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Community Gathers to Honor Veterans at Citrus College Ceremony

GLENDORA - On November 8, Citrus College hosted the 12th annual Saluting Our Veterans ceremony in partnership with Azusa Pacific University (APU) and the cities of Azusa and Glendora. This event, held every year during the week of Veterans Day, is set aside to thank all those who served honorably in the military, in both war and peacetime.

The celebration continued the college's long history of recognizing veterans within the community. Open to the public, the event was attended by the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees; Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.; dignitaries from APU; mayors and councilmembers from Azusa and Glendora; California State Senator Anthony Portantino; and California State Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio. Additionally, representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Judy Chu; U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano; California State Senator Ed Hernandez; California State Assemblymember Chris Holden; Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis



Two members of the Valley Veterans Memorial Team participate in a flag-folding ceremony at the 2017 Saluting Our Veterans event at Citrus College on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.

were in attendance.

"At Citrus College, we are committed to recognizing both student veterans and veterans from the community. Thank you for your service, courage and commitment to our country," said Dr. Perri. "Citrus College's culture of support has resulted in wonderful outcomes, and our stu-

dent veterans continue to make us proud. At the end of the last academic year, 102 student veterans received certificates or associate degrees or transferred to four-year colleges and universities."

The ceremony began at 11 a.m. on the Campus Center Mall with a prelude of patriotic music performed by the Gladstone High School marching band. Following the performance, the APU Army Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors, while Citrus Singers Christian Blass, Israel Lacy and Christian Pineda performed the national

anthem. APU Chaplain Col. Rick Givens led the crowd in a moment of silence for fallen veterans, and the Valley Veterans Memorial Team conducted a flag-folding ceremony accompanied by a three-volley salute.

Dr. Martha McDonald, the vice president of Student Services at Citrus College and a Marine, introduced four veteran honorees: U.S. Army Capt. Christopher R. Abalo, Glendora's honoree; U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Edward Alvarez, Azusa's honoree; U.S. Navy Seaman Walter Seegers, Citrus College's honoree; and U.S. Navy Capt. Janet

E. Wessels, APU's honoree.

Capt. Abalo's mother, Patty Abalo, is a teacher at Powell Elementary School in Azusa. She, along with her entire fourth grade class and Powell Principal Jennifer Wiebe, walked to Citrus College in order to attend the ceremony and pay tribute to her son.

U.S. Army veteran Celia Alvarado, a former Citrus College student and current APU student, and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Martin Hernandez Barajas, a current Citrus College and APU student, shared their stories of success with the audience. The event concluded with Citrus College's musical group Night Shift performing "God Bless the USA."

"Hearing the stories of our student veterans was humbling and powerful," said Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "I am proud that Citrus College prioritizes this special ceremony, and I am confident that the college community will continue to honor its veterans and seek new ways to support their success."

Citrus College is a committed advocate for veterans, and its Veterans Success Center is dedicated to serving student veterans and their families by facilitating the transition from military to civilian life, and providing ongoing support as they achieve their academic, career and life goals.

Photo courtesy Citrus College.

Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket Program



GHS PAL students helping to load donated food

GLENDORA - For the past 61 years Glendora Community Coordinating Council's Holiday Basket program has assisted Glendora families in need by providing a box of food for Thanksgiving. This program would not be possible without the generous support and contributions by our

community. We received help in monetary donations, nonperishable food contributions from each Glendora school and from drop off boxes placed throughout Glendora and volunteer help with sorting and packing. This year our community's efforts allowed us to feed 237 needy fami-

lies. The food left over once the 237 boxes were filled was donated to Shepherd's Pantry and the Veterans Association at Citrus College. Glendora Community Coordinating Council would like to thank EVERYONE for their help and support in making this a very successful 61st year.

Gabrielino High Students Named National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars



Gabrielino High School seniors Alina Zarate, Andreas Bouffard and Felipe Acosta are among the 5,000 Hispanic/Latino students to be named 2018 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. Zarate, Bouffard and Acosta were selected from a pool of 250,000 students who took the PSAT in 2016.

SAN GABRIEL - Three Gabrielino High School seniors were recognized by the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) for their performance on the PSAT, placing them among the top 2.5 percent of Hispanic and Latino students in their region.

Alina Zarate, Andreas Bouffard and Felipe Acosta are among the 5,000 Hispanic/Latino students to be named NHRP Scholars and were selected from a pool of 250,000 students who took the PSAT in 2016.

"We are very proud of Alina, Andreas and Nathan for their recognition as National Hispanic Recognition Program scholars," Gabrielino High Principal Sharron Heinrich said. "Gabrielino students are highly motivated to succeed in and out of the classroom, and we are thrilled to see our students honored for their accomplishments."

Alina Zarate, who takes

classes at Pasadena City College in her free time, hopes to study abroad in Italy next year before returning home and majoring in Spanish and science.

Andreas Bouffard hopes to pursue a degree and career in engineering and science, interests that developed from watching his father's work as an aerospace engineer. He is a member of Gabrielino's speech and debate team and a four-year member of the Mathematics, Science, Engineering Achievement (MESA) club.

"It's an honor to be able to represent Hispanic students and to be recognized for my academic efforts," Bouffard said. "I have already received scholarship offers because of this recognition and am very grateful."

Felipe Acosta plans to go to medical school and pursue a career in oncology or neurology. Acosta, who has always been fascinated by biology, explored these interests through the UC

Irvine School of Medicine's summer pre-med program.

The NHRP was initiated in 1983 by the College Board to honor outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students and identify them for colleges and universities.

To be eligible, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino, have taken the PSAT in October 2016 and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the middle of their junior year. Students must also achieve the minimum required PSAT Selection Index score, which varies by state, territory and region each year.

"These scholars represent the caliber of Gabrielino High School and the District as a whole," SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. "We commend them for their dedication to academic excellence and congratulate them on their national recognition."

Toast To The Best Club

SAN DIMAS - The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7 PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead? Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let them help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere.

On November 16th, Toast To The Best meeting theme was Veterans Day.

Idaly Acosta, ACS won best speaker and Art Douglas, DTM won best Table Topics.

On December 7th, they will have their next regular meeting. Pearl Harbor will be the Theme. They will have several speakers, so don't miss it.



Idaly Acosta, ACS (best speaker), Art Douglas, DTM (best Table Topics) presented by vote counter & new member Maria Del Carmen

Since November 30th is the 5th Thursday of the month they will hold a "Speakathon" to give attendees the chance to catch up on their speeches. So it will be speeches and evaluations only.

Come sharpen your communication skills.

You can stop by to meet with

them at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave (Between Walnut & San Dimas canyon Rd) San Dimas. Contact is Art Douglas, DTM, VP of Membership of Toast To The Best (951) 505-0555.

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Hate Crimes In Los Angeles County Remain Elevated

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) today released its annual account of hate crimes reported throughout Los Angeles County in 2016.

The report's significant findings include the following:

There were 482 hate crimes reported, only one less than 2015, which saw a 24% increase from the previous year and reached the highest total since 2011. By comparison, the California Attorney General's office reported an 11.2% statewide increase in hate crime in 2016.

For the first time in many years, the largest targeted group for hate crime were gay men, lesbians and LGBT organizations, surpassing anti-African American hate crimes. The 118 homophobic hate crimes also had a high rate of violence (81%). These included one murder of a gay man shot to death by his father, who has since been convicted of the homicide and the hate crime.

Hate crimes in which there was evidence of white supremacist ideology grew 67% from 63 to 105, constituting 22% of all hate crimes.

Anti-African American crimes dropped by 19%, from 139 to 112, partly due to a drop in the number of hate crimes by Latino gang members targeting African Americans.

During the post-2016 presidential election period (November 8 through December 31, 2016), hate crimes increased 9%, from 75 to 82. It's important to note that the 75 crimes during the same period in 2015 represented a sharp 47% increase from the previous year, due to the rise in anti-Muslim/Middle Eastern hate crimes following the terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino.

Gender-based crimes spiked by 77%, from 22 to 39. Most of these were anti-transgender crimes which jumped from 18 to 31, a 72% increase. Latina transgender women were targeted the most.

There were 101 religious hate crimes in 2016, with two-thirds targeting the Jewish community.

After jumping 69% in 2015, anti-Latino crimes increased slightly in 2016, from 61 to 62. 77% of them were violent.

Anti-white crimes jumped from 11 to 27, a 145% rise. Whites comprised 11% of racial hate crime victims, but are about 27% of the county population.

Youth (under 18) continue to decline as suspects of hate crimes in LA County. From 2006 to 2016, youth have gone from the largest age group of hate crime suspects, to the smallest.

In addition to those referenced above, county residents of diverse backgrounds were target-

ed for hate crime in 2016, including Armenians, Chinese, Asian/Pacific Islander, persons with mental disabilities, persons with physical disabilities, Scientologists, Afghans, Africans, Iranians, Iraqis, Japanese, and Koreans.

"At the Board of Supervisors, we are leading the effort to combat Islamophobia, homophobia, and hatred against immigrants – and we are best able to accomplish these goals by having concrete reporting and data," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "Today's troubling news reiterates the need to protect our residents of this County who deserve to live free of prejudice, discrimination, harassment, and violence. I will continue to make combatting hate crimes a priority for the County of Los Angeles."

"We are extremely concerned that reported hate crimes remained at an elevated level in 2016," said Robin Toma, LACCHR Executive Director. "And major cities across the country, including the city of Los Angeles, have already reported increases in hate crime during the first half of 2017."

Hate crimes occurred throughout Los Angeles County, but the largest number took place in the San Fernando Valley, followed by the Metro region that stretches from West Hollywood to Boyle Heights. The highest rate of hate crimes occurred in the Metro region, followed by the western part of the county that includes a number of affluent cities.

To view the complete report, including hate crime maps, graphs and tables, visit wdacs.lacounty.gov or www.lahumanrelations.org.

Foothill Gold Line Project Groundbreaking Ceremony

GLENDORA - The 12.3-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project will break ground on December 2, 2017 at 9:30 AM at Citrus College (S2 Parking Lot) in Glendora. Six new light rail stations will be added to the Metro Gold Line system in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

Join elected officials, community members and the media as we celebrate the start of construction for this important regional project being funded by Measure M and Measure R in Los Angeles County along with San Bernardino County funds to extend the line to Montclair!

Learn more about the ceremony at www.foothillgoldline.org.

City of Covina Joslyn Senior Center Demolition

COVINA - The first step in the construction of the much anticipated new City of Covina Senior and Community Center has begun! A contract for the demolition of the old Joslyn Senior Center building has been awarded and the actual demolition of the obsolete building is underway. In addition, a "design/build" contract has been awarded and work has commenced in the design of the new, replacement Senior and Community Center facility. The location of the new Senior and Community Center will remain in Kelby Park on Bar-

ranca Avenue. However, the new facility will be located closer to Barranca Avenue, which will make access and visibility to the new facility easier for residents.

In the coming months, the new Covina Senior and Community Center design team will be working with Covina community members and stakeholders on the design of the new facility. Funding for the new facility will be provided by existing grant funds, Community Development Block Grant funds, and other City funds that have been saved for this project from prior years.

Colby Fire Impact Area Krails Removal To Begin Next Week

GLENDORA - The City of Glendora is announcing that the recently approved Krail removal plan will begin the week of November 27, 2017 for a majority of the residential streets in the Colby Fire Impact Area.

The Krails were installed in 2014 as one of several mitigation steps undertaken to deal with the aftermath of the Colby Fire and the significant damage done to the vegetation and soil in the foothills above the City. With the help of several agencies, it was determined the soil and vegetation has significantly recovered. We would like to thank the following agencies for their help: Los Angeles County Flood Control, United States Department of Agriculture - National Resources Conservation Service, the United States Geological Survey and Glendora Public Works.

For background, on January 16, 2014, at about 5:40 am, Glendora Dispatch Center received a 911 call regarding a fire near the Colby Trail north of Glendora Mountain Road in the City of Glendora. The wildfire burned 1,952 acres, 6 homes (total loss), 17 structures (minor to moderate damage), and caused \$3,385,396 in damage.

Follow the link for a PowerPoint that has maps of which Krails will be removed this year and which K-rails will be removed in April of 2018: <https://goo.gl/iSD6qU>

The City of Burbank, which recently suffered similar damage to their foothills around their community as a result of the La Tuna Fire in October of 2017, will be taking possession of the Krails and undertaking their removal from the City of Glendora.

The City of Glendora is providing the Krails free of charge and only asking that the City of Burbank arrange for the removal and transport costs to their city. It is anticipated that the first phase of the removal will take about 10-days for the Contractor to finish.

The City of Glendora City Council is pleased that it can assist a neighboring community with this mitigation tool in their efforts to protect their neighborhoods. Any questions about the process and phasing of the removal can be directed to Mr. Dave Davies, Public Works Director.

For additional information regarding K-rails in Glendora: <https://goo.gl/ik245z>

Please contact Glendora Public Works (626) 914-8246 with any questions or concerns.

Small Business Saturday - "Shop Small!"

WEST COVINA - The City of West Covina is pleased to announce that the City will be participating for the second time in Small Business Saturday. With the holidays coming up, Small Business Saturday, is the perfect day for residents of West Covina to support our local businesses by shopping small! The City of West Covina will be declaring Saturday, **November 25** as "Small Business Saturday" in West Covina. Additionally, as part of the November 21st Council Meeting, the Council will be recognizing West Covina local favorite small businesses including: Bun Street, Craft Hill, El Pescador, West Covina Cleaners,

Cherry Blossom Nail Lounge, and Tiffany's of West Covina. The City encourages the community to shop small and support our local small businesses.

"When you choose to shop small and spend money locally, you are helping to build and strengthen our West Covina community. Take the opportunity this holiday season to support your local small businesses," stated West Covina Mayor Corey Warshaw.

Small Business Saturday, started by American Express, is held the Saturday after Thanksgiving and is designed to promote and support small businesses throughout the United States.

Small Business Saturday not only seeks participation from small businesses to help promote them, it also encourages residents and the community to "shop local" and "shop small".

The City will be promoting Small Business Saturday on the City's social media accounts. In addition, the City will also be providing a list of small businesses that will be participating in Small Business Saturday on the City's website at www.westcovina.org/ShopSmall. West Covina small businesses that participate will receive free promotional merchandise, courtesy of American Express.

"Buckle Up—Every Trip. Every Time" to Stay Safe on the Roads This Thanksgiving

MONTEREY PARK - As millions of travelers flood the roads this Thanksgiving, the Monterey Park Police Department is partnering with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and law enforcement across the state to share an important lifesaving reminder, "Buckle Up—Every Trip. Every Time."

During the 2015 Thanksgiving weekend, 301 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes nationwide, and 53 percent were not wearing seat belts at the time of the fatal crash, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). California accounted for 42 of those fatalities. Nighttime proved even more deadly, with 57 percent of Thanksgiving weekend crashes occurring at night nationally. Much like drunk driving, these deaths represent needless tragedies for families across America. Many of these deaths could have been completely prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

"Year after year, families are

devastated when news arrives that a loved one is killed on their way to Thanksgiving festivities," said Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith. "These stories are just unacceptable when over 50 percent of the deaths involve an unrestrained occupant. Especially when it's known that seat belt use is one of the simplest ways to stay safe while riding in a vehicle."

NHTSA estimates that proper seat belt use reduces the risk of fatal and serious injuries. In 2015, approximately 13,941 people survived crashes because they were buckled up. If everyone had worn their seat belts that year, an additional 2,804 lives could have been saved. NHTSA's research also reveals that males are more likely to be unbuckled than females in a fatal crash, and younger drivers are also at greater risk of being unbuckled.

The Monterey Park Police Department's goal for the "Buckle Up—Every Trip. Every Time" seat belt awareness

campaign is to save lives. This campaign reminds Thanksgiving travelers, and all drivers about the importance of buckling up—every trip, every time. Thanksgiving should be a happy time, not a tragic one.

Additionally, OTS statewide data reveals that of the 42 killed during the Thanksgiving weekend, 18 were alcohol involved deaths. While alcohol remains the worst offender for DUI crashes, the Monterey Park Police Department supports the new effort from OTS that aims to drive awareness that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription medications and marijuana can also be impairing by themselves, or in combination with alcohol, and can result in a DUI arrest.

Never drink and drive and whether you're a passenger or the driver, riding long distances or short, buckle your seat belt. Doing so ensures everyone arrives safely to their Thanksgiving destinations. Remember: "Buckle Up—Every Trip. Every Time."

New Affordable Housing Development For Veterans in El Monte

Baldwin Rose Family Veteran Housing Will Provide Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans and Low-Income Families in El Monte

EL MONTE - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the Mayor of the City of El Monte to celebrate the groundbreaking of Baldwin Rose Family Veteran Housing (Baldwin Rose). Located in the City of El Monte, Baldwin Rose is being developed by Mercy Housing and will provide 54 units of affordable housing, including 17 units for homeless veterans, and 37 units for low-income families with a veteran head of household, plus one property man-

ager's unit.

The CDC provided construction and permanent financing of over \$1.9 million in Affordable Housing Trust Funds. The loan also included funds for a quality insulation installation. The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) will provide 19 Project-Based Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers and three Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers.

Monique King-Viehlend, Acting Executive Director for the CDC said, "Today we

break ground on our third affordable supportive housing development in the City of El Monte designed specifically for veterans and their families. As partners we remain committed to ensuring there are new housing opportunities that meet the needs of veterans experiencing homelessness in the community."

New Directions for Veterans will be the lead service provider for the project and provide an onsite service coordinator to link residents with essential ser-

vices based on their individualized needs. The service coordinator will also assist the previously homeless veteran residents with obtaining services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, who will be providing case management, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, and other supportive services.

Baldwin Rose will offer residents centrally-located laundry rooms, bicycle parking, a large community room, outdoor lounge with fire-pit, barbecue

and outdoor dining area, a total lot, and edible garden plots with a sitting area and a garden shed. Nineteen of the units will be fully accessible for persons living with disabilities.

The project will pursue LEED Gold certification and be built in accordance with ENERGY STAR Homes version 3 guidelines. Other sustainability measures include a graywater irrigation system, solar hot water, quality insulation installation, and incorporating EPA Water Sense.



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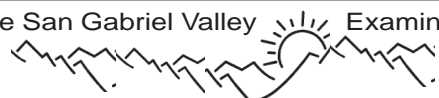
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Clear & Present Politics

When you've been around for a while you try hard to turn a deaf ear and not become too distressed with political agendas, commercials and political she-nigans, bordering on fool-hardy self-promotion that we are sometimes subjected to as elections begin to heat up.

Tom Steyer's TV ad message that President Trump is a "clear and present danger ... who is mentally unstable and armed with nuclear weapons" is an outrageous charge and a stretch even of his imagination. And the ad says, it is up to average citizen Steyer and other average citizens to force impeachment of President Trump to protect this country and all of us. I might have missed something in that commercial but I don't recall what Steyer is protecting us from with impeachment.

Steyer's charges include a dysfunctional White House, hacking of the last election, and firing of FBI Director Comey to derail the Russian investigation which he translates out to obstruction of justice.

It got me wondering why a billionaire, first, would think he is an average citizen, and why he would be spending money ... a whole bunch of money for an average citizen ... telling people the President should be impeached.

Average citizen Tom Steyer is reported to be spending \$11 million on this campaign ad and has contributed \$91 million to Democrat campaigns in 2016 according to Casey Tolan of the Bay Area News Group. Steyer has been reported on several occasions as a candidate for California Governor and now a candidate for Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat. Those ads calling for a Trump impeachment we watch on TV do give him considerable exposure and name recognition if he is planning on a run for office.



Shade's Perspective
Lois M. Shade

Former Mayor of Glendora

Steyer, 60 years old, a billionaire and founder of Farallon Capital Management, a hedge fund, is considered one of the largest donors to the Democrat party and founder of NextGen America, a non-profit organization supporting a progressive agenda including fighting "... climate change by advancing the transition to a clean energy economy; and ... the fight for immigrant rights, affordable health care, prosperity, and equality." NextGen has reportedly spent \$2.3 million on eight immigration service organizations nationally and has been one of the strongest opponents of the Keystone Pipeline.

Power Line, a conservative blog, founded in 2002 by three lawyers attending Dartmouth College, was strongly critical of Tom Steyer and his green energy enterprises. One of those lawyers, John Hinderaker in an April 2014 article accused Steyer of being "the ultimate rent-seeker who depends on government connections to produce subsidies and mandates that make his 'green' energy investments profitable." The article also accuses Steyer of having, at one time, investments in Kinder Morgan, a competitor to the Keystone Pipeline that he so rigorously opposed.

"Hypocrisy & Hedge Funds: Climate Change Warrior Tom

Steyer's Secret Life as Coal Investment Kingpin," is a report that again charges Steyer with double standards and double speak. The report says, "While a few bits of information on Farallon's investments in carbon energy have seeped into the North American press ... this information doesn't begin to scratch the surface. The North American press's lack of awareness of Mr. Steyer's activities in the coal sector is due to the fact that all of Farallon's investments in coal have been made outside of North America, and wherever possible through opaque structures which mask their direct involvement."

The report goes on quoting Steyer as saying, "... I have directed my financial team to divest my holdings of coal investments so that I will have a coal free portfolio..."

Anyone remember 2012 Prop 39 that Tom Steyer designed and funded with approximately \$30 million. Co-Chair of the campaign was Sen. Kevin de Leon. The initiative passed and revised the way out-of-state corporations calculate their income tax. Legislative Analyst said that would bring \$1 billion in new revenue to the state and create 40,000 jobs, mostly in clean energy construction.

Washington Free Press commented: "... the measure passed overwhelmingly and thus raised taxes on businesses incorporated outside California ... businesses other than Farallon Capital Management and the alt-fuel companies .." The \$2.5 billion raised by that tax went to clean energy investments.

Any wonder Tom Steyer has a problem with President Donald Trump? Kindly stated, it appears they are on the opposite ends of political and public service philosophy.

YWCA, she was the Director of the Healthy Communities Program. During that time she was responsible for the development of the Healthy Communities Department as well as the implementation of the program aimed to reduce health disparities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Prior to her positions with the Covina YWCA she was self-employed as the owner and Chief Administrative Officer of Team Essential, LLC in Alta Loma, CA where she provided consultation services to municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and universities in the area of program development and evaluation, community engagement, strategic planning and outreach activities. Her firm also provided grant development and administration of over two million dollars for various school districts, park and recreation departments and health professionals.

"After working for many years as a consultant for the City of Azusa, I am now honored to have been selected to join the City's management team," says Carpenter. "Without a doubt, the synergy of this beautiful community is true to its purpose of being a great place to work and live. I look forward to contributing at the highest level of excellence to all we serve in the City."

Carpenter attended the University of Southern California where she received a Doctorate in Educational Psychology. She received a Master of Public Health Degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and attended the University of California, Irvine where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Ecology.

Carpenter will begin her duties with the City of Azusa on January 3, 2018.

The Way of the Leader

By Marianne Clyde

Greatness is not found under a rock.

You may have noticed lately that it gets more and more difficult to state an opinion without someone slamming you down and silencing you. The tactics are varied, and can feel very powerful if you are not ready for them. The methods are shame based, with the intent to make you feel stupid, less than, uninformed, uneducated, unworthy or ridiculous. Their tactics are based on black and white thinking using an either/or answer to a problem. You are either for us or against us. Those tactics are divisive, factionalizing and uninformed, not to mention lazy.

To those who are attempting to think through our societal woes, of which there are many, by looking at all sides, looking for truth instead of opinion, for what might work instead of why it won't, to you, I say, hang tough. Stay focused. Don't let the nay-sayers derail you. The world needs leaders that are willing to think for themselves, stable enough to incorporate conflicting messages into their thinking without hating, blaming or dividing; leaders who can validate one's right to an opinion while holding a conflicting or opposing belief. This is a sign of intelligence. This is the kind of thinking that can lead to compromise and solutions. This is the kind of thinking that can strengthen a nation.

"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function." F. Scott Fitzgerald

However, these kinds of leaders seem scarce these days. Many are playing politics and jockeying for approval ratings. Many of our deep thinkers are being silenced and shamed for their thoughts if they oppose the noisy minority. Nothing positive has ever been accomplished by piling shaming accusations on free-thinking. We need leaders that are willing to think, willing to express those thoughts in a reasonable, straightforward way. We

need leaders who are not afraid of the noisy, destructive opposition who would try to chase you under a rock to shut you up.

You may stay on the sidelines, wearily shaking your head, wishing things would get better, hoping that problems get solved and criticizing those that are out in the fray; however, if you actually want to change the world, you must be the one to learn to stay steady, get grounded and be laser focused. This takes practice, self-discipline and self-awareness. This is the way of the leader.

Getting grounded through meditation, breathing techniques, healthy coping strategies and conscious thought patterns is what is needed for today's leaders, executives, and politicians. Shouting louder that the other guy makes as much sense as talking to someone of a different culture and language by raising your voice, thinking they will ultimately "get it" if you shout. It not only offends and insults but it builds walls, not solutions.

And we sorely need solutions. Not division. Not more factions.

After a recent presentation, someone asked me, "But what do you do when you are really scared. I mean really?" My answer was simple. What you have trained yourself to do.

You can't manage a crisis by the seat of your pants any more than you can be in a battle for the soul of your country without having trained your mind and spirit. Leaders train themselves to be grounded yet flexible, open minded yet focused, authentic and engaged. Every day.

If this concept is new to you, as a leader, begin today by taking three deep breaths, holding for a few seconds and releasing fully, at various times throughout your day, when you feel tension rising. Learn to take a breath as soon as you realize you are triggered, before you say anything at all. Then respond. You will notice that people begin to respond better to you, and you are on your way to creating solutions instead of exacerbating the problem. The world needs you.

Bio: Marianne Clyde is an expert in Mental Health in the workplace. Speaking to businesses and associations about empowerment, team building and relationship networking, she is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, in practice for over 27 years, energizing speaker and dauntless world traveler. She lived in Japan for over 8 years and has spent time in at least 20 developing countries, teaching about recovery from trauma, personal empowerment and interpersonal relationships.

She has written and published numerous articles, appeared on radio and television worldwide, commenting on topics ranging from gun violence to having a happy marriage. Host and producer of her own TV shows, she has also hosted a call in radio show and has produced Moments of Mindfulness Meditation CD.

After launching 2 best-selling books, Peaceful Parenting: 10 Essential Principles and Unleashed: Practical Steps to Get Your Life Unstuck, she has now released her most powerful book to date, Zentivity™: How to Eliminate Chaos, Stress and Discontent in Your Workplace. As chaos, reactivity and polarization reign, whether your workplace is in politics, business or home, she recognizes and advocates for mental health in the workplace.

A companion website is available along with the book at www.zentivity.guru to help readers establish strong new patterns of thought and behavior.

Marianne is the founder of the Marianne Clyde Center for Holistic Psychotherapy, in Warrenton, VA, winner of the 2017 Best of Warrenton award, winner of the Business Person of the Year Award from the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce, and also the founder of Be the Change Foundation, helping underprivileged women create and sustain home-based businesses.

Azusa City Manager Announces New Director Of Recreation And Family Services

AZUSA - City of Azusa Interim City Manager, Don Penman announced the selection of Miki Carpenter as the City's new Director of Recreation and Family Services, effective January 3, 2018. She joins the City of Azusa after previously serving as Executive Director of the Covina YWCA.

In her new role, Carpenter will lead the Recreation and Family Services Department, which includes the City's Senior Center, Aquatics Center and Parks Department which has 13 full-time and 100 part-time employees and over 100 volunteers. She succeeds Joe Jacobs who is retiring from the position at the end of December 2017 after over 32 years of service with the City.

"Ms. Carpenter is a seasoned professional with an accomplished career in program management, fund development, community outreach and children and senior services which make her ideally suited to be our next Director of Recreation and Family Services," said Interim City Manager, Don Penman. "She brings a balance of technical expertise and community outreach skills that will aid her in transitioning quickly into the Director of Recreation and Family Services responsibilities. I have no

doubt that she will be an excellent addition to the City's management team and a tremendous asset to the organization. She has also worked with City staff on a number of programs which has provided her with familiarity with many City activities."

Carpenter comes to the City of Azusa with more than 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Among her accomplishments, Carpenter was the Executive Director of the Covina YWCA where she was responsible for day-to-day operations which included program management, board relations, community relations and volunteer recruitment. In this capacity she managed substantial city, county, state and federal funding contracts which served over 50,000 residents in the region with a budget of over \$10,000,000.

Prior to her executive directorship at the YWCA, Carpenter was the Director of Senior Services where she gained extensive experience overseeing the Elderly Nutrition Program contract from Los Angeles County which served over 40 senior and community centers in the San Gabriel and Antelope Valleys.

In 2012, when Carpenter began her work with the Covina

"TIME JOCKEY" - Tank Beginning

By Joe Castillo

Patton in Mexico.... General George S. Patton Jr. became one of the greatest American generals in US history due to his military exploits as an Army tank commander during World War II. However, his interest in tanks and armored vehicles began much earlier than World War II. In 1915, the horse still played an important role in adding mobility to army strategic formations. In September, Patton joined the 8th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, just outside of El Paso, Texas. The commander of the Army post was Brigadier General John Pershing who was brought from his western command in California as protection from the political unrest in Mexico. Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz was overthrown in 1910 and now political unrest was running rampant across the country. Two Presidents had come and gone and armed factions among Pascual Orozco, Venustiano Carranza and Francisco "Pancho" Villa were competing for control of Mexico. After President Woodrow Wilson threw his support to Carranza, Villa became so outraged that he threatened to retaliate against US border towns in Texas and New Mexico. In 1915, the southwestern part of the United States was the real wild west with gritty towns, large cattle ranches, gun-toting cowboys, frontier ladies, Texas Rangers, Mexican outlaws and renegade Indians. Law and order was non-existent and wild horse gangs were more common than community schools. It was the kind of environment which Patton was drawn to and he wrote his wife that 'he would not miss this for

the world". Patton was an excellent marksman and his assignment with the 8th Cavalry Regiment allowed him to practice his precision of shooting while riding on horseback. He sought competition from local cowboys and from the best of the Texas Rangers. His prowess as a pistol shot won the admiration of Colonel Sterling of the Rangers, who presented Patton with a Colt .45 single-action revolver, model 1873. The Colt .45 became one of the firearms which Patton carried with him for the rest of his life. He replaced the walnut grips with Ivory panels with one side

engraved with his initials and the other with a carved eagle. When Patton rode in public parades upon his horse, the Ivory paneled Colt revolvers were clearly displayed by his side. When people noticed the unique firearms, they also took notice of the man who was wearing them, the future General George S. Patton, Jr. It was the perfect attention that Patton wanted to receive and he grew more and more noticeable with each of his upcoming campaign...

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Is Market Optimism Over The Top?

The market sold off recently - for half a day. Then solid tech stock earnings were released which blew away expectations, leading to another rally. The Info Tech sector popped up nearly 7% in October! It's almost like equities have a Teflon coating and just want to continue higher. As the market continually hits new highs many wonder when the next correction will come. Where should investors continue to invest? Before you assume stocks are headed for a major decline look at earnings.

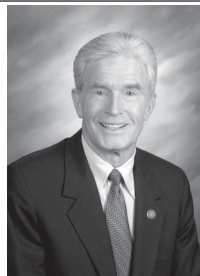
According to FactSet (Oct 31), for Q3 2017, 55% of S&P 500 companies had already reported earnings. Over three in four (76%) posted positive EPS surprises and 67% showed positive sales surprises. The blended earnings growth rate for the S&P 500 is 4.7%. More good news is that earnings and sales continue to be solid and impress. The only troubling news is that the forward 12-month P/E ratio for the S&P 500 is 17.9. This is above the 5-year average (15.6) and well above the 10-year average (14.1).

Unsurprisingly, we find Info Tech showing the highest number of "earnings-beats" for Q3 thus far, followed by Materials, Financials, and Health Care. These are the sectors that keep earning leadership positions. It should also come as no surprise that the same winning sectors have delivered "sales beats" as well.

We are seeing new highs once again. For some stock market bears, it's getting intensely uncomfortable the higher it goes. The reality is that we may be at highs and the market will certainly cool at some point. But for now, earnings and sales continue to please investors. With global rates low, dividend rates solid, and with a strong U.S. economy, the bull's case for U.S. equities appears to be still intact. You could debate the issue that stocks are richly priced, but each day that goes by the market ticks higher.

Recently the preliminary report on third-quarter U.S. GDP growth reflected an annual growth rate of 3%, higher than the economists' consensus estimate for a 2.7% annual pace. Second-quarter GDP growth was also revised to a 3.1% annual pace, so

In A Nutshell
What's up in the Economy?



KEN HERMAN
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the past six months (second and third quarters) represented the strongest six-month expansion since mid-2014. Economists were impressed that despite Hurricanes Harvey and Irma the U.S. economy continued to grow at a 3% annual pace in the third quarter.

As part of the recently reported GDP we learned that consumer and business spending grew at an annual pace of 2.4% and 3.9%, respectively, in the third quarter. Exports grew at a 2.3% annual pace, while government spending declined -0.1%. If exports continue to rise due to a weak U.S. dollar, the trade deficit should continue to decline and help boost GDP growth. It looks like 3% GDP growth could persist for a while.

More good news was recently reported: The Commerce Department announced that new home sales surged 18.9% in September to an annual pace of 667,000, well above economists' consensus estimate of 550,000 and the largest monthly increase in 25 years. In the past 12 months, new home sales are running 17% above where they were a year ago and are now running at the fastest pace in a decade (since October 2007).

Naturally, after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, demand for new homes in the South surged by 25.8%. Furthermore, home sales in the West will now likely be boosted by rebuilding following the devastating fires in Northern California. One economist described new home sales as "shockingly strong."

The Commerce Department also announced that durable goods orders surged 2.2% in September, well above economists' consensus estimate of 0.8%. Excluding the volatile transportation sector orders (rising 5.1% in September), other

durable goods orders still rose a healthy 0.7%. What was the most impressive is that business investment rose 1.3% in September, the eighth increase in the past nine months. Business spending is now running 7.8% higher than a year ago and running at the fastest annual pace in over five years. Due to stronger-than-expected durable goods orders, economists are now revising their third-quarter GDP revisions higher.

There was widespread amazement among my Wall Street colleagues that the U.S. economy is getting serious growth traction that can fuel a very strong stock market ahead, with or without tax reform, financial deregulation, or infrastructure spending. With a growing economy and growing stock market, another Fed interest rate hike in December is almost certain.

ARE LOWER CORPORATE TAX RATES PRICED INTO TODAY'S MARKET?

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that in ten years nearly 20% of households would pay higher federal income tax under today's House Plan versus current law! Even the more equitable Senate Plan would tax all income groups below \$75,000 more in 2027! While most households should get tax cuts in the early years of either Plan, many individuals in high taxed states could pay more initially as well as long term. Specific Senators have trouble supporting the better Senate Bill because of concerns about the Federal Debt, Adequate Defense Spending or Health Insurance Provisions. One Wisconsin Senator even wants Pass Through Entity owners to pay less income tax on received returns on investment than corporate investors. Unless a corporate rate higher than 20% is considered, it appears unlikely that a tax bill will pass this year (due to the tax increases it would force on too many households). How would market valuations react to failure to lower corporate rates this year?

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Your Money - Ask Julia

HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A HAPPY, THANKS-FILLED, THANKSGIVING

Please be thankful for family, friends, freedom, and food! Enjoy your family time while you all still have the opportunity to gather together on this day of giving thanks. Try to be kind to one another; HUG the cook(s). As you travel, be aware, and be safe! (Avoid a DUI - don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.) And don't spend beyond your budget on Black Friday.

Will Social Security benefits increase in 2018?

Yes, you'll see an increase of 2-percent. However, for some, the premiums for Medicare will increase, so you might not see much of that 2-percent after all is said and done. (Since 1975, there have been only 3 years of zero cost-of-living increase: 2010, 2011, and 2016.)

What do you suggest is the best way for me to be able to use some of my savings for retirement, and leave the rest to my charity?

You could put your money into an insurance-company-held safe investment with a guaranteed* lifetime income for you, and with the remainder going to your charity. Another option would be to get a single-premium cash-value life insurance policy with the possible use of funds while you live and the life-insurance death benefit going to your charity.

*Guarantees are based on the strength of the insurance company.)

Do you offer a concise, quick read for me to learn more about the problems baby-boomers



Julia Yoder

face as we approach retirement?

The "Reclaiming the Future Study," conceived and designed by Allianz Life Insurance Co. of N. America is one of the most comprehensive examinations of baby-boomers' preparation for, and expectations of, retirement. The study revealed several key findings: 1. Americans believe that there is a retirement crisis. 2. They believe they are unprepared. 3. There are five distinct financial "personalities." 4. Americans fear outliving their money more than they fear death. 5. The recent economic downturn was a big "wake-up call." In conclusion, Americans do have options as they face these challenges and plan for retirement. Further, the study found that annuities might be one of the most relevant of these options. Only annuities can offer the combination of principal protection and income for life. (In case you are anti-annuities, check to see what union pension, teachers' pension, or government pension really are!)

Do realtors help renters?

How much do they charge? I don't have a lot of time to research and find a place. I'm in college now, and would like to buy later, but I don't know where I might have to move to find work.

Yes, some Realtors help renters, and they get paid by the landlord, not the renter. Start by making a list of "gotta haves" and "wanna haves" and be prepared to compromise. This will help you prioritize your list and help the Realtor to better help you. Your parents might consider purchasing a condo close to campus, and renting to you! And, when you move on, they can choose to own a rental, or sell. Win-Win.

Is there a deadline for our small business to set up a retirement plan?

Employers and the self-employed must establish certain retirement plans such as a 401(k), profit sharing, or defined benefit plan by December 31 to receive income-tax deductions for that year.

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Foothill Gold Line Light Rail Extension to Generate \$2.6 Billion in Economic Return and Tens of Thousands of Jobs During Construction, Study Reveals

MONROVIA - The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) released a report prepared by Beacon Economics, a leading economic research and forecasting firm headquartered in Los Angeles, detailing the economic benefits resulting from the upcoming construction and operation of the 12.3-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail extension to the region. The report, entitled "Economic Impact Study of the Foothill Gold Line Glendora to Montclair Segment," quantifies the significant economic impact that will result from the \$1.5 billion investment the region is making in the six-station light rail project, including: jobs created, economic output, labor income and tax revenues.

As highlighted in the 26-page report, during construction alone, the Foothill Gold Line segment will generate nearly 17,000 jobs, more than \$2.6 billion

in economic output, more than \$1 billion in labor income and nearly \$40 million in tax revenues for Los Angeles County. In addition, once passenger service begins, the ongoing operations of the six-station extension will generate an annual benefit to the county of more than \$52 million in economic output, \$17 million in labor income and nearly \$800,000 in tax revenues, while generating 277 jobs.

"We know that investing in public infrastructure projects like the Gold Line are economic engines," stated Habib F. Balian, CEO of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority. "But it is always impressive to see just how much each project directly benefits our region in job creation, economic activity and future revenues - it is a significant return on investment."

The Beacon report also highlights the secondary economic benefits for the region from private

investments in transit-oriented development already made or planned within a half-mile radius of the six future Gold Line stations from Glendora to Montclair. The extension already has spurred \$1 billion in private investments in residential and commercial development, including nearly 1,200 residential units near the future Montclair station alone and one million square feet of commercial property. An additional nearly \$600 million in development is planned along the corridor; with more than 1,800 new residential units and 10,000 square feet of commercial space in the works within a half-mile radius of a future station.

"The economic story of the Gold Line must also include the long-term private investment that is happening around these light rail stations as the area evolves from what was historically industrial land to suburban communities," added Balian. "There is a unique opportunity along this light rail line to see extensive growth, allowing the region to add much-needed housing and jobs near our expanding county rail system; adding to the economic benefits of our investment well into the future."



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Whether you are going on an extended road trip, driving to the airport or just plan to get groceries or do some Black Friday shopping, it will probably involve your car! Here are what the roadside assistant companies suggest you have checked out before the holiday to make sure your vehicle is safe and your Thanksgiving less stressful!

- Tires: Make sure your tires are properly inflated. If they have bad tread wear and need to be replaced, it is better to do it before you are in a breakdown situation.
- Wiper Blades: Many an accident could be avoided if drivers could see where they are going! Make sure your wiper blades are up to the challenge!
- Battery: A dead battery can be avoided! A simple test will make sure it is up to par.

The best thing you can do before any road trip is to make an appointment with us and let us do a vehicle inspection. It will give you peace of mind! Don't let your car be a "road side assistance" Thanksgiving statistic this year! We sure don't want our customers sitting on the side of the road!

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Arcadia Named Most Business Friendly City By Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

ARCADIA - The City of Arcadia was announced as the 2017 Eddy Award winner for the Most Business-Friendly City by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) for cities with a population under 68,000 at its annual awards gala on Thursday, November 9, 2017. This is the first time that the City of Arcadia has won this prestigious award.

Finalists for the Eddy Award are selected by a blue ribbon panel that evaluates and recognizes Los Angeles County cities that are doing the most to encourage job creation and facilitate the ease of doing business within their communities. "This is a tremendous honor for the City of Arcadia," said Mayor Peter Amundson. "Let it be known far and wide that Arcadia is open for business. Our city is home to some of the finest businesses and entrepreneurs in Los Angeles County, and our community will go above and beyond your expectations."

Over the past several years, the City has taken great strides to cut red tape, streamline processes, and enhance customer service through a business assistance program, and a new pro-business Development Code. The Award is recognition that the City of Arcadia is without peer in our efforts to foster economic development in Los Angeles County.


The Eddy Awards began in 1996 to support the fulfillment of the LAEDC's mission to recognize excellence by celebrating individuals, organizations, and cities that demonstrate exceptional contributions to economic development in the region. For more information, please visit the LAEDC website at www.laedc.org/eddy-awards.

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Around the Valley & Senior News

AZUSA Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

TOPS Meeting

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

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

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

ARCADIA Church of the Good Shepherd Christmas Concert

Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, is hosting our annual Christmas concert with a full choir and orchestra. Featuring the Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" and other works for choir and orchestra. Directed by Dr. Peter Green. Sunday, **December 3** at 4 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd located on 400 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. Free admission and a free will offering will be taken to support our music program.

Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

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

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

BALDWIN PARK Annual Riverside Festival of Lights

Saturday, **December 2**; 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The 25th Annual Riverside Festival of Lights welcomes visitors from around Southern California to enjoy nearly four million twinkling lights and more than 400 animated figures including angels, elves, and carolers. Enjoy outdoor ice skating, carriage rides, holiday entertainment, unique shopping and dining, holiday-themed vendors, and, of course, Santa Claus. Baldwin Park Resident ticket is \$10. Non-resident ticket is \$15.

Annual Christmas Dance

Come celebrate and dance during the holiday at the Julia McNeill Senior Center on Saturday, December 9th from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm. There will be live music performance by Chico the Band, raffles, and much more! Hot meals will also be available for a nominal fee of \$6.00. \$15 for pre-sale tickets and \$20 at the door. For more event information, 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

DUARTE Winter Solstice Craft Fair & Flea Market

Handcrafts, vintage items, antiques, local author book signings, entertainment, food and holiday fun will fill the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Andres Duarte Statue Plaza and adjacent Grace Fellowship Church, 1551 Huntington Drive in Duarte on **December 9**.

A vendor registration application is available on www.insidesocal.com/66. Call Karen Levein at (626) 201-1449 or k.levein@gmail.com for further information. The Fair is sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society & Museum. Fair admission is free.

Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513.

Breakfast with Santa and Free Holiday Snow Festival

ARCADIA - The annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, **Dec. 2** at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Breakfast is \$10 and includes a hearty breakfast, holiday music and a photo with Santa! There are a few spots left in the 10:30am breakfast so hurry and register! You don't want to miss out on this special holiday event!

24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

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

GLENDORA Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

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

Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing,

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

Cars 4 the Community

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

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

Introduction To Computers And Internet Learning

Never touched a computer before? You did, but felt confused? It's never too late to learn! Explore the basic skills to enrich your knowledge and understand the terminologies and access the online world through the Internet. Our hands-on practice can accelerate students to master computer learning while making it easy and fun. Register online at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or at the La Fetra Center; 333 E. Foothill Blvd. Glendora. \$120 Tuesdays, September 26- October 31, 11:15am to 12:00pm

MONROVIA Senior Blood Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

Caring Crafters

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

Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

Stretching is essential for our bodies. The Department of Community Services invites seniors to join our weekly senior stretching and exercise class. The class includes stretching techniques geared toward seniors

over 50, though the class is great for anyone in need of a good routine. Movement increases range of motion, relaxation, and decreases risk of injury. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring a towel and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

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

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San Dimas Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

WEST COVINA

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Historical Society of West Covina invites the community to its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday **December 1st** at 6:30 P M at the Colony at the Lakes.

It is free so dress warm and come out to listen to the music of the West Covina High School choral group, enjoy food and other entertainment. Meet a friend or bring one.

The Colony at the Lakes is located at 301 S. Glendora Ave, West Covina (across from the museum)

The Historical Society invites you to purchase a Light of Love to decorate our Christmas Tree. The names of your loved ones and friends will be inscribed on a Memorial scroll at the Museum, one light for \$25. 2 for \$40.

Call Kathy Clark at 626 664-3050 for other information.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: ehernandez57@aol.com

Go West Shuttle Service

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

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.
- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

Senior Lunch

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

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

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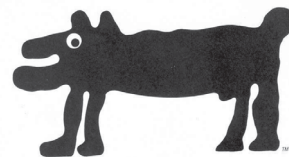
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Evergreen Kindergartners Join Thanksgiving Feast

DIAMOND BAR - About 120 Evergreen Elementary students wearing pilgrim and Native American paper hats sat side-by-side for a Thanksgiving feast on Friday morning.

Kindergarten teacher Mona Warren, costumed in traditional dress and moccasins, opened the event with a Native American blessing.

The children echoed each line using hand gestures.

"And now may the great spirits, of all great spirits, be with all of you, now and forever more!" they said in unison.

Then the youngsters joined in a Thanksgiving song with Warren accompanying on guitar.

"The pilgrims came to America a long, long time ago. They sailed on the Mayflower a long, long time ago. They made friends with the Wampanoag a long, long time ago," they sang.

Before the meal, Warren asked the children to share something they are thankful for with the per-



Evergreen Elementary School's youngest students enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast on November 17.

son next to them. "I'm thankful for my teacher and everything," said five-year-old Jeremy Han. "I'm thankful for my mom," added classmate Christine Diaz. "I'm thankful for my toys - all of them!" chimed Evan Tasker.

Then the youngsters began sampling the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, corn bread, and

pumpkin pie. Popcorn filled paper canoes decorated with teepee, buffalo, fire, love, and water symbols were placed at each place setting.

Some of the children gobbled up the traditional holiday meal, while others were content with a tiny taste of each dish. "Mashed potatoes and popcorn are my favorites!" exclaimed Susanna

Basilius wearing a white pilgrim bonnet. "I like the popcorn and apple juice," added five-year-old Orlando Perez.

The children also created keepsake handprint placemats and macaroni necklaces for their feast.

Evergreen teachers prepared the food, while about 20 parent volunteers were on hand setting up and serving the November 17 meal.

"We've been learning about the Wampanoag nation and the pilgrims," said kindergarten teacher Diana Rogers.

Kathleen Riddle's transitional kindergarten (TK) class wore decorated vests made from grocery sacks and headbands with features. "The Wampanoag typically only had one or two feathers," said the 19-year veteran teacher. "I'm thankful for my TK students, I just love them," Riddle added. "And for all my grandbabies!"

Glendora Woman's Club Presented Guest Speaker Steven Bluitt Flowers

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - A recent program for the Glendora Woman's Club featured guest speaker Steven Bluitt Flowers, Executive Vice President of the Glendora Historical Society. His program titled "Early History of Glendora" included a slide presentation of historical photos and their special history, said program vice president Helen Storland.

For more than 21 years, beginning in 1996, Flowers has been active in the Glendora Historical Society, first serving as a museum docent. Since that time, he has served on the executive board, and has led and been a member of many committees and special projects.

Currently, Flowers is working with the Preservation Foundation in the preserving of history and the sharing of common goals. His newest endeavor is helping to get the lights turned on in the Historic Lighting District, according to the society's newsletter.

For his longtime volunteer efforts and service, Flowers has recently received two special awards--the Founder's Award from the Glendora Coordinating Council, said Mrs. Storland.

The Glendora Woman's Club's early history beginning in 1908,

the year the club was organized, fit right in with Flowers' program, as the Woman's Club is included in the Historical Society's brochure titled "Glendora Pride Downtown Walking Tour," said Mrs. Storland.

The Society's Walking Tour brochure featured photos, his-

tory, and location of the society's 22 designated historic monuments-picture plaques that are located in Glendora.

For the Woman's Club's special honor and write-up in the brochure, the photo published was that of the club's first clubhouse built in 1912 by R.M. Goebel Co.

of Glendora and was located at the same as today's clubhouse.

Also in that same year in 1912, the Woman's Club founded the Glendora Public Library through Ordinance No 43, as documented in 1912 City Records of minutes of the Board of Trustees of the City of Glendora.

The Woman's Club's special historic monument-picture plaque present by the Glendora Historical Society is located in front of the clubhouse at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora, said Club President Chris Lear, and noted the honor and newspaper coverage at the time.

Following guest speaker Flower's special program on Glendora's Early History to the 1920s, he answered questions from clubmembers and said he was planning future programs that would also focus on Glendora's history.

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