's presidential legacy now being discarded or massively rewritten by Republicans.

OFA's agenda is also honing in on climate change, immigration, the economy, preventing gun violence, expanding equality and taking a stand with women to expand their leadership possibilities and economic security as well as protecting their health care choices. As part of their support for retaining Obamacare they also support a massive expansion of Medicare.

President Trump has quite a challenge ahead of him the next four years to undo some of the deterrents that have made it difficult if not impossible for our economy to recover and people to find jobs that will support their families and a quality lifestyle. Beyond Trump's challenges for the entire country are those that California is now facing under Governor Brown's agenda that looks to be in lock-step with the Obama group, Organization for Action.

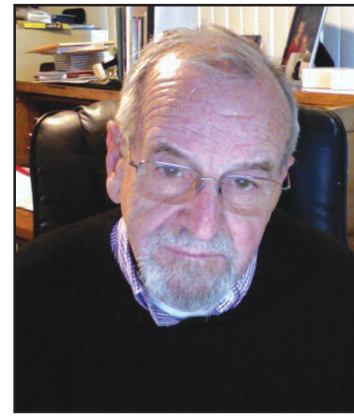
The Ugly America

The Ugly American, a 1958 book by William Lederer and Eugene Burdick, depicted the failures of the U.S. diplomatic corps in Southeast Asia during the height of the Cold War. While the one hero, Homer Atkins, was a deeply dedicated person, America's image suffered at the hands of the rest of the organization. To those of us back home, America seemed healthy and robust, but in other parts of the world we were seen as ugly, obnoxious, arrogant and rude.

In the following years under Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton, a softer, more gracious national image emerged, and around the world we were greeted with kindlier eyes. Maybe we weren't the ogres so many others had painted us to be. And then came our invasion of Iraq and our avowed intention to recreate the world in our own image, supported by our troops lodged in scores of other nations. So the image of the Ugly American—or the ugly America—resurfaced from the dormancy that had existed during our less beligerent years. While dormant, it may have only been a hibernating grizzly bear.

Now comes Donald Trump, and around the world it has become obvious that the grizzly has now emerged from his nap. What much of the world is now telling us should get our undivided attention. If for a while we put on a gentler, kindlier face, the suspicion is that underneath, Trumpism is a belligerence that proves what we have been all along: *The Ugly America*.

If the effort of the Trump administration is aimed at making



Charles H. Bayer

us safer, so far the opposite has been the result. To live in a world that fears us because we have the strength to obliterate anyone or any nation or collection of nations in our way, does not make us safe. Beefing up a military establishment whose strength now equals the rest of the world combined, generates fear, suspicion and an increase in hostility everywhere.

Securing our nation's southern border with a massive wall, keeping out refugees seeking to escape the terror in Syria, excluding from our shores everyone from a list of Muslim countries, parroting "America First," withdrawing from international alliances, treating other nations as economic adversaries, and other demonstrations that we are the biggest bully on the block, do not make us safer. Suggesting that the world out there is our enemy is the most self-destructive image we can present. And it may just be America's self-fulfilling prophecy. If that is how we see the community of nations; a world of enemies is what we may end up having.

That image is not the America most of us love. It is a perversion

of all that is decent about our national life. And it may eventually lead some other nation—maybe China—to assume the role of giant killer, and the American dream will come crashing down.

How do we demonstrate to a troubled world that the America they see in Trump is not who we are at heart? It will take a continual flood of street demonstrations modeled on what was produced by American women the day after the inauguration. But that is not enough. The intellectual community, our scholars and writers, must continue to keep us focused on interpreting the meaning of the current disaster. Students must increasingly hold before us a new better image. The press and other forms of communication must keep the pressure on by publically calling disastrous policies for what they are. "Saturday Night Live" and other venues of ridicule, must continue to hold a mirror reflecting the absurdity of what Trump is doing.

While having a decreased role, the Democratic Party must keep its foot on the brake and do the local work necessary if it is to win a sufficient set of victories in the 2018 election. And eventually we must trust the sane Republicans to resurface and retake control of the national agenda now in the hands of their dangerous and ignorant President.

Somehow the world needs to know that what currently appears to be the ugly side of America is not who we are. We are better than what they are now seeing, far better!

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Don Benito

By Joe Castillo

Benjamin D. Wilson ... When California was a Mexican possession; it was an undeveloped and uncontrolled wilderness with a few Spanish settlements to support the brave settlers of the territory. When American emigrants started moving west they had to be of a strong and fearless character in order to deal with the perils which California presented. The 1841 Workman-Rowland party, the first wagon train to come into Southern California, included these types of men. One of the members of the party was a young man named Benjamin D. Wilson. Born in 1811, Wilson was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. He established himself as an honest and hard-working individual who worked to make Los Angeles a safe place.

In 1850, he was elected as the chief clerk of Los Angeles County and one year later he was elected as the first mayor of Los Angeles. In his acceptance speech, he mentioned the need for water in the Los Angeles area and sought consensus on bring water

in for use in the agricultural ranches of the area. Other concerns he hoped to address were the securing of public and private land titles, the establishment of colleges and seminaries for both males and females and finding employment for the growing number of vagrants in the area. His drive and determination resulted in a successful term as mayor which Wilson used to become one of the first Senators from California. As Senator, he developed a model irrigation system between Pasadena and Alhambra which became known as 'Wilson's Ditch', sought to get Los Angeles a station on the first transcontinental railroad line, and earned approvals on appropriations to make Los Angeles Harbor a leading commerce site.

In addition, Wilson raised a family and his daughter Maria de Jesus married James De Barth, another young pioneer, and one of the early founders of Alhambra. For their wedding gift, Wilson gave his daughter and new son-in-law a section of land on the San Marion Ranch. Today, the

land section is home to the world-famous Huntington Library. Wilson had many business ventures and needed wood to sustain the businesses. Going into the San Gabriel Mountains, he cleared the trails and roads and brought back the wood he needed. The trail became known as 'Wilson's Trail' and six months later Wilson's son Edward brought up the first mule train to carry lumber back from the summit which was used to fence Wilson's large property. The cost for developing the trail was \$10,000 according to Wilson, an amount which he never broke even on. Wilson's Peak became a tourist attraction and Thaddeus Lowe established a mountaintop railroad which he eventually sold to Henry E. Huntington. The Wilson Trail has been replaced by a 4-lane highway designed to allow access to the one-hundred and six year old Mt. Wilson Observatory. Today, the mountain peak, trail and observatory still stand as a reminder of the great stature and vision of 'Don Benito' Benjamin Wilson.

Deportation Doesn't Work. They Come Back and Guess What?

Deportation alone simply does not work. Those that do not belong in this country that are removed because they are committing crimes or whatever reason simply come back over and continue their negative lifestyle or criminal lifestyle. If you can't prevent the influx of those who are deported from returning, then why are we wasting our money?

We have heard horror stories over and over again of multiple deportees returning to this country and we end up with more problems. In my opinion, we can point our finger at the government for not securing our borders properly and allowing criminals to return to this country.

Recently, social media and the news channels showed a video that a young girl took when her father was taken into custody after dropping off one of her siblings at school. Yes, this video was dramatic. Let's examine some of the other facts of this incident. This girl's father was in this country illegally. He had been notified in 2014 that he was going to be deported. This has nothing to do with Pres. Trump's policy. This was under Pres. Obama's term of office. Just a quick note here, during Obama's term of office more illegals were arrested and deported by almost twofold than any other previous president. The video showed the father being removed and arrested and taken away. Nobody says anything about the criminal warrants that were out for him. Yes, he committed crimes in this country. Apparently, he was given time to rectify his issues, however, he chose not to. However, for you folks that support him, I wouldn't worry, I am sure he will be back shortly.

Here are some supporting incidents to give validity to my comment. Estuardo Alvarado, 45, a criminal who had been deported from this country five times came back. On the afternoon of February 19, he was driving south on Sepulveda Boulevard passing traffic on the right alongside the curb at a high rate of speed. He



George Ogden
That's just the way it is!

came up on a car making a right turn and rear-ended that car. He then fled the scene of the accident in an extremely high rate of speed. Alvarado then broadsided a vehicle driven by Sandra Duran, of Arleta, near Plummer Street. Duran died at the scene and two other people in her car were injured. She was a beautiful mother of two and now the lives of family and friends have basically been destroyed forever. Special thanks to our government for making it easy for this lowlife to get back into this country.

Does anybody remember Sheriff's Deputy David March? I know I do, I know his family does, and I know his friends do and certainly so does the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy David March was shot and killed after making a traffic stop of a vehicle in Irwindale, around 10:40 a.m. on April 29, 2002. The suspect, Jorge Arroyo Garcia, AKA Armando Garcia, had told friends he wanted to kill a cop. As he exited the car, he shot March in the chest. Although he was wearing a bullet

proof vest, the impact of the bullets caused the deputy to go down, falling with his head resting against the curb. Garcia walked over the deputy, stood over him, and then executed him by shooting him twice in the head.

Garcia then fled to Mexico within 24 hours.

Garcia had been deported back to Mexico a number of times. He remained free for four years. He was taken into custody by the Mexican police; however, they would not release him back to the US because their laws don't allow fugitives to be returned for US crimes that have a penalty of death, or life without the possibility of parole. However, after political protests by our government, the Mexican Supreme Court changed the laws. In March 2007, he was returned and is now serving life without the possibility of parole. In other words, we get to support him for the rest of his life. If our borders had been more secure, and our government took a priority of protecting our country, this would've never happened. Again, I point the finger at the government.

There we have it folks. Deporting the bad elements from this country does nothing more but give those people a round-trip ticket to come back and do what they do. Please enjoy your safety and thank your government for all they do to keep you safe. Yeah, right.

"That's Just the Way It Is!"

Baldwin Park Unified Students to Compete in Culinary Contest Finals

BALDWIN PARK - Baldwin Park High School culinary arts students Kingsley La Mig, Luis Cervantes and Steven Silva advanced March 4 to the final round of the Careers through Culinary Arts Programs cooking competition, known as C-CAP, set for April. The students, who

are concurrently enrolled in the Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education Culinary Program, are guaranteed scholarships to post-secondary culinary schools. Scholarships will be announced May 1 at an awards breakfast in Los Angeles.

Letter to the Community

Opinions Are The Writer's

Dear Fellow Glendorans -

Thank you *everyone* for making our victory last week possible! Cynthia and I are humbled and deeply grateful that so many of our friends and neighbors had confidence in our campaign.

I'm looking forward to working with all of my new colleagues in moving Glendora forward while respecting our small-town heritage and hometown values. I look forward to learning from the Council's experience and forging a professional relationship.

Congratulations to Councilwoman Karen Davis on her reelection and a thank you to our outgoing Mayor Gene Murabito for his almost two decades of service to the Glendora community in both the Planning Commission and City Council. I appreciate the enthusiasm of candidate Erica Landmann, and share her love of our foothills and the natural beauty that we are all blessed with in Glendora. I also



Michael and Cynthia Allowos

enjoyed the opportunity to meet Kamal Stephen and discuss his issues and Glendora's future with him.

You have my cell phone (626-824-4546) and email (mallawos10@gmail.com), and I hope you will use them over the next four years to offer guidance and support, and even criticism where you think it is warranted. I

will keep my pledge to listen to Glendorans first, and then vote in their best interests. I'm very excited to get started, and will work hard and smart to honor the trust you have placed in me!

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

Cordially,
Glendora City Councilman-elect Michael Allowos

The Rising Stock Market Your Money - Ask Julia

The stock market continues to be red-hot with investor expectations rising on the hopes of several major themes taking hold that could positively impact asset valuations. Factors favoring market gains include improving economic growth and potential reductions in tax rates for corporations and individuals. Some interesting facts:

- In the DJIA's history, there have only been eight other winning streaks that lasted 11 or more trading days. The Dow rose 1.8% in January 2017 and 3.3% so far in February. Whenever the DJIA goes up in both January and February, it has risen for the rest of the year in all but one case (2011), but that decline was a trivial 0.003%! In the 27 times since 1945 when the Dow has gone up in each of the first two months of the year, the average gain for the entire year was 19.9%.

- Along with the DJIA recently, all of the major averages hit new bull market and all-time highs, as one of the most unloved bull markets of all time continues to chug along. For the S&P 500, the current bull ranks as the second longest and third strongest of all time.

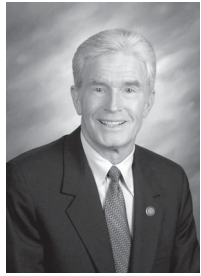
- With a gain of 11% in the 85 trading days since the Election, the only President who had a stronger first 85 trading days was JFK (+13.12%)... For the other four Presidents who saw positive returns in the 85 trading days following their election, all four saw positive returns over the next three months.

- It has been 73 trading days since the S&P 500 last closed below its 50-day moving average. The S&P has now closed above its 200-day for the last 167 trading days.

When it comes to priorities, President Trump is targeting healthcare reform first and tax reform by the August Congressional recess, with infrastructure spending, repatriation of capital from corporations' offshore accounts, deregulation, fair trade, and immigration reform all woven in along the way.

This list is a massive under-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

taking, but when considering the long-term benefits of such an aggressive agenda, it does not surprise me in the least that the equity markets are trading firmly higher on the notion of global economic growth as measured in GDP, which can lead to higher asset valuations.

Focusing on growing the economy more rapidly would enhance the president's public standing as he seeks to win support for some of his other, more divisive and politically charged agenda items. Crafting a pro-business tax plan coupled with initiatives for slashing government waste is falling on receptive ears. Such an approach could smooth out the Trump transition, because everyone loves a strong economy.

To pad this effort through Congress, the new tax plan will target more take home pay for individuals and families as well as corporate tax reform. Try telling your constituents - as a Congressional representative or Senator - that lowering taxes isn't a good idea for them. The plan is yet to be revealed, but preliminary estimates show that the top 1% of wage earners will be the biggest winners. Many are not big fans of this part of the plan, and it will surely be a bone of contention when the plan comes up for debate and votes.

Trump is a businessman, but running the government like a well-oiled business is not feasible in its purest form because of the legacy of our broad and growing entitlement programs, which are necessary, but in my view, require more careful and responsible stewardship in how they are managed.

Social Security and healthcare currently account for over half of federal spending. Considering forward demo-

graphic trends, the time for procrastinating on how to finance these benefits for the rapidly rising number of elderly Americans, who are living longer than ever, is running short.

The market seems to sense that Trump and Congress will take a rational approach to cost cutting. We're now in the "wait-and-see" period, but we may yet see another buying binge led by improving jobs data. Strong economic data is a non-partisan green light for the stock market, fueling the next leg higher in the current rally with the Fed taking a more hawkish tone based on recent "good news" in the U.S. economy.

SOLID EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

February nonfarm payrolls, reported Friday, rose 235k, stronger than the 200k consensus but short of ADP's 298k which shocked the markets on Thursday. January was revised up 11k to 238k, December was revised down 2k to 155k. The unemployment rate inched lower to 4.7%.

Capital Market yields are little changed in the wake of the employment report, probably because ADP prepped traders for an even bigger headline on Friday. The weather was very likely a factor in the payroll rise, as the less-weather-sensitive service sector increase was modest, while the more-weather-sensitive goods sector rise was robust.

From the Fed's point of view this report does not matter for this week's decision. Their minds appear made up on a hike at this week's FOMC meeting. But it does matter for their forecast, which is the most likely source of a surprise. The relief evident in long Treasury yields is a reflection of a report not likely to increase the Fed's expected economic growth profile. The Capital Markets have a date with a rate hike this week.

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

There was a recent CNBC article that expressed concerns about some recent mortgage loans being risky. Can you please explain?

There are FHA (Federal Housing Administration) loans that require only a 3-percent or 5-percent down-payment. This article said that big banks have more stringent FICO score requirements than other lenders. The fact is, the FHA has set minimum guidelines that all lenders must obey. These guidelines have been established to help insure that there is not another 'crash' blamed on 'bad loans.' Often, other lenders, who only offer mortgage loans (not automobile loans, personal loans, or credit cards) do not have the overhead expenses of big banks, and they can offer many more choices of mortgage loans while staying within government-set guidelines.

The taxes I have to pay on the interest earned on my CDs wipes out those earnings! When would I have to pay taxes if I put my money into an annuity?

Money in an annuity grows tax-deferred. You don't have to pay taxes on the growth until you start taking distributions or withdraw funds. This is important. While your money is sitting in an annuity, the amount you put in, plus the interest it is earning, is compound growing rather than being spent to pay taxes.

It doesn't look like our retirement savings are going to be enough for us to have the lifestyle we were dreaming about. We're in our early 60's. What do we do now?

Make a new plan. This will



Julia Yoder

take looking at what you've still got, looking at what options you have available, making a plan, and putting that plan into action. You've taken a big step in just realizing that you've got to make the best of what you have, that bad things don't last forever, and that you need to make adjustments. Many financial professionals do not charge for their consultation. A good one will ask a lot of questions in gathering the detailed facts about your current savings, as well as about what you want your money to do for you. He/she will let you know if you are already doing a good job of retirement planning on your own, explain your options, and tell you, openly and bluntly, what changes (some might be uncomfortable) that you need to strongly consider.

How can I withdraw money from my Roth IRA?

Qualified distributions, after the initial 5-year waiting period, include: after the taxpayer reaches age 59 1/2, or in the event of a taxpayer's death, or because the taxpayer becomes disabled, or to pay for 'qualified first-time

home-buyer expenses (limited to \$10,000 for purchasing, building, or rebuilding a 'first' home of the taxpayer, spouse, or any descendant or ancestor of the taxpayer or spouse.)

My wife and I are in our mid 40's. With interest rates so low, would this be a good time to take some of the equity from our home and invest in some rental properties?

Although not all-inclusive, here are some things to think about before making this decision. Cost: mortgages, taxes, insurance, upkeep, repairs, vacancies. Do you plan to be the landlords, or hire a property manager? Emergencies: liquid (easily accessible) funds, life insurance to cover expenses and/or pay off debts with the loss of income of one of you due to illness or death. Exit plan: How many years do you plan to hold these properties? Will you hold these properties in the name of a trust? Will you be utilizing 'exchanges'? Learn about your options: What other places could you invest to potentially reach your financial goals?

Got a question? Ask Julia by email:

Email questions and comments to: julia.yoder@yahoo.com

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Glendora Voters Make Their Choice

by Doug Boyd

Glendora voters spoke loud and clear last week for honest limits on development and against loopholes in those limits. They continued a pattern begun in the election two years ago of rewarding a non-incumbent voice from the community who ran an outstanding campaign on the issue that really matters (excessive development) and also returning a quality incumbent to the Council.

In March 2015, community leader Gary Boyer ran a very effective campaign against the Monstrosity and other excessive development plans in the works. He became famous for an outstanding mailer entitled "Is This the Best the Glendora City Council Can Do?" showing the half-built Monstrosity (Avalon) in all of its squat and massive ugliness. He won first place easily with 3,338 votes or 21.4% percent of the votes cast, besting two incumbent councilpersons running for reelection. In second place for three seats was another newcomer, Mendell Thompson, with 2,787 votes or 17.9%, followed by incumbent Judy Nelson with 2,609 or 16.7%. Fourth was incumbent Joe Santoro with 2,341 or 15%, Michael Allowos with 2,314 or 14.8% and Erica Landmann with 2,148 or 13.8%.

In March 2017, business executive Allowos and educator Landmann ran again, and this time both earned the endorsement of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune newspaper. Allowos ran an excellent campaign with more communications directly to Glendora voters than the others combined including mail and signs. He was focused and articulate on limit-

ing new development, listening to residents before taking action on their behalf, support for our police and fire and not supporting tax increases. He had the most talked about campaign mailer, this one on excessive development entitled "Enough!". Glendora voters rewarded him with first place, an impressive 32.3% or 2,593 votes, and he also bested two incumbent councilpersons running for reelection.

Incumbent Karen Davis was a solid second place with 25.1% or 2,020 votes. She ran a steady campaign, never evaded the tough questions, and benefited from her friendly personality and willingness to appear at more community events than any other councilmember over the past 12 years. The SOS Glendora Homeowners Association endorsed Davis and Allowos, and explained why to the many folks who emailed us with questions about all the candidates.

In third place was Erica Landmann with 21.7% or 1,743 votes. She campaigned with a lot of energy but we think came down too hard on the "no development" side as opposed to limited development. No development is simply not realistic for a financially healthy Glendora with the restaurants and stores many of us have been hoping for. There's a lot of interest in the new Sprouts for example, and we don't want to stop smart, limited development like that.

In last place among the active candidates was incumbent Glendora Mayor Gene Murabito. Despite being an eight year incumbent, President of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and having the coveted ti-

tle of Mayor, Murabito got 16.1% or 1,294 votes.

The fifth candidate on the ballot, Kamal Stephen, did not actively campaign and received 4.8% or 387 votes. All these totals will go up a little as provisional ballots are counted for the next couple of weeks but the standings won't change. All the candidates should be thanked for being willing to be in the political arena. That's what truly makes America great.

We want to clarify something about development procedure. Large scale developments are years in the pipeline after final approvals are given. The "big vote" is the one by the City Council to approve a particular project. On all the large scale projects now being built, this big vote was taken before March of 2015. New Councilmen Mendell Thompson and Gary Boyer did not vote to approve these projects. We hope they and Councilman-elect Allowos will take a harder look at future excessive development projects that may come before the Council.

We think it's clear that Glendora voters want development limits (3 stories max, 30 residential units per acre max) and they sure don't want loopholes in those limits (height and density "bonuses")! Setbacks are a good thing, and so are single family residences. Most of Glendora IS single family residences.

Doing development "Glendora style" is a win-win for all parties. Glendorans deserve it and considering the results of the last two city elections, we have good reason to be optimistic about our future.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

How To Be Green For St. Patrick's Day and Every Day!

Most of us are concerned with keeping our environment green. We buy the reusable bags for our shopping trips, combine driving trips to be more fuel efficient and use the new style light bulbs to conserve energy. All these seemingly little conscious efforts add up to help our earth.

It may surprise you to learn that the automotive service and repair industry has been one of the leaders in keeping our environment clean...even before it was a popular theme with the general public. We are very careful with waste disposal in every way. As an example, one gallon of improperly disposed of motor oil can contaminate a million gallons of drinking water! When consumers bring their car in for regular service

it is one of the biggest benefits to cleaner air and the good news is...it saves you money too! In fact, it saves you money in more ways than one! It prolongs the life of the car you have, it saves money in fuel, and a regularly maintained vehicle saves you money on expensive repairs! It is a good deal all around.

- A regularly maintained car can last 50% longer.
- A properly tuned car keeps your engine firing properly...one misfiring spark plug can waste 30% in fuel efficiency!
- Keeping your tires checked and rotated makes them last longer and can help your engine work better and easier.
- Clean filters make a more

fuel efficient vehicle.

Of course, it also helps not to drive like you are trying out for NASCAR or using it to transport or store heavy objects. All of this contributes to wear and tear on your vehicle too plus cuts way down on fuel efficiency.

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Monrovia Unified's Canyon Oaks Named Model Continuation High School

MONROVIA - Monrovia Unified's Canyon Oaks High School has been named a 2017 Model Continuation High School for its intense focus on college readiness and increased number of graduates being accepted into four-year universi-

ties. Canyon Oaks is among 35 newly designated Model Continuation High Schools recognized for operating innovative academic programs that pre-

pare at-risk students for college and career. Canyon Oaks will be honored at the 2017 CCEA State Conference in Fresno, held April 28-30.

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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

Orchid Hobbyists Monthly Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invite you to our monthly meeting, **March 16** at the L.A. County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia Ca. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will be having an Open Panel Forum on Various Orchid Topics. Refreshments. All are welcome!

Seasonal Allergies and Asthma

Arcadia Senior Services in partnership with Methodist Hospital is having a special health presentation with information regarding seasonal allergies, hay fever and asthma. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Tuesday, **March 28** at 1:30pm and is free. Dr. von Tiehl, board certified in allergy and immunology is the guest speaker. He will discuss why people get allergies and asthma, which allergens are important, and which medications are used to treat these conditions. He will also explain how allergy shots work. If interested in attending please call Arcadia Senior Services, 626.574.5130. This program is for individuals age 50 and over.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

COVINA

Attention All Local Home Gardeners

Plan to stop by The Covina Woman's Clubhouse on Thursday, **March 23rd** at 11:00 AM. The Friendship Garden Club will be having a plant sale which is open to the public. Members will

bring cuttings, potted plants and special flowers for sale. We are bringing items directly from our own gardens and they will be very low priced. The address is 128 S. San Jose, Covina. One block south of Badillo.

Members of the community are invited to visit our club meetings, if they are interested in joining a garden club. Our program that day will be about care and propagation of Begonias, by Bobby West. Please contact Jeanette Gulli for questions. Jeanette Gulli, jhgulli@verizon.net, 909-599-1904

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.

DUARTE

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.

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Regional Food Bank Distribution Program

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

Participants must meet the following income guidelines to be eligible: one person household income must not exceed \$1,211 per month and a two person household income must not

exceed \$1,640 per month. You must provide income verification and a photo ID with birthdate at your first visit. The La Fetra Center distribution takes place on the **Fourth Tuesday of Every Month** from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

Glendora Public Library launches e-magazines!

GLENDORA - Visit the Glendora Public Library website, www.glendoralibrary.org, to download the latest copies (and back issues, too) of your favorite magazines. Titles available include: Consumer Reports, Cooking Light, Men's Health, People, Sports Illustrated, Lonely Planet Traveller and more! For more information,

Azusa Police Department Community Open House

AZUSA - The City of Azusa and Azusa Police Department will host a block-party style Community Open House on Sunday, **March 19** from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The community will have the opportunity to meet with safety personnel from Azusa Police Department, LA County Sheriff, LA County Fire, Citizens Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), Azusa Amateur Radio Communication Emergency Services (A.A.C.E.S.) and other safety and city officials and employees.

Tours of the police station

please contact the Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit us at www.glendoralibrary.org.

MONROVIA

Tenth Annual Women's Evensong Invitational

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia will present its tenth annual Women's Evensong Invitational on Sunday, **March 19**, at 4 p.m. at the church, 122 South California Avenue at Foothill Boulevard in Monrovia.

The public performance will spotlight the women of the choir, along with invited guest singers. Music will include Denis Mason's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Luigi Cherubini's Like as a Father, and the Monrovia Preces and Responses, written for this group by Kent Bennett Jones, Music Director.

A freewill offering will be taken, and a wine and cheese reception in Guild Hall will follow the performance.

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.

WEST COVINA

Pechanga Casino Day Trip

Queen Of The Valley Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a day trip to Pechanga Casino on Wednesday, March 22. Donation is \$21.00 for roundtrip (includes tip for bus driver). Bus will leave hospital parking lot at 9:00 am. Return trip is at 6:00 p.m. refreshments are provided during ride. Reservations may be made at gift shop at the hospital or contact Lucie Frias 626.338.7279. Deadline for reservations is

Thursday, **March 16**, 2017

Go West Shuttle Service

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

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

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

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

Senior Lunch

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

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

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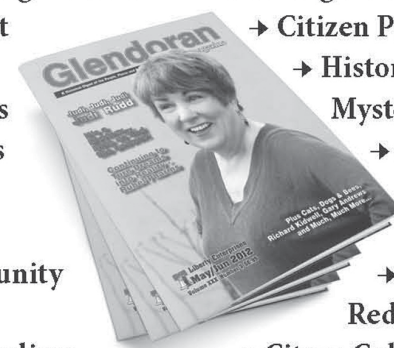
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West Covina Police Chief Dave Faulkner Retiring

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - West Covina Police Chief Dave Faulkner has announced his retirement after 34 years of working as a police officer. Faulkner came to West Covina in 2014.

He announced that his last day will be June 30 of 2017.

Faulkner had implemented various programs within the police department and has expanded the workforce. Due to budget restraints over the years, funding had become available where the city was able to hire 10 new police officers during that period. Also, during that time the K-9 force is now at four K-9 operatives with canine partners.

Prior to coming to West Covina, he had longevity with the Fontana Police Department and was in the upper management before taking on the job in the city. However West Covina was not new to him. He was also a helicopter pilot and reserve officer for El Monte Police Department. The same air unit patrolled West Covina, so he knew West Covina well. His partner with wheels up was from the West Covina Police Department as an observer.

Over the next few months, the city will be looking for a replacement chief and many people are hopeful that it will come from within the West Covina Police Department. The only real problem is there are a number of fantastic candidates from within the department. This is not to say that the city manager, who is responsible for hiring a police chief, will go outside of the department to look for a candidate. Not only does the community desire to hire from within, but so do some of the council members and staff. A number of names have been thrown out there and all



West Covina Police Chief Dave Faulkner

would be valuable assets to the department.

During his tour, Faulkner was very personal with the community and had a good PR presents. He wanted to maintain the strength of the police department and if at all possible to increase it. It appears that this did in fact happen. Many appreciate the fact that he is giving the community the opportunity to say "Thank you", and "So long" for his service to the city of West Covina.

While working as police Chief, Faulkner did not do any helicopter patrol and this is one part of his life that he missed. There is always that possibility that the Chief will really not go away but could be overhead watching over not only West Covina, but other communities

in the area. He may consider going back up.

Special thanks is extended to police Chief Dave Faulkner for all that he is done in the best of luck on his future endeavors

Estate Plans: You're Not Doing Anyone a Favor by Avoiding the Subject

Do your kids realize just how much money you're really worth once all your assets are added up?

If they're anything like the adult offspring surveyed for Fidelity Investments' "Family & Finance Study," the answer is a resounding -- and rather scary -- "no." In fact, seven out of 10 of them underestimated their parents' estate by an average of \$278,000.

That's right, by more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The reason that's scary -- and why it should be a wake-up call for even those with modest estates they hope to pass on to heirs -- is simple: It illustrates a breakdown in communications that Kevin Ruth, head of Fidelity's wealth planning and personal trust, says badly needs addressing through "frank conversations" between parents and their adult children.

"Even in the simplest of family situations, conversations that don't occur frequently and in detail can result in fairly substantial family disagreements and disconnects," says Ruth. "Establishing an estate plan is your best bet to ensure your loved ones are taken care of in your absence and that your wishes are carried out the way you want."



In fact, according to the study, the two generations apparently can't even agree on whether they've already had such detailed talks.

Seventy percent of parents surveyed believe they have; more than 50 percent of their children claim they haven't.

So what are the benefits of an estate plan? Well, among other things, it allows you to:

- * Preserve and maintain control over the transfer of your assets.
- * Protect your family's privacy and possibly avoid probate.
- * Provide immediate access to liquidity.
- * Choose how your beneficiaries will receive assets.
- * Designate who'll execute

your wishes even if you're just incapacitated.

Plus, for those who despise the thought of the government getting any more money than legally required, having a sound estate plan in place could help your heirs avoid needlessly paying certain Federal estate taxes (not to mention state estate and inheritance taxes, depending on local laws).

Ah, but you're stuck on that \$278,000 figure, right?

Actually, given how complicated today's lives often are -- what with stepchildren's interests to protect, say, and family businesses to pass on -- most people, and not just the very wealthy, could do with some solid estate planning. Heck, even distributions from IRAs and Roth IRAs can be tricky if the aim is to "stretch" payments out to beneficiaries, tax-deferred or tax-free, for as long as decades.

Attorneys and tax advisors can help you set up an estate plan, and online resources like Fidelity's Estate Planning Overview provide a good idea of what's involved. Fidelity customers also have access to its new Estate Planner to more thoroughly prepare and educate themselves for a meeting, right down to details like organizing documents and choosing lawyers.

As for why parents and their children may be reluctant to discuss the subject, Ruth has an explanation: "It's human nature to avoid thinking about one's own mortality." (NewsUSA)

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Celebrating Athletic Successes For Duarte High School Winter Teams



DHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Photo provided courtesy of the Duarte Unified School District.

DUARTE - The success of the girls basketball team once again helped highlight the winter sports season at Duarte High School as five teams represented the school well, according to Dean of Athletics James Heggins.

"I'm definitely happy with the effort of our teams and what individuals accomplished, and want to salute the coaches of the winter sports teams for their great efforts," said Heggins. "As we transition to the spring sports, it's time to look ahead and appreciate the goals and efforts of our teams as we enjoy our athletic successes."

Prominent in any discussion of Duarte High sports success is the girls basketball team the last two seasons. This year's team, following in the CIF Championship appearance of a year earlier,

the Montview League first team. Also honored on the second team were Lindsay Lathrop and Jacquie Huerta. Anadina Morales and Elizabeth Mendez were honorable mention.

The Duarte High boys wrestling team had seven individuals advance to the CIF Individual Wrestling Championships. The team compiled a 3-3 overall record. Those who won their classes in league were Mikey Romo, Nick Torres, Daniel Contreras, Jarren Gomez, Rudy Arteaga, Chis Maghadian and Rudy Huerta.

The Duarte's boys soccer team compiled a 6-10-1 record and finished fifth in Montview league with a 3-7 record under coach Milan Traglov. Individual honors went to Carlos Serna (first team all-league), Christian Rodriguez

is expecting big things from a team that won its first game and hopes to build on the lessons from last year. Standout returning players are shortstop Juan Garcia and first baseman Christian DeWeese.

Softball: New Coach Casey McPhail inherits a team that won the Montview League last year. She said high hopes for this season come with the return of shortstop Alyssa Renskers, center fielder Sarah Bouza, pitcher Kalani Schwartz and second baseman Nicole Michels.

Tennis: Boys coach Byron Leoung said top returning players include Shahil Prabhu, Casey Sims, John Lathrop, Jonathon Galicia and Felipe Valdez.

Track: Coach Wardell Crutchfield indicated the arrival of a number of two-sport athletes



DHS Girls Soccer Team. Photo provided courtesy of the Duarte Unified School District.

once again was a dominate force in the Montview League, sweeping all 10 games, and posting a 27-5 overall record. They currently own a 35 game Montview League win streak.

The Lady Falcons, coached by Scott Wiard, went three games deep into the CIF playoffs before losing in the CIF IA quarterfinals to Huntington Beach. The Falcons moved up four playoff divisions competing in one of the deepest divisions in the Southern Section. While the successes were of the team variety, there were also individual triumphs, including league honors.

Junior forward Patricia Morris averaged 17.5 points and 13 rebounds per game and was named Most Valuable Player in the Montview League. Teammates Ryley Thompson (senior guard) and Delaney Thompson (sophomore guard) were also honored as first team all-league. Junior guard Macy Barnes was named second team all-league and junior guard Dani Anguiano and Senior forward Georgina Zamora earned honorable mention.

Another girls team with success this winter was the soccer team, which also advanced to the CIF playoffs after a third-place finish in league and a 5-4-1 record (9-10-4 overall). Coach Manuel Penate's team lost to Jurupa Hills in the first round of the CIF Playoffs. Alexa Moreno and Kylie Davis were named to

(second team) and Chris Angel and David Faris (honorable mention).

The Duarte boys basketball team came together under first-year coach Jelani Gardner and finished in 4th place in the league with a 3-7 record. Daniel Pena was honored on the first-team all-league team.

Here's a brief look at the spring sports which are just starting:

Baseball: Coach Ryan Marcos

from the football team should revitalize this co-ed team. Football players Justin Hillyer and Rodney Collier are expected to make their mark in the sprints once they transition to track conditioning.

Swimming: Kerry Olson is the new coach of this co-ed team and looks forward to success from returning athletes Blanca Olson, Cali Rojas Oloteo, Xochilt Aviles and Ben Helms.

The Duarte Teen Center Serves Our Youth

DUARTE - Kiwanis Member, Marilyn Mays has her hands full. She is the Manager of the Duarte Teen Center. She provided an amazing update on the Teen Center's Boxing Program at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Meeting.

The Boxing Program currently has:

- 65 registered amateur boxers (25 are females!),
- 3 professional boxers (one World Champion - Rhonda Luna).

The Boxing Club's head trainer, Victor Valenzuela was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame and is a past recipient of the NAACP Civic award.

The Boxing Club is open to children 8 years old and up. The Boxing team has had the opportunity to travel throughout the US as well as to a number of places outside the US such as Peru, South Korea, New Zealand and Tahiti (to name a few). The Boxers who travel to these locations are selected and sponsored by USA Boxing.

There is an upcoming annual Boxing Show which is a great fund raising opportunity. In the past, Lisa Magno (a Duarte Kiwanis Member and much loved and missed member of the Duarte community) provided all the food for the Boxing Show. The Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley will be providing that service this year in Lisa's memory.

Marilyn is also a key leader of the 7th annual ACT-SO competition being held on April 29th at the Duarte Sr. Center. The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students.

Marilyn and her team are looking for mentors and judges in a number of categories including Dance, Oratory, Film Making, Music Vocal, Photography, Dramatics, and even Business Entrepreneurship.



Marilyn Mays and Duarte Kiwanis President, Cheryl Reynolds.

The Gold Medalists from this competition will have the opportunity to compete at the end of July in Baltimore.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club is proud to continue to support both the Duarte Teen Center and this year's Pasadena/Duarte ACT-SO competition. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandez-optometry.com

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