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Grammy Award Winner Delivers Keynote Remarks at Citrus College Women's History Luncheon

GLENDORA - Singer-Songwriter Melissa Manchester joined leaders from the San Gabriel Valley at a special luncheon hosted by Citrus College that celebrates the contributions women have made to society.

Manchester served as the featured speaker for the second annual Citrus College Women's History Month Luncheon, which was held in the college's Center for Innovation on March 30. The Grammy Award winner, who has been an honorary artist-in-residence at Citrus College since 2012, shared highlights of her life story with the audience.

"I am honored to have been asked to make the keynote speech at the Women's History Month Luncheon," Manchester said. "Citrus College has become a creative oasis for me based on its excellent studio facility as well as the fine faculty, alumni and students I've had the privilege of working closely with."

In addition to the remarks from Manchester, the luncheon featured a presentation by Citrus College student Manuel Torres, who conducted research on a pioneering woman in his life. The project was



Grammy Award winner Melissa Manchester was the keynote speaker at the 2018 Citrus College Women's History Month Luncheon. Pictured (L-R): Mr. Manuel Torres, student; Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president; Mrs. Susan M. Keith, clerk/secretary; Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president; Ms. Melissa Manchester; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, vice president; Ms. Camille Levee, community leader; Dr. Edward C. Ortell, board member; Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, board member; and Ms. Yachi Rivas, student trustee.

completed during the college's first "History of Women in the United States" class, which debuted during the fall 2017 semester.

"The purpose of the oral history assignment was to encourage students to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of local women who have shaped our history and culture," said Dr. Elisabeth Ritacca, Citrus College instructor. "Manuel interviewed Camille Levee, a

local woman who has been very active in Girl Scouts, professional dental organizations and various women's political action groups for most of her adult life. He selected Ms. Levee because he admired her activism and engagement in the community."

Approximately 80 leaders attended the invitation-only event, which was designed to

honor and celebrate the struggles and achievements of women. The audience consisted of several trailblazing women from Citrus College as well as throughout Southern California, including U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano.

"I extend my sincere gratitude to the many influential members of our community

who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for this special event," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Women's History Month provides Citrus College, and the world as a whole, with the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of women throughout history. By hosting this luncheon, the college has highlighted positive female role models who have made a difference in their communities and honored local leaders who continue to contribute to the progress and growth of the region."

Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, echoed Dr. Perri's statement.

"It is important to acknowledge the women in all aspects of society who have used their talent, skill and knowledge to improve the lives of others," she said. "This luncheon celebrates success and hard work, while providing inspiration for future generations of strong leaders."

El Monte Women's Club Student Art Winners at El Monte Library

EL MONTE - El Monte Women's Club and El Monte Library invite the community to view the winning art pieces created by El Monte Union High School District students. El Monte Women's Club's Student Art Competition was held on February 27, 2018 at the El Monte Community Center. Nine art pieces with the highest votes from El Monte Women's Club members were then entered into the San Gabriel Valley District Women's Clubs' Student Art Competition held on March 9, 2018 at the Covina Woman's Club. The San Gabriel Valley District received 79 entries in total. Of the nine submitted by El Monte Women's Club, eight received award ribbons from the panel of art judges. In addition, the top four of the nine entered will be presented with a \$100 gift certificate at the El Monte Women's Club Scholarship Luncheon on May 24, 2018 at the El Monte Community Center.

Eight of the nine art pieces are now displayed in the Children's section of El Monte Library until April 30, 2018:

- "Majestic Wolf" by Arroyo H.S. student Amaya Corral
- "Tools" by Rosemead H.S. student Leonard Gonzales
- "Exposed" by Arroyo H.S. student Kristian Lucy
- "Rocky Surf" by Arroyo H.S. student Sally Hall
- "The Mellow" by Arroyo H.S. student Emily Rodriguez
- "Fallen Petals" by Arroyo H.S. student Jackie Hernandez
- "Reflection" by Arroyo H.S. student Jazlyn Jacobo



"Rocky Surf" by Arroyo H.S. student Sally Hall



"Fallen Petals" by Arroyo H.S. student Jackie Hernandez

"Mysterious Woodland Woman" by El Monte H.S. student Amy Luong

"El Monte Library is happy to allow the community to celebrate the achievements of our students," said El Monte Community Library Manager Cheryl Gilera.

"The arts are important to El Monte Women's Club and to

women's clubs in general. Women's clubs have a long tradition of promoting the arts among its members and from students," said co-president Gina Morales. "El Monte students held their own in the San Gabriel Valley District student art competition, and we are just so proud," stated co-president Jackie Morales.

West Covina's Firefighters 3226 Raise Money for Veterans Post

By Staff Writer

WEST COVINA - Recently, Commander George Ogden of the West Covina VFW received a call from WCFF firefighter Sean Wise. He told Ogden that the West Covina Firefighters and their Association 3226 wanted to do a fundraising for the VFW. Knowing of the recovery process of the VFW Post after the flooding that took place back on July 23rd 2017 which closed the facility for 5 plus months while undergoing repairs.

The other problem, the insurance company owes the VFW over \$70,000 that has not been paid. All the savings and other money that was on hand at the time has been depleted over the months.

Wise told Ogden that they wanted to do a fundraiser at Chili's in West Covina. Chili's had also chimed in and joined the charity event. It was honored to host it with the WCFA 3226 at their restaurant in the Eastland Shopping Center.

The event went very well. The firefighters brought their 1965 Crown Fire Engine. Yes, West Covina is having hard times like many other cities and is need to update their equipment. However, the Engine from yesteryear



WCFF firefighter Sean Wise with their 1965 Crown Fire Engine at Chili's for the charity event for the VFW.

is fully capable of service. This engine started her life in West Covina back in 1965. She served well and was retired. She withered away in the backyard of one of the fire stations until she was sold, basically for scrap. It was said the price was about \$1000.

Recently, one of the firefighters happened to trip across this restored fire engine and realized what he was looking at. They looked up the owner and got the history and it was confirmed, she started her life with West Covina. The firefighters teamed up and decided to buy it,

and without city funds. The old engine also came to the fundraiser to help the veteran's organization get back on their feet.

The well attended event was a lot of fun for everyone. The VFW closed the cocktail lounge for the day and directed everyone over to Chili's and they did just that.

Commander Ogden and the membership thanked all the firefighters and 3226 for what they did. The firefighters helped serve the food. "This was a lot of fun and greatly appreciated" stated Commander Ogden

Protestors Protest Donuts and Ice-Cream

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - Well, here is one for the books. Don't eat donuts and ice-cream. Well, the protesters showed up at the Grand Opening of Dunkin' in West Covina and held up a few signs like "Not Your Mom, Not Your Milk", "Their Booties, Now Ours".

The protestors hit Dunkin' and Baskin Robbins but skipped the Subway Sandwich store.

Overall, everything went well for the Grand Opening which was well attended. As for the protestors, they were trying to present a point and where they were coming from and to send a message.



Protestors outside the grand opening event for Dunkin'... not for parking but for donut and coffee ingredients.

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Arcadia Woman's Club to Host "Springtime in Paris" Fashion Show

ARCADIA - It's going to feel like "Springtime in Paris" when the Arcadia Woman's Club presents its annual fashion show fundraiser in its historic Clubhouse on **April 14** from 11:30am to 2:30pm. The ballroom and tables will be decorated with delightful Parisian accents as guests enjoy fashions from Magnolia of Arcadia and a luncheon catered by Chef Loretta of Chefelle. Arcadia High School's Senior

Men and Women service club will be serving guests. The Clubhouse foyer will host a variety of vendors displaying unique wares, providing an opportunity for optional leisurely shopping for gifts or personal treats. Silent auction items, opportunity drawings and the traditional money hat drawing will be available as well as no-host wine and champagne. Tickets for the Springtime in

Paris fashion show are \$50 per person and reservations, a must, may be made by contacting Diane Chapman at 626-287-0232 or dcc6825@aol.com. The Arcadia Woman's Club is a non profit 501-c3 organization that has been making positive contributions to the community for decades. The Club itself is a historic landmark.

Healthy Marriages And Relationships

ARCADIA - Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist in Arcadia, will be offering a six week course on healthy marriages and relationships. All are welcome to be a part of this eye-opening curriculum on good communication, reconciliation skills and building your dream relationship. This course is applicable for all

people regardless of your marital status as these skills will help you for all relationships. The course will begin on Wednesday, **April 18th** and meet every Wednesday for six

weeks from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the lounge. This class is completely free of charge. Email pastorlydia@cgsum.org for more information and questions.

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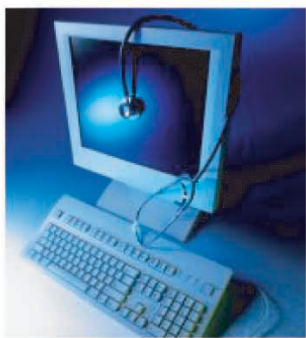
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2018-2019 County Budget: Investing in Our Residents and Communities

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Los Angeles County unveiled a \$30.8-billion balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 that confronts the region's most difficult social challenges and builds a foundation for future progress through an array of proven programs and services.

The proposed spending plan for the nation's most populous county supports a range of vital commitments—from its vast healthcare system to its essential public safety operations to its broad beaches and world-class cultural institutions.

"This recommended budget demonstrates the County's determination to elevate the quality of life for all residents, no matter what their circumstances or paths," said Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai.

At the same time, Hamai said, it embraces the County's longstanding commitment to conservative fiscal practices, which have consistently led to strong credit ratings and tax-

payer savings.

The recommended budget specifically aims to advance the ambitious priorities of the five-member Board of Supervisors. Among other initiatives, the spending plan:

- Ramps up the fight against homelessness through Measure H investments that already have helped place more than 3,000 homeless families and individuals in permanent housing

- Enhances the lives of children and families through funding commitments and innovations in foster care, youth jobs and expanded recreational opportunities, including the popular Parks After Dark Program

- Expands access to medical and mental health services, including substance abuse treatment and the hiring of hospital-care companions for patients who need observation in medical-surgical areas of County medical centers

- Promotes justice reform through diversion and innovation, including allocations for supportive housing and intensive case management services and other programs to reduce recidivism.

The proposed budget also continues to support the County's work on behalf of immigrants and its commitment to environmental justice. In addition to these high-priority policy areas, the plan invests in new facilities, infrastructure repair and improvements in monitoring and remediating storm water pollution, including in the Santa Monica Bay.

The recommended budget is the first step in a process that will stretch across the next several months and will include public hearings and budget deliberations. Adoption of the budget is expected in late June. For additional details, please visit lacounty.gov.

Police Clear West Covina Council Chambers as Outsiders Disrupt Meeting About SB54

By George Ogden

WEST COVINA - The last West Covina City Council meeting turned into a "Freak Show" with outsiders coming to the city disrupting the business meeting.

There was a "Mother May I" about SB54 placed on the agenda to basically discuss if this topic of joining other cities in suing the State of California for forcing them to be Sanctuary Cities. West Covina is a law abiding city and does not want to be a part of law to "NOT help law enforcement" with their job. The city will do what it can to help protect law enforcement and its citizens.

Over 100 oral communication cards were turned in by people who were not residents of the city. Most of them were

a joke with green hair, people wearing an American Flag like a cape and other disgusting things like signs and whatever could be done to be disrespectful. Even Senator Kevin de León (D) who is from the 24th Senate District who drafted Senate Bill 54 had guts enough to show up. What is interesting, he is against people owning guns and is in the list of people who want to take them away from citizens, showed up with what was reported to be armed security bodyguards. This still didn't stop someone from threatening his life.

Mayor Mike Spence got to the point where he had people thrown out of the meeting for continually disrupting speakers on both sides.

Both sides of SB54 through-

out the meeting were shouting, waving signs, cheering, clapping and anything that is unacceptable at a business meeting.

Finally, at midnight, oral communication was done and it took the police about 20 minutes to clear the chambers and get these outsiders into the lobby as they continued to try and disrupt the meeting.

Many residents felt that the chambers should have been cleared. They could still be called up to speak inside the chambers.

When all was said and done, the "mother may I" failed to be put on the future agenda for a lack of a 2nd. This issue had been brought up in the past about SB54 and West Covina declared it will NOT be a party of being a Sanctuary City.

Recent 5.3 Earthquake Remind Los Angeles County Residents And Businesses To Prepare For Earthquakes

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The recent 5.3 magnitude earthquake that struck near the Channel Islands at 12:29 p.m. April 5th (Source: U.S. Geological Survey) reminds Los Angeles County residents and businesses that an earthquake could occur at any time.

The County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) wants to remind all County residents and businesses to take the necessary steps now to prepare for earthquakes and other hazards and threats. The following are some preparedness tips on what to do during an earthquake:

- If you experience shaking, the recommended actions, if you are able to do so, "Drop" to the floor; take "Cover" under a piece of furniture or protect your head and neck with one arm/hand; and "Hold On" to the piece of furni-

ture's leg to keep it from shifting or uncovering you until the shaking completely stops. Never run out of buildings during an earthquake as most people are injured by falling debris as they try to exit buildings during the shaking.

- If you experience shaking and are in a wheelchair or walker, "Lock" your wheels; "Cover" your head and neck area with a pillow or some type of object that will deflect the debris from falling on to you and "Hold On."

- When you are in public places, be aware of your surroundings and identify your safe spaces.

- To receive emergency notifications, register your cellular telephone and landlines at Alert LA County, go to <http://lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la>. Cities, special districts, employers, schools and universities may have their own notification systems. Make sure you research

which other systems are available in your community and sign up so that you are informed when there is a local emergency.

For more information on how to prepare for earthquakes and other hazards and threats in Los Angeles County, OEM has available online the County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guide - <http://lacounty.gov/emergency>.

Also, Los Angeles County residents, renters, and business owners, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County at any time for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed online by visiting <https://www.211la.org>.

DUSD and DUEA Reach Tentative Compensation Agreement Resulting in Multi-Year Salary Increase

Duarte - The bargaining teams of the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) and the Duarte Unified Educators Association (DUEA) are pleased to jointly announce that a tentative multi-year agreement regarding compensation for certificated staff members has been reached.

The terms of the agreement stipulate the 2017-18 certificated salary schedules shall be increased by 2.0% effective January 1, 2018. In addition, the 2018-19 certificated salary schedules shall be increased by the funded Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) identified in the 2018-19 May Revised for the 2018-19 fiscal year (projected 2.50%), effective July 1, 2018. In addition, beginning January 1, 2019, the 2018-19 certificated salary schedules shall be increased by 2.50%. This provides certificated staff a total salary increase of 7.0% over the course of the agreement.

The members of DUEA ratified the tentative agreement on March 23, with 84% of members voting in support of the agreed upon terms. The negotiators for both bargaining teams are to be commended for working collaboratively through the Interest Based Bargaining process to achieve a mutually beneficial result for both parties.

According to DUEA Lead Negotiator, Marine Dagesyan-Lucha, "Teams worked diligently to dispel acrimony developed years prior around challenging

negotiations. Though it was a long and arduous process, teams remained committed to the IBB process, and we were able to reach a two-year agreement on a salary increase equating to roughly 7% that will be paid out over the course of one year. DUEA felt that a two-year agreement was essential in ensuring that our teachers are a priority in the 2018-19 school year."

Attracting and retaining the highest qualified workforce by offering just compensation was one of seven primary initiatives contained in the district's five-year strategic plan, known as the Competitive Advantage Plan (CAP), certified by Resolution and adopted by the Governing Board at its regular meeting held on July 21, 2016. This opportunity to increase compensation was the direct result of the CAP initiatives that led to a significant increase in enrollment after 15 consecutive years of declining enrollment.

"This Board of Education has been committed to turning around this district for the engagement of all its children, the employment and benefits of all its teachers and to provide the region with a destination district for others to come and learn. The agreement with our certificated staff is evidence of this commitment. In a time when other educational districts are making drastic cuts, Duarte Unified School District is passionately

pursuing its vision: 21st Century Schools Producing 21st Century Students," stated Board President, Reverend Douglas Edwards.

Both DUSD and DUEA are motivated to continue to work together to continue to operationalize the initiatives and subsequent actions documented in the district's strategic plan. To that end, an additional component of the current multi-year tentative agreement is contingency language that stipulates that both sides will return to the bargaining table in good faith should the district's enrollment in the Fall of 2018 (as identified in the certified CALPADS enrollment report) exceed the 2018-19 June Adopted Budget enrollment projection.

"For a 29-year Board member to be as excited as I am to witness the renaissance in Duarte schools is truly remarkable. As a result of the actions and foresight of our School Board to operationalize the vision of our district, school, and union leaders, we have become a destination school district...we are able to show our teachers we value them by approving this agreement and give our students extraordinary opportunities...and it's only the beginning!" stated Board Vice President, Mr. Kenneth Bell.

The tentative agreement will be placed before the Board of Education for final approval at the Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 19.

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Cities Line Up to Oppose SB 54

This past week, those of us in the San Gabriel Valley saw an explosion of controversy in the City of West Covina when Mayor Mike Spence placed on the Council agenda a request to discuss taking action on the California Values Act (SB 54 - Sen. De Leon) known as the Sanctuary State bill adopted by the state in October 2017. West Covina Council had previously taken a position in opposition to SB 54 on February 21, 2017, on a 3-1-1 vote.



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora
03 to exempt the City of Los Alamitos from the California Values Act."

As the Orange County Board of Supervisors stepped up in opposition to the bill and other cities began the opposition process, West Covina City Manager, Chris Freeland, included, with his staff report to the Council, a resolution by the City of Los Alamitos passed by their Council on March 18th. The agenda report from Warren Kusumoto, Mayor Pro Tem, to Mayor Troy Edgar and other members of the Los Alamitos Council, presented the following for discussion and action:

"The California Values Act (SB54) is contrary to the United States Constitution and infringes on the rights of the citizens of the City of Los Alamitos. Furthermore, it affects the City Council's oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States."

"In view of this contradiction, it is impossible to comply with both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California. When two governing documents contradict each other, the order of precedence needs to be invoked and followed."

"In this situation, my belief is that the Constitution of the United States has precedence over the Constitution of the State of California, so therefore I am proposing that the City Council discuss and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-

Los Alamitos Council after two hours of testimony voted 4-1 to support Mayor Pro-Tem's report and the resolution. Kusumoto said in an interview with the Orange County Register, "California legislators are bullying local elected officials into violating our oath of office ... This is our way of going on record saying we're going to comply with the U.S. Constitution." There are reports the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is considering legal action against the City of Los Alamitos for adopting the resolution.

In a 4-0 vote Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to oppose SB 54 and Republican Board Member, Michelle Steel, said it was important to take this step because from January 1st to March 19th this year, 172 criminal aliens had been released to the streets causing a threat to public safety. Steel confirmed Attorney General Xavier Becerra has threatened to arrest Orange County Sheriff, Sandra Hutchinson, if she violates SB 54 by holding illegals for release to immigration officials (ICE). To combat Becerra's published threat, Hutchinson now publish-

es the names and release dates of all those in the O.C. jail pending their release.

Fight Sanctuary State website ... "was founded by California parents whose children were killed by illegal aliens and other California citizens who are fed up with the state's politicians, who prioritize illegal alien criminals over the state's citizens and legal immigrants." The organization is vigorously opposed to SB 54 and Sanctuary State laws that interfere with the ability of local law enforcement to work cooperatively with the federal agencies in deporting illegal criminal aliens. This organization has published some very harsh numbers on their website with interviews from those who have suffered tremendous losses at the hands of criminal illegal aliens.

An online newsletter, The Hill, provided numbers from a Harvard Harris Poll done exclusively for The Hill indicating 80% of voters say local law enforcement / authorities should be required to report to federal agents illegal immigrants they come in contact with. Additionally, 77% said they support comprehensive immigration reform.

In this survey, President Trump has the support for many of his campaign promises:

- 52% support construction of the southern border wall and 10,000 additional immigration officers while reducing federal funds for sanctuary cities. Some are struggling with the wall but it is unknown if it is the wall itself or the cost of the wall.
- 75% favor increasing the border patrol.

Huntington Beach City Council in a 6-1 vote has decided to sue the State of California over SB 54. It appears to be the first local government entity to take that step.

How Can Evangelicals Still Support Donald Trump?

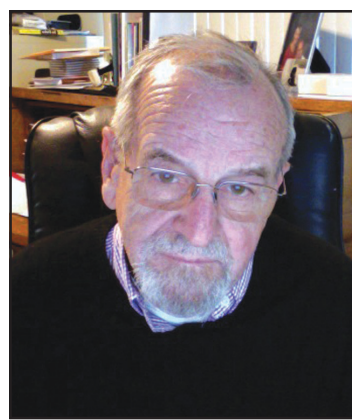
For some time I have been asking how serious Christians could continue to support Donald Trump. These have been honest inquiries, not just political ploys. Each week I receive a lively collection of responses to these columns, but in the two years of asking this question there has been no response-not even an angry one. There seems to be no backing away from Trump by the 81% of the Christian evangelicals who guaranteed his election.

Here are three excerpts from previous columns in which I addressed this concern.

My profound worry is that the conservative Christian community has made common cause with candidates whose position on the themes of Jesus' ministry-peace justice and equity-flows in the opposite direction. March 9/23/2016

My horror at the likely nomination of Donald Trump comes from his oft-repeated racism, super-nationalism, trust in enlarged wars, torture as a national policy, and the prostitution of Christian morality for the sake of political advantage. 3/23 2017

I ask the following of the evangelicals who voted for Trump and still support him. What part of the Trump agenda, policies, statements or tweets do you cite that, as a Christian, merits your allegiance? If you hold that there is no connection between authentic religion and the rest of life, and that religion, basically the Christian faith, is only about saving souls so that they



Charles H. Bayer

can be assured of heaven, that may be your honest religious commitment, but it has no relationship to any national issue or anything Trump says or does. 1/31/18.

Is the support of the vast majority of Christian evangelicals based on Trump's personal moral conduct? Is his treatment of women, for instance, consistent with conservative Christian values? Would you hold him before your children as a moral example they might emulate? In his own words--I moved on her like a bitch, but I couldn't get there, and she was married. Then all of a sudden I see her, she's now got the big phony tits and everything. I'm automatically attracted to beautiful [women]-I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything ... Grab them by the pussy. You can do anything. So much for women in light of that verbatim quote and recent disclosures suggesting that his actions parallel his "locker room" rhetoric.

What about his respect for

outsiders evidenced when he branded Haiti and African nations as "shitholes?" is there any relationship between this condemnation of entire cultures and Jesus' respect, love and compassion for the least and the last?

As Christians do you really believe in building walls and not bridges, or threatening to destroy any nation contesting our right to prosper in a hungry world? What part of Trump's agenda can be justified by citing the ethics of Jesus? Is it "America first," a wall on our southern border, the threat to remove health insurance from twenty-three million Americans, the calling of climate change a hoax, even as he seeks to dismantle every program to counter global warming, thus insuring the continued profitability of America's fossil fuel industries.

Or perhaps it is his suggestion that there needs to be a proliferation of firearms in America's classrooms, or another seventy billion dollars to beef up what is already the mightiest military system the world has ever known?

The question is not whether these positions are legitimately held by voters whose policies are shaped by a right-wing ideology, but how they can possibly reflect the dreams and the political posture of those who claim that their support of Trump flows from their Christian affirmation?

Setting aside matters of doctrine, the Christian faith becomes alive when its ethics are derived from Jesus' life and teachings.

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"TIME JOCKEY" - Independence, CA

By Joe Castillo

Law and Order... The Town of Independence, California is a small community which uses Highway 395 as its primary thoroughfare. Located on the Eastern side of the Sierra Nevada's it is home to the Inyo County courthouse which was built in 1921. It is the fourth county courthouse for Inyo County after the other three were destroyed by fire and earthquakes and is one of the only structures in Inyo County built with a Neoclassical Revival architectural style. The architect was William H. Weeks who designed it to last a lot longer than the first three courthouses with two solid floors, a basement, and four sturdy columns to support a front entrance façade which would rival any California courthouse built in the same era. The building sits on property which was deeded in 1868 by Thomas Edwards, the founder of Independence. The offices in the courthouse are a step back to the 1920's with high ceilings, tall windows, wooden file cabinets and a long wooden counter. Even the men's restroom is unlike the modern restrooms in place today with two four-foot high marble urinals which I was told are one of kind and are sought by tourists, historians and interest hunters alike. There are two court-

rooms in the building and are named surprisingly Department 1 and Department 2. Department 1 consists of a wooden interior with the judges bench, jury box and visitor section all defined with wooden folding chairs which provide spectators with a reason to leave early. A silver plated plaque of the Seal of California is installed behind the judge's seat adding a symbolic reference to the significance of any actions taking place inside the courtroom.

It was in Department 1 that Charles Manson and 24 of his followers were booked and jailed in 1969 for possession of stolen vehicles and property. Within days, Manson would be indicted in the Tate murders and transferred to Los Angeles' jurisdiction. His arrival at the Inyo County Courthouse was the beginning of the end for Charles Manson and his so called Family. The 1960's spurred what was known as the 'hippie' movement complete with open love, mind-altering drugs and a feeling of anti-establishment among young people throughout the United States. The movement and protests had started out as friendly and fun distractions but over time more violence was being introduced into activities associated with the populous movement.

Charles Manson took advantage of the naiveté and innocence of young people of the era and induced them to follow his misdirected vision of starting a race war. The Inyo County Courthouse was where the Manson threat began to unravel and was where I gained a more personal interest in the entire Manson investigation.

In 1969, we were on a camping trip to the Bishop area along the Eastern Sierras and passed through Independence while on Highway 395. We usually stopped for a burger and frosty and continued through the quiet, sleepy town but on this trip Los Angeles television vehicles and media personnel were camped out in front of the courthouse. Portable lights illuminated the parklike grounds with the courthouse standing out like a premiere movie opening in the dark desert nighttime. The suspects in the Tate-La Bianca murders had been caught and all of California was about to find out the real story of what started out in Inyo County...

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Kevin de León, How Do People Like This Get Elected?

Senator Kevin de León (D) is from the 24th Senate District. He drafted Senate Bill 54. This bill prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies, including school police and security departments from assisting the Federal Government to do their job when it comes to immigration. California has become a Sanctuary State which allow illegals to stay in the state without worrying about being arrested and/or deported. This bill apparently makes it okay to break the state and federal laws. As the result, President Trump has moved in the direction of pulling all federal funding from the State of California which will cost the state multi-billions of dollars. This is unreal.

How do people like this get elected? When he went on a campaign against gun owners to take their guns and to try and make a name for himself, he looked like an idiot. He held up a rifle and used it as a prop as an example and tried to explain what kind of rifle it was. All the information he disseminated about that weapon was not true. Everything from the capacity and the term "clip" can't be used in the weapon that he was swinging at a news conference. He should have educated himself before making himself look stupid and being a liar about giving out fake information.

When one is elected, they



George Ogden

That's just the way it is!

TAKE an OATH to protect the people and our constitution. He did just the opposite. Protecting our Constitution must mean nothing to him.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill that will allow hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to obtain a driver's licenses. Now, what does that do??? When you get a driver's license or renew it, you can now be able to register to vote... The California Latino Legislative Caucus, a group of Hispanic lawmakers, celebrated the signing of the law as a victory for young minorities in particular, who they said make up the bulk of the state's eligible unregistered voters.

Now what do we have? Illegals and undocumented people from other countries voting in California when they have no right to. Thanks to Brown and other traitor clones.

Let me give you a scenario of what could happen. An illegal felon commits another crime with a gun, drives a car, which he now has a California Driver's license and can also VOTE, runs from the police. He crashes his car into your car and kills some of your family members... your two kids and wife are now dead. The guy is arrested but serves a short time for manslaughter because "his jury of peers" will not convict him of murder... Yeah, he loses his license for a year after he gets out of jail... he doesn't have to worry about being deported, because California is a Sanctuary State. So what do you do??? Well, that is a stupid question, you hand him a gun and an election ballot and tell him to vote for his favorite Senator and Governor.

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Azusa Swears-In New City Manager

AZUSA - City of Azusa City Clerk, Jeffrey Lawrence Cornejo, Jr. (r.) administers the official oath of office to new Azusa City Manager, Sergio Gonzalez. As an experienced public administrator, Gonzalez brings over 15 years of local government experience at an executive level to the City. He comes to the City of Azusa from the City of Hermosa Beach where he was the city manager responsible for the day-to-day operations.



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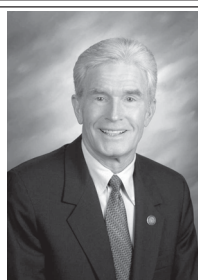
The stock market seems to be continuing to drive fear into the lives of investors as they contemplate the madness that is taking place around them. I suggest you turn off the talking heads and Internet "trollers" who are trying to drive you crazy with fear. Recently talk of trade war is dominating the media, creating a tremendously volatile market with huge swings in both directions amplifying a more reactive response from traders.

We don't really need to go back too far to remember a similar time when stock market technicians were spelling out the same type of gloom and doom. Stocks were at record highs in 2013, so pundits told us, "What goes up must come down," or, in a phrase that sounds profound, "Trees don't grow to the sky." But five years later, even after last week's decline, the S&P 500 is up 67% and NASDAQ is up 116%. During this nine-year bull market we've seen seven corrections of 9.8% or more, but we went two full years (February 2016 to January 2018) with no 5% downdrafts - which makes the volatility of the last two months seem unusual (even though it isn't).

I could go back 10 or 20 years to tell the same story about Y2K and various health scares from Avian Flu to Mad Cow Disease, but the basic reason these fears didn't pan out is that we took measures to prevent that which we fear. We don't like pain, so we take pains to avoid the pains we expect to suffer. We work hard to solve the problems we know about. That's why "that which we fear the most we are least likely to suffer." Translated: When the press is all over a subject it's hard

In A Nutshell

What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
Economic Analyst
& Former Glendora Mayor

to ignore addressing that subject.

Y2K did not turn out to be a problem because nearly every corporation spent plenty of time and money insuring that their software was Y2K-compliant. The various diseases never caught on because we have an excellent public health infrastructure which isolates cases in the early development of any new strain.

In markets, our fears often are self-correcting in that high prices of oil (or gold, or any other commodity) bring out more exploration, leading to more supply and an eventual decline in prices. A stock market that gets too low has washed out all of its big sellers so that it has nowhere to go but up. The same is true at market peaks: A euphoric market attracts all the buyers and has nobody left to push prices higher. That's why a bull market "climbs a wall of worry." As long as we're overly worried about everything, I feel just fine!

The Trump-administration-imposed China tariffs and the beginnings of the Chinese retaliation are dominating the fake news headlines and are certainly to blame for the sell-off in the stock market recently. Still, some traders say that the market was ripe for a retest of the February lows, as it was rebounding on weak volume, so it would have

found any excuse to sell off. If it weren't China tariffs, it would have been the Fed hiking interest rates.

The tariffs also pressured the Chinese stock market as the Chinese have more to lose from a trade war than the U.S. does. The U.S.-China trade deficit hit a record \$375.2 billion in 2017, up from \$347 billion in 2016. As of last month, the deficit was expanding at a record pace. In that regard, it is not surprising that the President is taking action which is right along the lines of his election campaign promises. In fact, Mr. Trump has been remarkably consistent with his policies, when comparing them to his election rhetoric. However, because of his chaotic style of management, this consistency has been lost on many political observers.

How badly this trade situation is going to get is actually difficult to say because the threat of tariffs is not the same as implementing those tariffs. The President does have a habit of making a lot of threats in order to put himself in a better negotiating position. I am not quite sure that trying to run national trade policy the same way he tended to negotiate with Trump Organization lenders is that great an idea, but I guess we will discover the economic repercussions of his trade frictions soon enough.

When no trade war develops this year or next year, don't expect an apology from the Prophets of Doom.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

We really want to buy a house, but it's going to take us years to save up for a 20-percent down payment. Do you have any suggestions?

It will come as a surprise to over half of the people wanting to pursue the American Dream of homeownership to learn that you do not need 20-percent down to buy a house. There are so many loan programs available, and so many rates, and so many rules about use of gifted money. Then there's mortgage insurance and lender-paid mortgage insurance, impounds (aka escrow account), and conventional loan limits for each county in each state. Banks offer a limited selection; mortgage brokers and loan originators/loan officers offer a much larger selection. Before you start looking for a home, make sure you are pre-approved. See below for a safe online link to apply for a home loan.

My investment broker says I should have a more diversified investment portfolio - small cap, mid-cap, large-cap, bonds. Is this right? What should I do?

Diversification is important in order to help protect yourself against losses. I'd encourage you to go beyond a diversified investment portfolio. Consider an investment strategy with a more diversified product portfolio. You probably already have a checking account for everyday expenses. You might have a savings account, CD, or money-market account for occasional, or emergency, expenses. But, do you have an IRA, or a Roth IRA? Do you have life insurance with living benefits like a cash value account?

Are there any exceptions to



Julia Yoder

taking money from my tax-deferred retirement account before I'm 59 1/2 without having to pay that 10% federal income tax penalty?

Although you will have to pay taxes on money taken from your tax-deferred retirement account, there are exceptions that negate the 10% penalty. If it's an employee-sponsored plan, you might be able to access funds if: you borrow some, you become disabled, you get substantially equal payments, you leave that employer, you need funds for medical care, you obtain a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or, you die (your beneficiary receives taxable funds). If your tax-deferred retirement account is an IRA, you might be able to access funds if: you become disabled, you get substantially equal payments, you have un-reimbursed medical expenses in excess of 10 percent of your adjusted gross income, for health insurance premiums if you are unemployed, or if you die (again, your beneficiary receives taxable funds).

How are Social Security benefits calculated, and is it better to start collecting at the youngest retirement age, or wait?

Your 35 highest-paid years in the workforce are used to calculate your Social Security benefits. There could be as much as an 8-percent annual increase in the amount you could receive for each year that you wait, up to age 70. Some take their chances that they will live long beyond what the chart for their life expectancy indicates, so they choose to start collecting earlier. There is a different set of rules for divorcees who are using their ex's income history to qualify for Social Security benefits.

I have a small business with 15 employees. I cannot afford to "match" the employee's contributions. Is there a good retirement plan for us?

Yes, and it's possible to make it look like you are "matching." By having each employee invest in an IRA within a specific type of annuity, the insurance company backing the annuity is willing to give a percentage bonus on money put into that annuity for a specific number of years. There are guidelines and limitations, and it's relatively easy to set up.

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Food Bank Program

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Participants must meet income guidelines to be eligible. 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. to 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the Center at (626) 914-8235.

Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

ARCADIA - San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists welcome you to our **April 19** Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, Ca. Palm Room. Judging at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Program is a Demo. of an Orchid Wiz product, to look up any orchid, to catalog your collection. Photos, illustrations, and references of hybrids, and species are listed by 9 continents, 51 regions and 334 botanical areas. Refreshments. Web site: www.sgvo.org.



THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

It's Kind Of Like That!

In many ways, our vehicle's health system is a lot like our human makeup! Seriously!

Clogged Filters - When your filter gets full of debris, it can't do its job. It is how a human with asthma must feel! Most of us know we need to change the filters in our homes but some might not realize that they also need to change the filter in their cars. In vehicles built in 2007 and later you will find 80 percent of them have a cabin air filter and its function is to protect drivers and their passengers from contaminants such as pollen, mold spores, dust and other small and annoying particles.

Sludge - This is similar to clogged arteries! It is actually a goeey, tar like substance that deposits itself inside your car's engine. One of the roles of motor oil is to keep your engine cool so it has to be able to take the heat...when it fails to do so these deposits form in the engine. Some vehicle's engines have more trouble than others due to poor design. Their passages are smaller and they actually bake the oil inside the engine.

Smoke - We all know by now how bad smoking is for human health. When your car has a smoking issue, it is literally tell-

ing you to pay attention...it needs help!

Black exhaust smoke means the engine is burning too much fuel. The first thing you should check is your air-filter and other intake components like sensors, fuel injectors and the fuel-pressure regulator.

Blue smoke is a clear sign that the engine is burning oil. What happens is that the valve guide seals or piston rings are worn out, and oil is leaking past from where it should be lubricating the moving parts, to the combustion chamber where it's being burned up with the fuel.

Gray smoke can mean that the car is burning oil or suffering from a bad turbocharger. It can also be an issue with your automatic transmission fluid getting burned up in the engine or could mean a stuck PCV valve.

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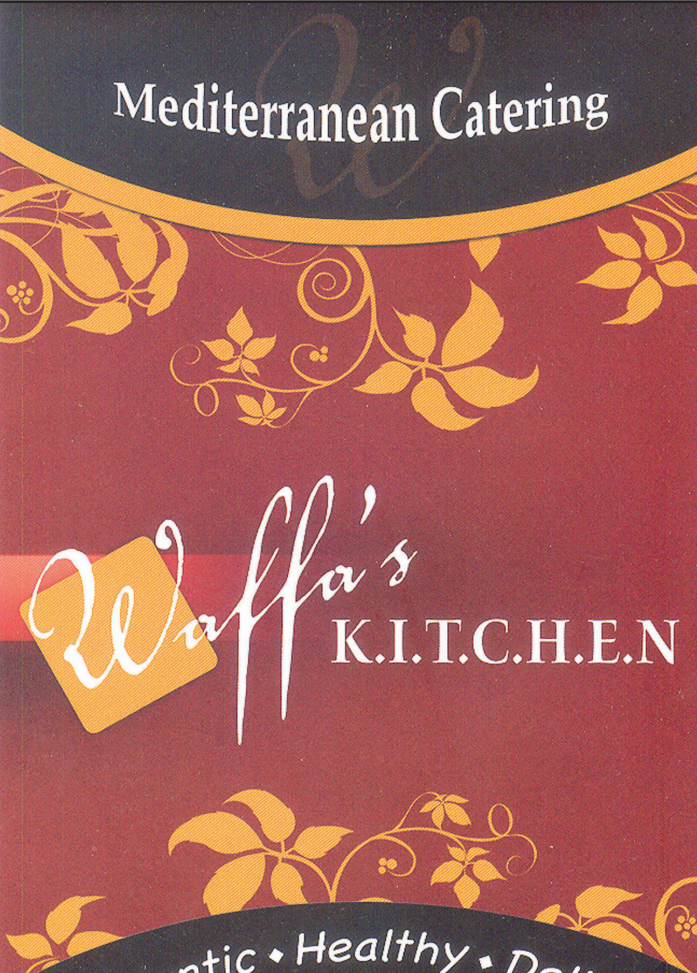
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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA

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ARCADIA

Spring Fling - An Evening in Paris

Bonjour! Grab your passport and spend an evening in "Paris" dining on French themed food, dancing to live music by Linda Herman, enjoying the photo booth, dessert bar, raffle and more! The Spring Fling will be held on Friday, **April 20** from 4:30-7pm at the Arcadia Community Center - 365 Campus Drive. Tickets are \$13 and are for sale now both online at arcadiaca.gov/recreation and in person at the Arcadia Community Center. Don't wait to purchase your ticket for an unforgettable evening in Paris.

Instructors Needed

Do you have a talent you want to share or have a love for teaching? The City of Arcadia is always looking for quality, dedicated instructors to offer a variety of programs to residents and surrounding communities. The best contract instructor candidates are individuals who combine a sincere interest in community service with a desire to supplement their existing income. Go to www.ArcadiaCA.gov/recreation for the Prospective Instructor Application or call the Recreation Office for more information.

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BALDWIN PARK

Income Tax Appointments

AARP is providing free tax assistance to the senior community 55 years of age or older. This service is available only on Thursday and appointment is necessary. To schedule an appointment, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and exercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am - 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

COVINA

Covina's T.E.A.M.

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department is looking for Covina teens who would like to help out and volunteer in their community. Join Covina's T.E.A.M. (Teens Endeavor to Accomplish More) and participate in service projects and community events each month. Attend a meeting for more information. Meetings held on Tuesday **April 10**, 6-7 p.m. at Cougar Park, 150 W. Puente Street. No preregistration required.

For more information, call (626) 384-5340.

Chalk Art Festival

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department and AutismHwy.com present the annual Covina Chalk Art Festival on Saturday, **April 14**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rainout date is April 21) Join us at Heritage Plaza Park (San Bernardino Rd. and Citrus Ave.) as artists from all over the area transform the cement into a bright and colorful museum. There will be a Kids' chalk area, vendors, food and more!

For more information, please call (626) 384-5340 or email parksandrecreation@covinaca.gov.

All proceeds benefit children and adults on the Autism Spectrum by providing opportunities for creativity and community inclusion.

Walk The Walk

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department offers "Walk the Walk." This is a casual walking experience where you can walk at your own pace, improve your heart's health, and meet new friends. Wear your walking shoes and bring water. The walk takes place on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

Medicare & Vitality Center

The City of Covina Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Inter Valley Health Plan, invites seniors to the Medicare & Vitality Center on Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Fridays, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Covina Senior Center (temporarily located at Lark Ellen Elementary School, 4555 N. Lark Ellen Ave., Covina). Obtain information on how to maintain your vitality and stay healthy. Vitality Center offers free screenings, informative

presentations, "Doc Talks" and refreshments. For reservations, call (800) 251-8191, ext. 625. For more information, call (626) 384-5380.

DUARTE

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.

Volunteering Does Your Heart Good!

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513.

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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.

Instructors Needed At The La Fetra Center

The City of Glendora's La Fetra Center is looking for new class instructors! We are seeking out instructors to teach the following: Cooking classes, Spanish lessons, and American Sign Language (ASL) classes. Share your talents with your peers! If you would like more information on teaching a class at the La Fetra Center please contact Jennelle Markel at (626)9148-8235, or please email jmarkel@ci.glendora.ca.us at

LA VERNE

Get About Transportation

Get About provides transportation for seniors aged 60+ and disabled residents of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. The door-to-door service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments, church, senior nutrition sites and many other locations within the four cities. The service operates seven days a week and membership is

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To Schedule a ride: (909) 596-5964

For more information, contact Abby Nuyda at 909.621.9900, Extension 228.

MONROVIA

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

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.

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Glendora Woman's Club Fashion Show, A Successful Fundraiser



(Photo by Rose Myers)

Some of the participants in the Fashion Show are the Rev Luff Johnson, Denise Turek, Pat Overstreet, Toni Barrett, Trudy Hite, Barbara Whitton, Gloria Aparicio, and Nada Fakhreddi; Carol Gill, Pam Drennan and Margaux Viera; Jean Willard and Loretta Robertson.

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman's Club's recent successful Fashion Show and Luncheon continues to help raise funds for the club's philanthropies and service projects, said Club President Chris Lear.

Some 125 guests attended this year's Fashion Show, with the theme "Journey to Hawaii," and viewed a collection of fashions from Dressbarn and Undercovers for spring and summer, special occasions, and at-home, said Fashion Show co-chairs Joy Martau and Carolyn Cunningham.

Helping to make the event a continuing success were the more than 30 clubmembers serving on the show committee, the patron sponsors, merchant donor, and member donors; the club four departments; and the platinum, gold, and silver sponsors.

Also acknowledged were the four local publications publishing the event, and the addition this year of the club's event banner on display across Glendora Avenue announcing the club's upcoming Fashion Show

For this year's Fashion Show, each guest received a Fashion Show Program booklet for 15 pages that included the listings of participants, sponsors, and programs. Also, one page listed some of the club's philanthropies and service projects that received donations and support from the club and its four departments.

And a "Special Thanks" to clubmembers and community residents for continuing to support and club, its projects, and activities through the years, said Club President Mrs. Lear.

For information about membership, service projects, or special events, call Patty at 909-929-0684; for information about renting the clubhouse or hall for an event or meeting, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130

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