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Citrus College Honors Outstanding Students During Annual Ceremony

GLENDORA - The stellar academic performances and community contributions of Citrus College's top students were celebrated during a recent event hosted on campus.

On May 31, over 100 students were honored during the 55th annual Citrus College Achievement Awards ceremony, which took place in the Haugh Performing Arts Center. The event recognized the success of students in the areas of academics, athletics and leadership.

"While the Citrus College student body is inspirational as a whole, the accomplishments of this distinct group of individuals are definitely deserving of applause and recognition," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. "Whether they have maintained an exceptional academic record, excelled on the athletic field or given back to the community, these individuals have left their mark on the college. We are confident that they will also make their mark on the world one day soon."

Among the recognitions presented during the ceremony were the Service Leader of the Year awards, which are granted to graduating students based on their academic achievement and volun-



Photo courtesy Citrus College.

The 2018 Citrus College Keys of Knowledge, which constitute the highest academic honors granted by the college, were awarded to Alexander Manuel Arauz, Joshua Estrella Felix, Duo Gao, Beaux Fernando Guajardo, Kevin Charles Murray, Providence Janelle Riggs, Julianne Naomi Elizabeth Rodriguez, Han Sheng, Juan Alberto Soto and Watts Lincoln Waddington.

Nominated and endorsed by coaches, the female and male recipients are selected for their overall performance as athletes as well as their academic records. The 2018 female Athletes of the Year are Marisol Chavez-Delgado from the women's basketball team and Hunter Olivier from the women's water polo and swimming teams, and the 2018 male Athlete of the Year is Jeremy Smith from the men's basketball team.

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"I was shocked that I was nominated for this award because

I know there are a lot of great athletes at Citrus College," Ms. Chavez-Delgado said. "I am humbled and blessed to be recognized in this way. It means so much to me!"

Distinguished Student awards were also presented during the ceremony. This special recognition is given to students whose high academic successes in a given program place them at the top of their class.

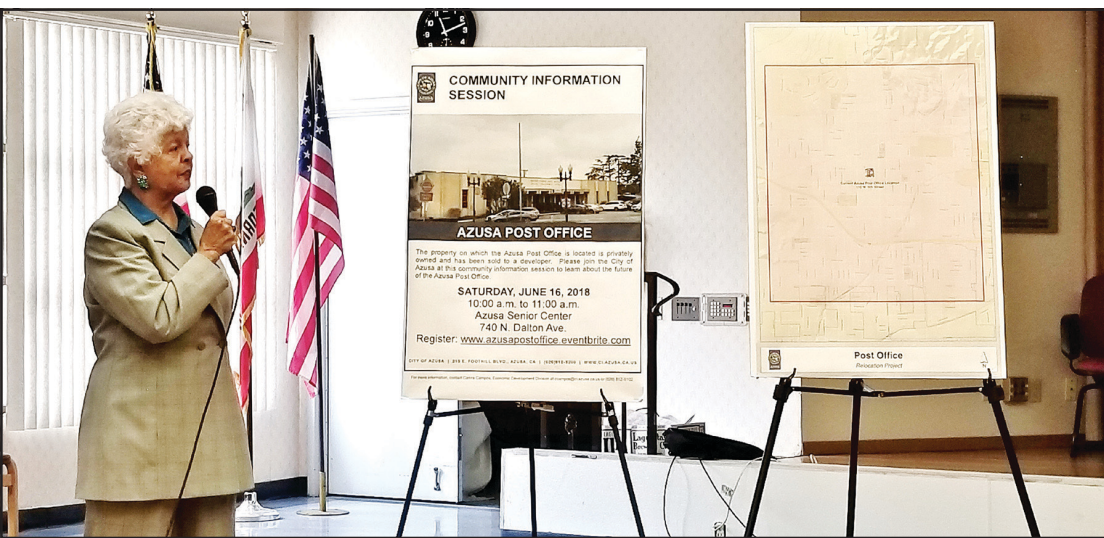
And, finally, the prestigious Key of Knowledge awards were presented. The highest academic

honor granted by Citrus College, Keys of Knowledge are presented to the 10 students who have achieved the college's highest overall academic performance. A committee of administrators and faculty review the transcripts of students with the highest GPAs to ensure that their coursework represents a rigorous combination of general education and major courses, a minimum of 34 units completed, and full-time enrollment for at least two of the last three semesters.

- This year's recipients were:
- * Alexander Manuel Arauz
 - * Joshua Estrella Felix
 - * Duo Gao
 - * Beaux Fernando Guajardo
 - * Kevin Charles Murray
 - * Providence Janelle Riggs
 - * Julianne Naomi Elizabeth Rodriguez
 - * Han Sheng
 - * Juan Alberto Soto
 - * Watts Lincoln Waddington

"On behalf of the entire Citrus College community, I congratulate each of this year's honorees," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "These remarkable students have achieved outstanding success both in and out of the classroom. We are proud of all they have accomplished and are confident that their achievements will multiply in the days and years ahead."

Potential Relocation Of Azusa-Main Post Office



Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano pledges full support to the Community of Azusa in keeping the doors open for the existing or a new location Post Office in the City of Azusa. She's addressing the community and at the same time to Postal Service personnel and City staff.

By Jorge V. Rosales

AZUSA - On Saturday, June 16, the City of Azusa hosted a one hour Community Meeting at the Azusa Senior Center to address some of the communities concerns relative to the potential closure of the Azusa Main Post Office, located at 110 West 6th Street, in Downtown Azusa. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from the community how the move would impact them.

Present at the meeting were Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, Dean Cameron Region 9-Postal Real Estate Specialist-Leasing team, Lisa Calderon, District Post Office Supervisor, Juanita Romero, Azusa main Post Office Supervisor, Mayor Joe Rocha, Council members Macias, Gonzales, and Alvarez, and Azusa City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. Congresswoman Napolitano has pledged to assist the City of Azusa in whatever she can do in her capacity to keep an adequate post office in Azusa as readily accessible to everyone as possible.

Mr. Cameron stated that "the reason the United States Postal Service is considering relocat-

ing the Azusa Post Office to a yet-to-be-determined location (if available to meet current needs) because the lease on the existing facility is due to expire in July of 2019 and the owner of the building and land has indicated that they have plans to redevelop the property at some point in the future. The boundary for the potential relocation is bounded by a square: north-Sierra Madre Ave.; south-Boulder St.; east-Citrus Ave.; and west-Todd Ave.

The relocation project consists of finding a suitable location, preparing it for use as the new Azusa Post Office, and transitioning the existing services to the new location. The first option is to duplicate the consolidated services as they currently exist to the new location (retail and operations). This first option requires a 77,000 square feet or 1.76 acres parcel of land with an 11,000 square feet building with no less than 77 parking spaces included in the parcel of land. A not so desired option to the Postmaster is the splitting of services that is the retail portion in one location and in another the operation services.

The City of Azusa is diligently working with the Postal Service in finding an adequate location for combined retail and operation services. There are two possible sites in which the City can assist the Postal Service relocate, one is the old D-Club site along Foothill Blvd. between San Gabriel Ave. and Todd Ave. and the other one is within the Edgewood Shopping Center on Gladstone St. between Pasadena and Azusa Avenues. At the same time the Postal Service is trying to get a 5-year lease extension at the current location on 6th Street in order to have more time to find a new facility, prepare it, and transitioning all services to the new location.

In addition to answering questions at the meeting, Postal Service staff, including Cameron, Calderon, and Romero, encouraged the community and officials to submit written comments, concerns, or additional questions within the next 30 days following the June 16 meeting to: Dean Cameron, Real Estate Specialist-Leasing Team, 1300 Evans Avenue, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94188-8200.

Pharmacy Robbed in Glendora, Suspects Arrested!

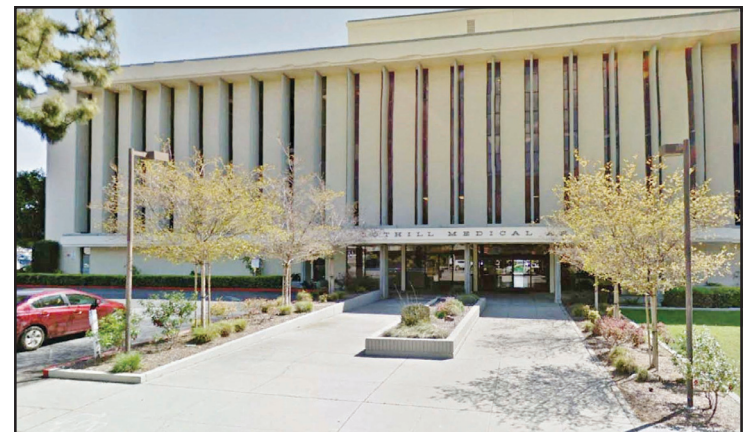
By George Ogden

GLENDORA - On Friday, June 15, just before 11:00 a.m., two men robbed the Sierra Pharmacy in the Foothill Medical Arts Building at 210 South Grand Avenue. The armed suspects took drugs and pills and fled the facility.

Someone from inside the pharmacy called the police while the robbery was taking place. It wasn't clear if it was an employee or a customer.

While the police were responding, the suspects fled in a white sport utility vehicle and responding officers spotted the vehicle heading north on Grand Ave. The officers tried to pull the vehicle over but it fled turning west on Foothill Blvd., at a high rate of speed. As the vehicle came to where Foothill Blvd. 'curves' into southbound Citrus, the driver lost control and hit the guardrail.

The suspects ran from the vehicle with one running through



Sierra Pharmacy inside Foothill Medical Arts Building was robbed of drugs by two armed men.

Citrus College and the other through the Azusa neighborhood.

Citrus College was quickly notified and they went on a "Lockdown" and notifying students and staff with a tweeted: "CAMPUS ALERT: Citrus College is currently under campus lockdown. Do not leave your buildings until all clear. This is not a drill."

Around noon time, the alert was lifted as both suspects were arrested. One was arrested on the

campus just outside the Student Services building. The other was found on Citrus Ave and was taken into custody.

Officers found the stolen drugs and recovered two handguns inside the SUV. Officers did not release the names of the suspects because of the ongoing investigation and they may be part of a gang and the two suspects may implicate others.

Both suspects are being held until their court dates.

Summer Concert & Movies in the Park

ARCADIA- Mark your calendar! The City of Arcadia's FREE 2018 summer concert and movie series is approaching fast, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun! The summer concerts and movies are now both on Thursday evenings. Concerts start at 6:30pm and movies at dusk on the west lawn between City Hall and the Police Department (240 West Huntington Drive). This is fun for the entire family! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening outdoors. There is also a FREE fun zone, featuring games, crafts, and activities each week. In addition, the City is pleased to announce we will be

having The Surfer Taco Food Truck at all of the events! Their menu includes a large variety of delicious items which are sure to fill you up and have you coming back for more! A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Recreation and Community Services Department! Please note parking is provided at City Hall and Santa Anita Race Track at Gate 5 only. For more information, please call 626.574.5113.

JUNE 28 - Cold Duck (70s top 40) AND Despicable ME 3 (PG) and Environmental Fair

Since its inception over two decades ago, Cold Duck's philosophy has been directly responsible for their continued suc-

cess: "Give the people what they want to hear and have a good time delivering it!" With this solid experienced musicianship, it should come as no surprise that Cold Duck is renowned for being one of the most versatile bands in existence. Cold Duck continues its tradition of excellent musicianship and groovin' rhythms. So let's have a good time dancing the night away!

Despicable ME 3 (PG)
The mischievous Minions are back! Together they reunite Gru with his long lost brother and team up to take down an evil man who seeks revenge against the world.



Tips to Stay Safe in Summer Weather



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Getting outdoors this summer? Keep in mind that weather patterns can be extreme at this time of year, introducing new safety hazards. Get weather-ready in the following ways.

Prepare for the Heat
When planning a day outdoors, most people pack items such as sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. However, summer heat can be dangerous if you're not prepared, so consider the following: make sure your vehicle's air conditioning is in good working order well before a trip, have a rain umbrella on hand to shield you from the sun, as well as frozen water bottles and instant cold packs that can help cool you down quickly. Lastly, make sure you have plenty of water on hand when traveling with pets, and be sure to keep them out of unattended cars where temperatures can quickly reach fatal levels.

Know What's Coming
Before heading to the pool or packing that picnic lunch, check the weather report to make smart decisions about where the day

will carry you. For 24/7 access to accurate weather information, you can keep the world's largest, fastest-growing and most trusted provider of weather forecasts and warnings at your fingertips with the AccuWeather app for your mobile device.

Available on iOS and Android, the app can help users prepare for intense heat, lightning, beach hazards and flooding prior to summer travel, events and activities. It also provides access to educational resources on the health impacts of different weather events, including safety tips and resources, personalized weather preparedness plans, detailed checklists and more.

Helpful year-round, the app can be particularly informative in summer, with its wealth of tips and resources on topics like avoiding rip tides, staying safe in extreme heat and preparing for tropical storms. To access these resources and download the app, visit AccuWeather.com/Ready.

Don't Be Bugged
Take precautions against bug

bites, particularly mosquitoes, which can be carriers of the Zika virus. Experts are warning that those located in or traveling to the southern United States should take precautions to guard against the disease, especially if you are already or planning on getting pregnant.

Be sure your backyard is drained of standing water. Use citronella candles to ward off bugs. Apply insect repellent on hikes and other times you're in buggy areas, and if possible, avoid skin exposure during dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.

If you're looking to travel this summer, check out AccuWeather's first-of-its-kind Mosquito Zika Risk Index in advance, which gives users an easy way to view the likelihood of mosquito infestations that could lead to greater risk of contracting the Zika virus within the contiguous U.S. This new interactive Index, available now on AccuWeather.com, as well as the AccuWeather app on iOS and Android, showcases a week-by-week risk index for the next seven weeks that can help you make more informed decisions to stay out of harm's way.

With a little preparation, you can make the most of the summer and your travel plans by dodging common weather risks and hazards. (StatePoint)

Duarte Kiwanis Provides Scholarships

DUARTE - Providing scholarships to Duarte High Seniors continues to be a focus for Duarte Kiwanis Club. This year Melissa Zaragoza, Annabelle

Bustillos, Saumya Gupta and Anthony Smith were our recipients. Congratulations and great work to these Falcons! Duarte Kiwanis Club is also

proud to present scholarships to Mt. Olive Graduates, Kimberly Garcia and Yosselin Gonzalez. Great Work Ladies!



Duarte Kiwanis Member, Lois Gaston, DHS Seniors, Melissa Zaragoza, Annabelle Bustillos, Saumya Gupta and Anthony Smith.



Pictured with the graduates are Duarte Kiwanis Members, Lois Gaston, Kay Biggs and Aida Torres.

Keep Kids Busy With A Summertime PLAYlist



Encourage your kids to express themselves with arts and crafts when school is out.

When school's out, it's up to parents and caregivers to keep kids busy. Instead of waiting to hear the dreaded "I'm bored," families can be prepared with fun activities to ensure children are playing and learning all vacation long.

According to experts at The Genius of PlayTM, a national movement to encourage more play in children's lives, research shows that play is not only critical to healthy child development—it's an important teaching tool. Through play, kids build physical skills, improve cognitive abilities, learn communication and social skills, process and express emotions, and increase creativity.

Meredith Sinclair, author and The Genius of Play Ambassador, suggests writing activities on popsicle sticks and placing them in a play jar to create a PLAYlist of fun ideas. Whenever children are bored or need inspiration, encourage them to select from the play jar to stir up their creativity.

To help get your PLAYlist started, Sinclair recommends the following activities:

- **Grow a garden**—A fun, educational way to let kids get dirty is by having them start their very own vegetable garden. They'll love planting the seeds to watch them grow. They'll also be learning a sense of responsibility and getting a confidence boost by

being proud of what has blossomed under their care.

- **Camping**—No need to go far. Gather all the camping essentials, such as flashlights, sleeping bags, s'more ingredients and a pop-up tent, head to the living room or the backyard and set up camp for the night.

- **Rock art**—Whether used as decorations or to leave kind messages around the neighborhood, rock art is a trendy and easy craft. Have kids collect rocks of various shapes and sizes, and once the rocks are clean, use acrylic paint to decorate them.

- **Make a movie**—Nurture your children's inner filmmakers by encouraging them to create their own movie using a smartphone/tablet, some of their toys to play the characters and crafts for scenery. Once the movie is finished, gather the family and some popcorn to have a viewing party and admire your children's creativity.

- **DIY T-shirts**—Have children play clothing designer for the day. Let them personalize a T-shirt with craft supplies such as tie-dye, puff paints, sequins, iron-on patches and anything else they might like.

More play ideas, expert advice and other play resources are available at TheGeniusOfPlay.org. Follow @GeniusOfPlay on Facebook and Instagram for even further play inspiration. (NAPSI)

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EBT Card System To Experience 24-Hour Shutdown June 23-24

Statewide and local efforts launched to disseminate information to EBT cardholders

LOS ANGELES – Due to a change in vendor operations, the state's Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) System will not be available for cardholders to make cash withdrawals or food purchases from 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, through 11:01 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, officials with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) announced this week.

DPSS is strongly urging EBT cardholders to withdraw the funds needed to purchase food prior to the 24-hour shutdown period to ensure that benefits are issued and made available to those who need it. DPSS customers use the state-issued card to receive CalFresh food assistance and cash benefits. For many in the county, CalFresh serves as the first line of defense against food insecurity.

In early June, the California

Department of Social Services will send notices throughout the state to EBT cardholders, informing them that Florida-based Fidelity Information Services (FIS) will replace Conduent (formerly Xerox) as the EBT card services operator.

The decision to switch was made to improve the current card system, offering more surcharge-free ATMs and point-of-sale markets to utilize EBT benefits. FIS has also committed to providing free, unlimited in-network cash withdrawals and balance inquiries.

Locally, DPSS has initiated a community outreach plan to broaden the dissemination of information needed to minimize any impacts the changeover will have on customers during the 24-hour down period. The department is currently using its main website, social media platforms and outreach to local media outlets to inform and prepare cardholders for the shutdown.

For additional information, DPSS customers are urged to call its Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777.

La Verne's Summer Concerts in the Park

LA VERNE - The La Verne Heritage Foundation and the City of La Verne are proud to announce this year's lineup for Summer Concerts in the Park. We have jointly hosted these great free Summer Concerts for over 20 years at the beautiful historic Heritage Park. Mark your calendars to enjoy the evening with your family and friends. Come with your own blankets and/or lawn chairs to listen to the wonderful music while relaxing in the warm, balmy, summer nights.

Bring your appetites and support our food truck vendors. Great raffle prizes are also a part of the fun. Check out the

website at www.lavemeheritage.org or call (909) 293-9005 for more information.

Concert will begin at 6:30 PM on Sundays. All concerts are held at Heritage Park, 5001 Via De Mansion, east of Wheeler and north of Baseline. The entire line-up features the following:

- Sunday, July 01 - Hard Days Night (Beatles Tribute)
- Sunday, July 15 - J.T.D. Motown Band (Motown)
- Sunday, July 29 - RCR Band (Rock and Rockabilly)
- Sunday, August 12 - The Answer (Classic Rock)

LA County Library Awarded \$5 Million in Funding to Upgrade Wireless Technology at Its 87 Library Locations

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - Public computers and Wi-Fi access are among the most used library resources in LA County, but internet connection has been slow with an average speed of 10 to 20 MB per second. But that's going to change. LA County Library has been awarded approximately \$5 million through the Federal Communications Commission's E-Rate Program. The funding will be used to improve internet connectivity and network speed throughout LA County Library locations.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) implemented the Schools and Libraries Program (commonly referred to as E-Rate) in 1996. It provides funding to eligible schools and libraries for broadband and internet services. The funding will allow libraries to connect to the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a high-capacity network that serves the vast majority of research and education institutions in the state. CalREN is operated by the non-profit Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), and will deliver faster, more reliable wireless access to library customers, helping to close the technology gap and re-

move barriers to access.

LA County Library's service area covers a vast socioeconomic landscape. In a County where rent control continues to drop while housing costs rise, many lower income communities cannot afford the added luxury of internet access in their homes. This digital divide has adverse effects—students lacking access to digital educational materials from home may fall behind in school, while residents lacking access to general information may struggle to improve their lives.

"Because a large percentage of our customers come to the library for Wi-Fi and computer access, increasing the quality of our technology is essential to removing digital barriers and improving the Library as the center for learning for our customers, one of our strategic priorities" said LA County Library Director, Skye Patrick.

"Our current network quality is not at the level that our customers expect or deserve. This grant will allow us to upgrade our infrastructure to provide a high-speed internet connection, enabling our customers to learn and explore at a much faster pace,

while hopefully also attracting more foot traffic to the Library," Patrick added.

LA County Library has experienced an overwhelming increase in online resource usage within the last year—in addition to facilitating over 1.72 million Wi-Fi sessions and 1.8 million public computer sessions, there was a 19 percent increase in OverDrive eBook and audiobook circulation, a 12 percent increase in digital magazine circulation, a 63 percent increase in Hoopla music and movie streaming, and a 85 percent increase in Lynda.com usage. The Library expects these upward trends to continue.

In an attempt to meet customer needs, LA County Library has already increased the number of computers at many locations throughout the past year, and worked toward simplifying the Wi-Fi log-in process. However, due to slow network connectivity, customers prefer to use other Wi-Fi hotspots to get better network service. The Library plans to offer speeds of up to 1 GB per second with the E-Rate funding.

The network installation project is phased for implementation in 2018.

"Time Jockey" - Treaty Of 1851 Part 2

By Joe Castillo

Give Away... The Treaty of 1851 included the establishment of 18 different regions within California. Treaties were negotiated with tribes within each of the regions in order to establish reservations to house all the Indians in each region in exchange for the Indian tribes to give up all claims to their ancestral lands. Treaty D of the Treaty of 1851 was known as the "Treaty with the Castake, Texon, etc. tribes". This was supposed to include all the tribes of Southern California which is what the "etc" term referenced. In spite of the loss of many Native Americans from the Spanish exploitation and abuses starting in 1771, the number of tribes and Indians living in Southern California were still substantial.

Treaty commissioners were appointed in each of the 18 regions and in Region D the Commissioner was named George W. Barbour with Edward Beale appointed to administer the reservation which would become the new home of the Southern California Indians. Region D covered a wide expanse of land in Southern California, from Santa Maria to Santa Barbara, to Los Angeles and Long Beach. Eastward the area extended into the Mojave Desert to a point between Las Vegas and Barstow. The new reservation would be known as Tejon Reservation and covered nearly 300,000 acres from Fort Tejon north toward Bakersfield and Tehachapi.

There were eleven tribes which signed the treaty: Castake, Texon, San Imirio, Uvas, Carises, Buena Vista, Senahuow, Holocalme, Sohonuts, Tocia and Holmiuh. None of these tribes were the more familiar Southern California tribes like Gabrielino, Fernandino, Tataviam, Kizh, Pala, Morongo or Pechanga but these were 'virtually' included under the reference of 'etc.'. It was a crazy

way of negotiating a treaty with a tribal representative from Ventura being able to sign away land belonging to a tribe located near Barstow. But this is how the United States negotiated with the Native Americans of Southern California. The United States Senate never ratified the treaties; as a matter of fact the U.S. did not ratify any treaty with any Indian tribe from California. Giving up land was not something the U.S. government wanted to do and after the 18 treaties were negotiated and signed, the Secretary of the Senate placed the actual documents in a locked cabinet where it remained for the next 53 years.

When the documents were unsealed in 1905, the treatment of Native Americans had become a political issue but in 1851-52, California was experiencing a strong case of gold fever. Prospectors were pouring into Northern California in numbers never seen before. The California Legislature did not want to deal with issues of immigration and Native Americans and tried to move all the Indians from Southern California who signed the treaties to

the Tejon Indian Reservation. Edward Beale was appointed the only Indian Commissioner to oversee all of the Indian reservations in California. But Beale had other ideas and he pushed for the U.S. Government to patent the old Mexican land title to Rancho El Tejon. A new patent was issued in 1863 and it allowed Beale to change the status of the Indians living on the Tejon reservation to that of 'squatters'. Shortly afterward, the Indians were forcibly removed and were left to fend for themselves. With no Indians left on the reservation, Beale purchased the 300,000 acre Tejon Reservation for \$21,000. Today, Tejon Ranch still exists along the Golden State Freeway but there is still no Indian reservation in the Los Angeles area. The Treaty of 1851 was just another broken promise by the U.S. government...

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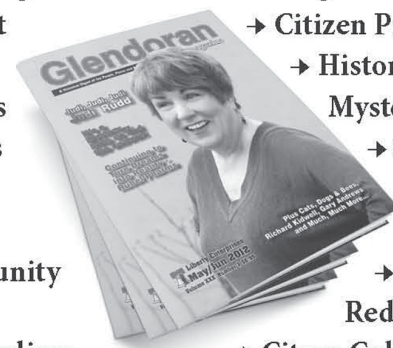


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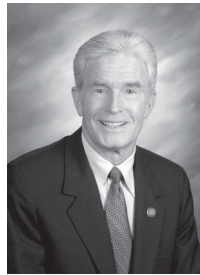
The U.S. Central Bank on Wednesday raised interest rates for a second time this year and projected two more rate hikes in the second half of 2018. It said the labor market "continued to strengthen" and that job gains have been "strong". The FOMC appears to be a little more eager to raise rates than it was in March. Because the balance between those favoring three hikes and those favoring four in 2018 was very close, just a little more "eager" tips the balance to hikes in both September and December. The FOMC 2019 forecast also rose, but only by a quarter point, so that the median still favors two hikes next year, after probably four in 2018.

Fed economic projections for this year also show a little more strength: GDP was revised from 2.7% to 2.8%. The unemployment rate was revised from 3.8% to 3.6%. PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure) inflation was revised from 1.9% to 2.1%. Core PCE inflation was revised from 1.9% to 2.0%. 2019 and 2020 economic projections were unrevised, except for the unemployment rate, revised from 3.6% to 3.5% in both years, and headline inflation revised from 2.0% to 2.1% in 2019.

Layoffs have remained very low amid signs of growing worker shortages across all sectors of the economy. There were a record 6.7 million job openings in April. The number of unemployed people per vacancy slipped to 0.9 from 1.0 in March, indicating that all job qualified people looking for a job are likely to find one.

The labor market is considered to be close to or at full employ-

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



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ment, with the jobless rate at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent. The unemployment rate has dropped by three-tenths of a percentage point this year. It is near the Federal Reserve's forecast of 3.6 percent for the end of this year.

The best Q&A exchange followed a question from a Bloomberg TV reporter who asked how the Fed thinks it can increase the unemployment rate from 3.5% to a higher natural rate (previously assumed to be approximately 4.5%) by hiking just a couple of times (past the rate it thinks is the long run neutral funds rate).

Chairman Powell indicated the Fed is still trying to figure out where the natural rate of unemployment (formerly known as the NAIRU) is. If inflation does not take off with a lower unemployment rate, then the Fed will allow it to stay low. If inflation starts to push higher, the Fed will do what it must to keep it contained.

Most improvements in living standards come from productivity. Productivity comes from innovation. Companies invest in innovation only when it is cheaper than adding additional workers. Hence, the only way we will ever experience faster late-cycle productivity is if the Fed allows

the job market to tighten. It is an accident the unemployment rate has fallen as much as it has. As John Williams made clear, the FOMC would have preferred to stabilize unemployment at 4.5% and wait to see if productivity would have accelerated, which it likely would not have because it would not have been necessary. But it does not matter now. The productivity experiment is underway regardless of the FOMC's intentions.

It is heartening to hear Chairman Powell admit that the 4.5% long-run unemployment rate in the SEP (Strategic Economic Plan) was an estimate, and a fairly uninformed one at that. The committee is not wed to it. The Fed still thinks there is a NAIRU (non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment), but Powell was willing to concede it could be a lot lower than the SEP median.

This could be one of the hardest strategies to understand. The Fed always wants to stimulate economic growth, but at the same time does not want growth to create "run-away" inflation. Inflation is the Fed's worst enemy, the second is recession, and it is the Fed's job to contain both extremes (inflation and recession). In-other-words, the Fed wants a balanced economic environment; and, the Fed's best tool in containing stimulus or creating stimulus is through monetary policy - interest rate manipulation.

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Your Money - Ask Julia

A telemarketer called me and convinced me to make an appointment with a representative about my finances. I'm 69 years old, and would have saved us both time if I'd known that what he really wanted to do was sell me some life insurance. Isn't there some way to protect us seniors from salespeople like this?

California Insurance Code, section 798.8 requires a written advance notice to any person, age 65 or older, when offering to sell a life insurance or annuity product. There's also a Medi-Cal disclosure requirement. That salesperson broke the law and could be reported. On the other hand, if you called an insurance agent and requested an appointment to discuss finances, an advance notice would not be required.

Is there a way to have good retirement income and still keep my taxes low?

Depending on your personal, individual circumstances, you might be able to put your money into a couple of different safe investments that are tax-advantaged. You should learn about different places to put your money based on it being taxed now, taxed later, or never taxed again. Some of these investments involve life insurance; others involve fixed, or fixed-indexed annuities. You'll need to take a look at what you have now, think about what you want your money to do for you, and then make a plan to best suit your needs and desires.

What are the costs involved



Julia Yoder
in selling our house and buying another?

Ask a Realtor for an Estimated Net Sheet. As the title infers, it is an estimate of what you will net from the sale of your home. A realtor, or a loan originator could give you a similar document with the estimated cost of buying another property. The Estimated Net Sheet shows the math to figure out the costs of paying off your current mortgage, Realtors fees, Title, Escrow, repairs, and other costs involved in selling. As a buyer, the math will include your down payment, loan fees, tax and/or insurance im-

pounds (sometimes optional), appraisal, inspections, Title and Escrow fees, etc. Since you have purchased before, you're more familiar with those costs. Nowadays, when submitting an offer on a property, you are almost always required to include a pre-approval letter, (not just a pre-qualification letter), and/or proof of funds.

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grandchildren. Is now the right time to sell?

Now is a great time to sell. It's currently a "seller's" market. Homes priced below \$400,000 are being snapped up, many with multiple offers. Homes priced above \$400,000 take a little longer to sell. Right now there are more buyers than sellers. Buyers are anxious to take advantage of the still-low mortgage interest rates, but there's a shortage of homes for them to buy. With this supply-and-demand scenario, housing prices have been driven up. If you'd like me to recommend a Realtor, let me know.

What is a Lease-Option?

A Lease Option is also known as a Lease with Option to Purchase. It is a lease containing an option which gives the lessee (the tenant) the right to purchase the property. The price and terms of that purchase must be stated in the lease option for the option to be valid.

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Higher Salaries and More Jobs May be Coming for U.S. Workers

Small and mid-size business owners are feeling more optimistic than they have for a long time, suggests a new survey, and experts say this could mean positive things for the overall economy -- including for workers' salaries and job-seekers' prospects.

According to the PNC Economic Outlook, optimism is running at historic highs in all categories that the semiannual survey of small and medium-size business owners evaluates. This is reflected by the 85 percent of respondents who selected a positive emotion to describe how they feel about the business climate during the next six months, (from the time of the survey): hope (39 percent), enthusiasm (37 percent) and joy (9 percent).

The survey also points to some good news for the American workforce: 49 percent of business leaders anticipate increasing their employee compensation in the next six months and 32 percent expect to add full-time staff. However, four out of 10 respondents say it's harder to hire qualified



employees today compared to six months ago, with the biggest challenge being lack of experience or skill.

"Small businesses are a key source of economic activity and employment, and owners' perceptions can be a good indica-

tor of what's to come," says Gus Faucher, chief economist of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. "Our overall findings confirm that U.S. economic expansion will likely continue throughout 2018." (StatePoint)

THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

Goodbye Spare Tire?

Remember when cars had a full size spare tire? Then they went to the small temporary spare tire called the donut. Now, in order to save weight, many manufacturers are doing away with the spare tire altogether on certain models. Certainly, less weight increases gas mileage. It is also easier and less expensive to shed weight from a car, than to introduce technology to save fuel. This year about 14 percent of new model cars in the United States have no spare tire.

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

fix kit instead.

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

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

Manufacturers have been mandated by the Corporate Average

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

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Legally Blonde The Musical



By Patrick Murphy

CLAREMONT - This fun and entertaining musical has the premise of what happens when a fashion-obsessed sorority girl, Elle Woods, is accepted into prestigious Harvard Law

School. Upon arrival, clutching her little chihuahua, Bruiser, she is mercilessly mocked for her pink fashionista outfits and ditz style. She has followed her college crush, Warner, attempting to prove to him that she is not just another dumb blonde.

The play opens with the Delta Nu sorority girls breaking into song. They are celebrating Elle's impending engagement to Warner. The set is pink, and bright, and pink, and impressive, and pink.... oh, and very, very pink. Barbie's fun house come to life. Perfect for this fun frolic of a musical. Even if you are not a fan of pink, you will be a fan of this musical.

Callandra Olivia has excellent stage presence and such a fine voice that Reese Witherspoon would be envious. You will find that this is not just a play which has juxtaposed songs. It is a true musical with each successive number advancing the story. There is a plethora of dancing, singing, and witty dialogue interspersed between the songs.

A few of the catchy tunes include: "Omgod You Guys", "Blood in the Water", "Ireland", "Serious", "Whipped into Shape" and "Bend and Snap".

I know you are wondering, "So does Elle win the heart of Warner?" Well, no spoilers here. You will have to head to the Candlelight Pavilion for an enjoyable evening, or matinee, and find out for yourself.

Legally Blonde The Musical. Music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin. Book by Heather Hach. Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Motion Picture. Directed by Chuck Ketter. Choreographed by Amanda Brown. Music direction by Rod Bagheri. Starring Callandra Olivia as Elle Woods, Matthew Malecki as her erstwhile boyfriend Warner, Jordan Killion as Emmett and Ron Hastings as Professor Callahan.

Theatre: Candlelight Pavilion. 455 W Foothill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711

Audience: Rated PG-13
Schedule: 06/08/2018 - 07/14/2018. Wednesday at 2pm and 8pm, Thursday and Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm and 8pm, Sunday at 2pm and 7pm.

Ticket prices: Thursday-Sunday Evenings: \$69- \$78/person. Saturday and Sunday Matinees: \$63-\$70/person. Tickets include meal and show.

Tickets: 909.626.1254 ext.1.

Methodist Hospital Offers Free Heart Lecture

ARCADIA - The American Heart Association reports that more than 2.7 million Americans are living with a serious condition called Atrial Fibrillation, also known as AFib, which is a quivering or irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) that can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart-

related complications.

The Good News: AFib is treatable. You're invited to a FREE lecture with board certified cardiologist Jesus Vazquez, MD, who will address the signs, symptoms, treatments and prevention techniques for AFib. The free lecture will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 23 at Methodist Hospital of Southern California, 300 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

Space is limited: Please RSVP via our community calendar at www.methodisthospital.org/ lecture or call 626-821-2389.

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San Gabriel Unified Student Selected for Junior Honor Orchestra, to Perform at Carnegie Hall

SAN GABRIEL - Budding cellist Melanie Hsiang will receive the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall on June 23 as part of the Honors Junior Orchestra, which brings together exceptional young musicians from across the world to perform as an ensemble under a master conductor.

Hsiang, who will begin ninth grade at Gabrielino High in the fall, became interested in music during a pre-band course when she was in fifth grade. She discovered the cello at Jefferson Middle School in sixth grade and began private lessons shortly after.

"I love the feeling of freedom and expression that playing the cello gives me," Hsiang said. "When I first started playing, I didn't think I was anything special, but I've worked hard and have had teachers who believed in me along the way. This opportunity feels unreal, and I'm honored to be part of it."

The Honors Junior Orchestra is one of several ensembles that will perform in the 2018 Honors Performance Series. Presented by WorldStrides OnStage programs, the series invites middle- and high-school vocal and instrumental musicians to perform at celebrated concert venues, such as Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

Students must be nominated by a teacher to audition; Hsiang was first nominated as an incoming sixth-grader by Rachel Chew, SGUSD's fifth-grade strings teacher and Jefferson's choir director. Hsiang decided not to apply as a sixth-grader,



Melanie Hsiang, a soon-to-be freshman at Gabrielino High, will have the opportunity to play the cello at Carnegie Hall on June 23 as part of the Honors Junior Orchestra.

opting instead to practice for two years until she knew she was ready.

"Melanie is incredibly talented, and I am so proud of her for pursuing this opportunity to become an even better musician," Jefferson orchestra teacher Esther Minway said. "I hope that all my students realize the joy music can bring to their lives and are empowered to continue developing their talents as well."

Hsiang and her fellow musicians were given seven pieces of music to learn over the course of six weeks. The students will rehearse as an ensemble - under the direction of conductor Curt Ebersole - five

times before performing on June 23.

While in New York, participating students will also have the opportunity to see a Broadway show and visit the city's famous landmarks before enjoying a post-performance celebration in Times Square.

"The arts are a cornerstone of education in San Gabriel Unified, and we are proud to see students like Melanie Hsiang go above and beyond to pursue advanced learning opportunities," SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. "Congratulations to Melanie on her well-deserved place in the Honors Junior Orchestra."

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Now Playing: Summer Movie Nights in Your Own Backyard



Creating a drive-in theater in your backyard is easier than you think. With the right equipment, and some planning, the most difficult step will be picking out the movie.

Looking for a way to get the most out of your summer evenings? Make it a night at the drive-in at home! With the right equipment and planning, you can easily enjoy your favorite movies under the stars, right in your own backyard. Here are a few simple steps for bringing your new favorite tradition to life.

The Setup

Designing your outdoor screening space is a simple process. To begin, determine where your screen should be placed. You will want your screen positioned where there is minimal light once the house lights are off and the sun has set. There should be ample space for guest seating, and room for the projector's image throw distance. For optimal image quality, your projector should be elevated.

For seating, an assortment of lawn chairs, floor chairs, outdoor ottomans and outdoor rugs will accommodate preferences for guests of all ages.

Since you will be limiting ambient light as much as possible, keeping pathways lit for safety purposes is a sensible exception. Solar LED pathway lights are a tasteful accent that will keep guests safe around tripping hazards.

The Basics

Select the right projector. Since outdoor settings include a number of light sources that are not always within your control, such as street lights and moonlight, choosing a projector with the right lumen level for your space is critical for clear image projection. As a rule, the more ambient light in your backyard, the higher you will want your projector's lumen level to be.

The second component to consider is sound. No home theater system is complete without quality sound, and your outdoor screening experience is no exception. Your guests will appreciate an audio source with enough output to cut through ambient

noise.

For simplicity and convenience, consider an all-in-one outdoor movie theater kit, such as the one offered by Improvements, which is Wi-Fi enabled and features everything your backyard home theater needs, including a 1,200 lumen projector with 800x480 DPI, Bluetooth speaker and a 90-inch screen.

The Extra Details

Since you'll most likely be waiting for the sun to set before starting the movie, get creative with activities for both kids and adults to pass the time. It's a smart step to spray the area for bugs before guests arrive, and keep additional pest control solutions on hand.

Hosting an outdoor movie party is a fun opportunity to put a twist on movie theater snacks, especially ideas that can be prepared in advance. However, fresh popcorn is an absolute must. (StatePoint)



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