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# Azusa Celebrates And Honors Veterans All Weeklong

By Jorge V. Rosales

**AZUSA** - Azusa is well known throughout the San Gabriel Valley and by many local, county and state officials as the city that honors and celebrates Veterans, dead and alive, as well as all active military personnel with recognition or remembrance ceremonies. Most other cities only celebrate Veterans Day on November 11 each year.

Commencing Sunday, November 5 through the 12th, the Azusa Rotary Foundation presented and displayed in front of Azusa City Hall front lawn the "Field of Glory, which a tribute and reminder of the sacrifices made by fellow citizens, including active duty military, veterans, law enforcement and firefighters, so that everyone can continue to enjoy the freedom and safety here in the United States of America. The Field of Glory is an inspirational and patriotic display of hundreds of U.S. flags on the Azusa City Hall front lawn. Each flag, stake, and post is sold to honor veterans, servicepersons, first responders, personal heroes, or any loved one. They are personalized with a listing the Donor, the Honoree, and if desired, some information about the Honoree. A photograph or additional information may be attached to the flag if you like.



There was an active shooter situation in Azusa on election day near Memorial Park in November 8, 2016 wherein a person was killed and three wounded. Seven officers were instrumental in saving more lives that day. They were recognized during the opening Field of Glory Ceremony on November 5, 2017. They are pictured with local and county officials.

There will be a site map showing visitors where to find individual flags in the Field, and the Field of Glory was illuminated at night in accordance with U.S. Flag display protocol. Profits from this event are used to help fund and benefit Service Person Family Support, Veterans' Support and Recognition, and local Youth Leadership Programs.

On Monday, November 6, when the Azusa City Council opened its regular City Council

meeting in memory of Korean War Veteran, Francisco Hernandez Sr., age 87, who passed away peacefully in his home on October 28th, 2017. Francisco was a long time resident of Azusa for 53 years. He was a well-known UA local #398 plumber for over 50 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years Maria Del Refugio, his 6 loving children, his 12 grandchildren, his 13 great-grandchildren and four sisters. The meeting was also closed in his memory.

Tuesday, November 7, was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Smart & Final Extra located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Foothill Blvd. and Dalton Avenue. In addition to City Council members and other state officials, over 100 members of the community gathered for the ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in front of the new grocery store. Prior to the store's ribbon cutting, several members of the City Council expressed their appreciation for all Azusa Veterans and currently enlisted personnel, stating that "they must really love you and us for otherwise why would they sacrifice themselves and their families to protect us and to allow us to celebrate improvements to our Community. Freedom is not Free!"

On Wednesday, November 8, Citrus College in Glendora held its 12th Annual 'Saluting Our Veterans' at its Campus Center Mall to honor all Veterans and active duty personnel from the

meeting in memory of Korean War Veteran, Francisco Hernandez Sr., age 87, who passed away peacefully in his home on October 28th, 2017.

Thursday morning Veteran and active military parents of Azusa's Paramount Elementary School, as well as any other veteran from the Community were invited to the school's annual Veterans Day ceremony. At this ceremony, all students, faculty and administrators participate. Prior to the ceremony, Veterans are treated to a light breakfast and refreshments.



The Azusa Rotary Foundation and Azusa Rotary Club, in conjunction with many valued partners and volunteers from Azusa implemented for the second year an inspirational and patriotic display of hundreds of U.S. flags in front of the Azusa City Hall for an entire week starting November 5, 2017.

At 8:30 a.m. Principal Antonio Flores introduced to the students, faculty, and parents in attendance the guest Veterans followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman and Veteran Eddie Alvarez and the singing of the National Anthem by Jessica Alvarado. Following remarks to all veterans present at the ceremony by Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha, military songs or re-

senior citizens who regularly attend the center. The ceremony always starts with the Presentation of Colors, this year by members of Gladstone High School's JROTC led by First Sergeant Herbert, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Stefanie Fultz, Senior Recreation Leader-Program Coordinator and the National Anthem song by Josephine Gehring accompanied by Helen Hinkler at the piano. Prior to introducing Azusa mayor Joe Rocha and Councilman Eddie Alvarez, Fultz recited a Veterans' Day prayer. Both Rocha and Alvarez addressed the Senior Veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service and sacrifice. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those Veterans in attendance by Rocha, Alvarez, as well as Interim City Manager Don Penman and Recreational and Family Services Director Joe Jacobs. The ceremony concluded with the singing and piano playing of Gehring and Hinkler, respectively.

On Saturday, November 11, the Azusa Veterans Memorial Committee in conjunction with the Azusa Veterans of Foreign War Post 8070 and the City of Azusa, hosted the 2017 Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in

front of Azusa City Hall and adjacent to the Field of Glory display. The ceremony begins with a ceremony introduction by VFW's Commander, Jesse Martinez, followed by the Presentation of Colors by Azusa High School-JROTC and Glendora High School's Bag Piper, an invocation by Reverend Jesse Aramburo of Canyon Christian Fellowship and the

## Students of Dalton Elementary School in Azusa Honor Veterans



Azusa Councilman and U. S. Navy veteran Uriel Macias shows the students how the U. S. Flag should be folded and the meaning of every fold.

By Jayam Rutnam

**AZUSA** - Dalton Elementary School put on another successful Veteran's Day recognition ceremony on Wednesday November 8th. Flanking the stage were two military utility vehicles loaned to the school for the ceremony by Jan's Towing, of Azusa. The quadrangle was packed with two hundred children, their teachers and some parents, who waited in anticipation for the proceedings to begin.

The stage was set, with around twenty current military members and former veterans of foreign wars who sat facing the audience. All four branches of the military were represented. The program began sharp at 1 p.m., with the Dalton Leadership Students led by Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias, who is also a Navy veteran, who did the presentation of the colors with a brand new set of Military, California, and American flags. "The flag set is a great tribute to our men and women in uniform, past and present, and will greatly enhance our school and the appreciation our students have for our veterans. I want to give a great big thank you to Athens Services who donated the flags", said school principal Dr. Laura Clarke. After

the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem was sung by a Dalton School student's parent Trevor Thomson who is also a veteran.

Following the presentation of the colors, Dr. Clarke introduced all the veterans in attendance, including Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt, Azusa Police Sergeant Robert Landeros, and Azusa Councilman Uriel Macias, members of the Army Recruit Command and others from the National Guard Armory.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Clarke's father, Robert Holman, who is a Korean War veteran in the Navy. He spoke about the sacrifices and training that all military members go through and how at times the situation was very challenging and stressful. The students led by Elizabeth Rubio, then sang a rendition of "You're a grand 'ole flag" as they waved their personal hand held flags. The next part of the ceremony was the folding of the flag and the significance behind this traditional ceremony read by Dr. Clarke.

The Flag salute was by Alex Serrato-Bucio. The Student Appreciation Presentation was by Roman Miranda, Summer Gallegos and Alex Serrato-

Bucio. The "gifts" were read by Naomi Razo, Daniela Hernandez, Jesse Ortega and Summer Gallegos. The Veteran's who attended the event included Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt (Army), Andy Celis (Army), Nichole Trejo (Army), Staff Sergeant Robert Landeros (Army) Rene Ramirez (Army), Sergeant David Oregel (Army), Marquis Bonner (Army), Adrian Garcia (Army), Sergeant Marcus Chavez (National Guard), Juan Ortega (Army), Armando Martinez (Army), Uriel Macias (Navy), Mike Zavala (Army), Daniel Ramirez (Navy), and John Ortega.

Following the ceremony the veterans and students were treated to a special reception with refreshments and thank you cards. Some of the veterans even went to classrooms and spoke to students.

"The whole thing was marvelous, the kids loved it! Please don't ever stop doing this!", said one of the parents after the ceremony. Another parent said that "seeing the children's (students) reactions and enthusiasm during the event, makes this event worthwhile. We should have more of these events that focus on celebrating our country."



The Azusa City Council recognizing the family of Korean War Veteran, Frank Hernandez.

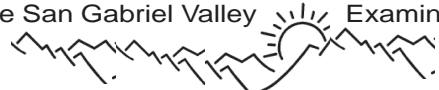
Glendora and Azusa communities, including Veterans attending and/or associated with Citrus College and Azusa Pacific University. From Glendora, Christopher R. Abalo, Captain, U.S. Army was recognized and honored. From Azusa, Edward J. Alvarez, Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Army and Council member for the City of Azusa since 2013. For Citrus College, Walter Seegers, Seaman, U.S. Navy and for APU, Janet E. Wessels, Captain, U.S. Navy as well as a full-time faculty member and assistant pro-

posed poems were performed by all Paramount Students: transitional kinder-"Little Poppy"; kindergarten-Patriotic Medley; first grade-"See the Veteran"; second grade-"Standing up for Freedom"; third grade-"We Celebrate America"; fourth grade-"Proud to be an American"; fifth grade-Poem-"Remembering America's Wars"; and school wide-"God Bless America."

Then at 11:00 a.m., also on Thursday, the Azusa Senior Center celebrated its "Annual Veterans Day Tribute," to all Veteran

singing of the National Anthem by Anna Aguilar. In addition to welcoming remarks and acknowledgements by city officials and musical interludes by Center Middle School Jazz Band, Christbridge Academy, the GHS Bag Piper. The highlights of the ceremony was the Laying of the Wreath and 21-gun salute by members of the Azusa Veterans Memorial Team Post 8070, the remarks by the Keynote Speaker, Ana Estevez, U.S. Army Veteran and mother of a child murdered

Turn to Azusa Celebrates / A7





# Azusa Technology Celebrates One Year in Glendora

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - Kenny Nguyen's "Azusa Technology," celebrated one year in their location on the historic Route 66 in Glendora. Having been in business in Azusa for many years, he found that he had more clients in Glendora, which is why he made the move. Kenny has fond memories of Azusa and continues to use the name "Azusa Technology" as it has been very lucky for him.

Kenny Nguyen's move to Glendora has proven to be extremely profitable as he has more than doubled his clientele. He attributes his success to being a member of different organizations, starting from the Glendora Chamber of Commerce. One would see Kenny at just about all the Chamber's events, so he is now well known throughout the business community in Glendora, Irwindale and Azusa, among other neighboring cities. In his words "networking works!"

Kenny comes with many

## Volunteer Your Gift Of Music

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



At the Glendora Chamber of Commerce "one year" ribbon cutting ceremony were Jinesh Vora Postal Annex, Kenny Nguyen, Al Jaffari, Mayor of Glendora Gary Boyer, Ken Salzman, Michelle Street of the Glendora Chamber, Karyn Colasanti, Jigar Shah Apex Global Solutions and a representative from Senator Portantino's office.

recommendations and referrals which he cherishes. He feels that if one of his clients should thank him in writing, he has made a major accomplishment!

In Kenny's words, "As I visit different companies it has become apparent to me that regardless of what they make, sell or manage just about every small to mid-sized business has two things in common. They all rely upon their computer systems and data files,

and they all seem to share a degree of frustration towards these computers, feeling as if they spend too much time reacting to issues outside their realm of expertise. Computers, Networks & Server Solutions are our realm of expertise. As a fellow small business, we understand that time and energy spent away from business of the day means opportunity and potentially revenue lost. We realize that a single crashed

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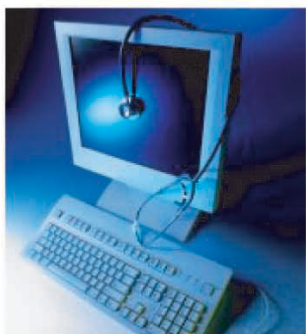
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## Arcadia Kicks Off Holiday Season With Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

**ARCADIA** - The City of Arcadia celebrates the start of the holiday season with the third annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event takes place at the Arcadia Transit Plaza on the corner of Santa Clara Street and North First Avenue, and will feature the lighting of the official Christmas Tree in Arcadia by the Mayor, City Council, and Santa Claus.

Santa will arrive on an Arcadia Fire Truck and help the Mayor "flip the switch," bringing the festive tree to life with lights and decorations. The celebration in-

cludes free cocoa and cookies, strolling carolers, a kids' craft table where youngsters can decorate their own ornaments, and holiday photos. One of the highlights of this event is the holiday craft market featuring a variety of local, handcrafted items, gifts, and foods.

Bring a little joy to the children in need in our community by donating a new, unwrapped toy. The City will deliver the donated toys to the Foothill Unity Center in time for their annual toy distribution.

The tree lighting marks the beginning of fun holiday festivi-

ties. The merriment continues throughout the month of December with three holiday events. The always popular Breakfast with Santa is on December 2 at the Community Center with two options for breakfast: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The Holiday Snow Festival is on December 2 at the Community Center from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Last but not least, the Downtown Arcadia Holiday Market is on December 9 and fills South First Avenue from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. with artisans highlighting their handcraft and food items at this artisanal street fair.

## County Approves Balanced Sediment Removal Plan For Devil's Gate

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - A motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, directs county departments to prioritize safety and environmental factors in its Devil's Gate dam sediment removal plan.

"This modified approach prioritizes safety, addresses environmental concerns and mitigates disruption for our local residents," Barger said. "I appreciate the input of our community members, environmental groups and the City of Pasadena who have participated in discussions with me and county departments over many months."

The Supervisor's proposal balances the position of flood control engineers who initially requested that the project to remove 2.4 million cubic yards with the preservation of existing environmental assets, by proposing the removal of 1.7 million cubic yards.

The motion further called for

coordination with the City of Pasadena on stormwater capture and groundwater replenishment as well as the development of an early warning system to notify downstream residents and businesses of any issues related to similar Los Angeles County Flood Control District facilities.

Finally, the Supervisor directed the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to work with the Army Corps of Engineers on the completion of the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Study, which will identify opportunities for aquatic and riparian restoration along a 10 mile reach of the Arroyo Seco downstream of Devil's Gate Dam.

## Arcadia's Winter Watering Schedule Takes Effect

**ARCADIA** - Starting on November through April 30, the allowed outdoor irrigation days are Tuesdays and Saturdays before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.

The best time to irrigate your lawn is early morning or late evening. Avoid irrigating your lawn during the middle of the day through the late afternoon when heat and evaporation are at their highest. If you find your trees, flowers, or shrubs still thirsty, hand watering is allowed within the timeframe by bucket or by hose, with a shut-off nozzle attached. To avoid water waste while keeping your plants hydrated, walk the line when your system is on to ensure valves and sprinkler heads are not broken or clogged.

Additionally, the City of Arcadia offers a free irrigation audit for its residents. Poorly functioning sprinklers and over-watered landscapes waste water and increase the number of pollutants flowing into storm drains. Water is mostly wasted in your garden in months prior to or just after the rainy season when intermittent rains occur and you water plants that do not need the water.

Schedule a free irrigation audit by calling the Public Works Services Department at 254-2700. Learn how to read your water meter and other water-saving strategies by visiting the City of Arcadia website at [www.ArcadiaCA.gov/waterconservation](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/waterconservation).

## Mountain Crash Kills One, Injures Two

By George Ogden

**GLENDORA** - The CHP is investigating a fatal crash that occurred Saturday, November 11 and was not discovered until Sunday, November 12 around 10 a.m. The accident happened on Glendora Ridge Road near Mount Baldy in the Angeles National Forest between mile markers 8 and 10.

Three 18 year-olds were in a small SUV type vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed when the driver failed to make a curve. The vehicle launched itself over the berm and went airborne. It flew some distance before smashing down some 500 feet below the road. The crash smashed the vehicle into a mass of crushed metal when it continued to roll down the mountain side another 300 to 400 feet. None of the passengers were wearing seat belts. The vehicles impact hit so hard that the passengers became trapped in the vehicle.

The parents of one of the youths contacted the police when they did not return home Saturday evening. A search along a possible route led to the discovery of the mangled vehicle around 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

Mountain Rescue and paramedics had to repel down the side of the mountain to the wreckage, where they found one survivor who was able to extract himself from the wreckage. The injuries were so bad that the victim was unable to move to get help. The other two victims were trapped in crushed metal. They found one person dead and the other in extreme critical condition. They believe that the victims had crashed 24 hours before and were stranded there all night before they were found.

CHP is handling the investigation. Anyone with information can reach the office during normal business hours at 626-338-1164.

## Glendora Police Department Receives Grant For Special Traffic Enforcement And Crash Prevention

**GLENDORA** - Glendora Department has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. Glendora Department will use the funding as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

"We extend our gratitude to the Office of Traffic and Safety for their continued support of our effort in providing public awareness in preventing traffic related injuries and deaths" said Glendora Police Chief Lisa G. Rosales.

After falling to a ten year low in 2010, the number of persons killed on roadways has climbed nearly 17 percent across the state, with 3,429 fatalities in 2015. Particularly alarming is the rise in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities that now comprise

nearly 25 percent of all traffic deaths, along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies and the emergence of drug-impaired driving. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as speeding and crashes at intersections.

"Unsafe behaviors account for 94 percent of traffic crashes," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "This grant emphasizes the two most effective ways to change behaviors - education and enforcement. Glendora Police Department, with assistance from the Office of Traffic Safety, will use these tools to help keep Glendora streets safe."

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- Motorcycle safety enforcement

• Distracted driving enforcement

• Warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders

• Specialized DUI and drugged driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE)

• Know Your Limit Campaign

• Traffic Enforcement Operations

While alcohol remains the worst offender for DUI crashes, Chief Rosales 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.

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## LA County Library's Free Online Diploma Program For Adults Removes Barriers To Those Without Computers

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Qualifying students enrolled in the Career Online High School (COHS) program offered by LA County Library can now check out a laptop and MiFi mobile internet hotspot for free. The Library is offering these checkouts in an effort to remove potential barriers to the program for those who do not have access to a computer or internet at home, but wish to earn their accredited diploma and career certificate.

COHS is a free, online high school diploma program for

adults 19 and over. In addition to earning an accredited diploma in 18 months or less, students also earn a career certificate in one of eight high-demand fields, including office management, food service, childcare and education, and more.

LA County Library offers free seats in the program to adults who meet the requirements. COHS students who do not have a computer at home are now eligible to receive a laptop to use for the duration of the program, after

they have finished their pre-requisite coursework, which can be completed via an in-library computer.

The COHS program was made possible through LA County Library's partnership with the database provider Gale/Cengage, as well as the Clinton Global Initiative and California State Library. LA County Library is one of 39 libraries within the state of California that offers free COHS scholarships. It is ranked second in the state.

## Join Irwindale Chamber of Commerce for an Adventure to China

**IRWINDALE** - The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce is offering a unique opportunity to experience the Chinese culture, history and business.

Through a partnership with Citslinc International, the Chamber is offering a cost effective trip to China on October 7-15, 2018. The trip includes stops in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou with opportunities to visit historic sites like the Great Wall of China and Tian An Men Square. There is also an opportunity to visit with a local Chinese business. The meeting is optional and requires filling

out a business inquiry form indicating what type of business or industry you are interested in learning more about.

We're excited to organize an Irwindale Chamber China Tour. This is an excellent opportunity to be introduced to the China. It's extremely affordable and includes visits to major cities, various economic zones and major historical sites.

The trip includes airfare from Los Angeles, hotel accommodations at 4 & 5 star hotels, three full meals a day, and professional drivers and tour operators. The cost is

\$2,599 per person for double occupancy.

Some of the highlights include visiting the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Ming Tombs, and The Bund.

The Chamber is hosting an orientation meeting on **November 16th** at the Doubletree by Hilton in Monrovia from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Leo Liu, owner of Citslinc, will be answering questions regarding the trip. Please visit [www.register.irwindalechamber.org](http://www.register.irwindalechamber.org) to register for the travel presentation. Please call 626-960-6606 if you have any questions.

## The City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department Fall 2017 Registration - New Classes!

**ARCADIA** - Registration for classes and activities has already begun! Try something new this fall or sign up for your old favorites. If you are looking for something innovative try our cooking classes with Chef Chris Allen. Chef Chris graduated with honors from the Le Cordon Bleu program and comes to us from the Summer Arts Academy. This fall Chef Chris will be teaching Global Gourmet, Cooking Around the Clock and Baking for adults. Please come check out this renowned executive chef.

We have also added to our vast exercise program this fall, Gina Thrane coming on board to teach Ashtanga Yoga. Gina is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance and currently

teaches at the Foothill Gym in Monrovia. Her classes will be held Thursday mornings at the Museum Education Center starting in late September. Her style of Yoga includes a variety of strength training to alternative poses as well as stretch.

Also added to our fall classes is Parent and Me Mandarin taught by Shelley Dai. Professor Dai began to offer Parent and me Mandarin through Arcadia Recreation and Community Services this past summer. Shelley has a B.A. in Language and Literature and a M.A. in Child Development. Additionally she has many years of varied experience in Early Childhood Education. Her classes teach Mandarin through age-

appropriate activities, as well as learning through play.

If you don't already have an account, go on-line and create your own. For questions on how to sign up on-line please call 626.574.5113 or come to the Recreation Office, 375 Campus Drive. Courses are offered at the Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, the Museum Education Center, 382 W. Huntington Drive AND the gymnasium located at Dana Middle School, 1401 S. First Avenue. For specifics on class dates, times and locations, please contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626.574.5113 or log onto the City of Arcadia Website at [www.arcadiaca.gov/recreation](http://www.arcadiaca.gov/recreation).

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# \$7.12 Billion Drought Prevention Bonds... Now?

Gov. Jerry Brown asked the Sacramento Legislators to place a \$7.12 billion water bond on the November 2014 ballot for voter-approval to increase water storage to deal with the droughts California is subjected to periodically. Originally the proposed amount was \$11.14 billion but was dropped down. The raging drought at that time convinced voters to overwhelmingly support the proposal for new storage facilities to increase the water supply.

That bond authorized \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds for water supply infrastructure to be paid off using money from the state's general fund increasing bond repayments costs to \$360 million annually over the next 40 years. Four years later, June 2018, after a sea of dead lawns and landscaping and disaster in the Central Valley this past year, money for projects will be awarded.

Specifically, the bonds are to be used for ... "state water supply infrastructure projects, such as surface and groundwater storage; ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration; drinking water protection; water supply management; water recycling and advanced water treatment technology; and flood control." That measure also allowed \$425 million of unused bond authority from prior water bond acts to be shifted over for use with these bond monies.

Gov. Brown's appointed members of the California Water Commission will be the decision-makers when it comes time to award money to project requests that met the standards established in the ballot measure by serving the public interests best.

In August 2017, there were twelve requests for money and the Commissioners will review those requests and make a decision in June of 2018. The state will put up 50% of the money, and the project winners must find the additional matching money to build the project. The Mercury News reported some of those twelve are:

1. Sites Reservoir - \$5 billion



**Shade's Perspective**  
Lois M. Shade  
Former Mayor of Glendora

reservoir in Colusa County, 100 miles north of Napa, diverting 1.8 million acre feet of Sacramento River water to serve 9 million people a year. This would become the 7th largest reservoir in the state.

2. Los Vaqueros: The Contra Costa Water District would raise the earthen dam near Livermore 55 feet increasing water storage to 275,000 acre feet to serve 1.4 million people. Project cost: \$914 million. Reportedly that project is a favorite among the environmentalists because it would go the Central Valley wetland refuges for their threatened ecosystems.

3. Pacheco Pass: The Santa Clara Valley Water District is requesting \$900 million to build a new reservoir in Southern Santa Clara County that would hold 130,000 acre feet of water serving 650,000 people a year.

4. Temperance Flat: The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has proposed a \$3 billion, 665-foot-high dam on the San Joaquin River in the Sierra foothills in Fresno County. It would become the second tallest dam in California right behind Oroville Dam, with a 1.3 million acre-feet of water to serve 6.5 million people a year.

5. Semi-tropic: The groundwater district near Bakersfield, which stores water for agencies from the Bay Area to Los Angeles, has proposed an expansion but I didn't see any dollar signs with this one.

6. Kern Fan: The Irvine Ranch Water District in Irvine, which serves 380,000 residents of Orange County, is proposing to

build a \$171 million groundwater storage project at the south end of the Kern River.

7. City of San Diego: Proposing to produce 1/3 of its water need from recycled wastewater by 2035 by spending \$1.2 billion and deliver it to Miramar Reservoir.

Gov. Brown's Water Commission: "... consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. Seven members are chosen for their general expertise related to the control, storage, and beneficial use of water and two are chosen for their knowledge of the environment."

According to California Watchdog the following is what they found out about the Commission Members:

- Eight of nine commissioners are from Northern California.
- Three are Republicans and two are undeclared.
- Only three have any strong water policy experience before serving on the commission.
- Of those three, only two, both Republicans, have experience with statewide water issues.
- The past or present occupation of four of the members is environmental lobbying, education and political consulting.
- Two members are primarily labor and union lobbyists.
- Two are from agriculture, one Democrat and one Republican.
- Eight are men, one is a woman.

The projects requesting approval will only happen if matching funds are found. What happens to this bond money if the Commission finds no real benefit to the public that needs drought relief which was the original intent ... or at least the intent in the message sent to the voters? If Gov. Brown is able to shift \$423 million bond dollars from other approved bond accounts, what will he do with any unused bond money here? Again, my mantra ... should unelected, politically selected people be able to decide how the taxpayers' money is being spent?

## America's Christian Credit Union Executive Elected To Board Of Directors For National Council For Adoption

**GLENDORA** – America's Christian Credit Union (ACCU) is proud to announce with the National Council For Adoption (NCFCA), the election of Fawn Imboden to the NCFCA Board of Directors, beginning September 2017. Fawn currently serves as Vice President/Chief Development Officer at ACCU; Chief Administrative Officer for the Wesleyan Holiness Connection; Board of Trustees member at Life Pacific University; and Board member/immediate past chairperson for the Glendora, California Chamber of Commerce.

Fawn's heart turned toward orphan work from watching her eldest sister who dedicated her life to caring for hundreds of ethnic orphans in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Then in the mid-1970s, upon the fall of Saigon, Fawn and her family fled from communist Vietnam and found refuge in the United States and the Christian faith. Experiencing a

season that mirrored, in certain respects, the plight of an orphan, and coupled with her desire to partner with God in His redeeming work (Psalm 146:9), Fawn developed a passion for serving the children of the world who have yet to find their forever family.

Founded in 1980, NCFCA is a global adoption advocacy nonprofit that promotes the expansion and support of adoption through education, research, legislative action, and collaboration. As the authoritative voice for adoption, NCFCA's areas of focus include domestic infant adoption, adoption and permanency outcomes for youth in foster care, and intercountry adoption. Over the course of her three-year Board term, Fawn will bring her unique insight to NCFCA's financial stewardship, strategic planning, and relationships with the faith-based community. Fawn has been engaged with NCFCA for several years, during which

time she has educated hundreds of adoption professionals about financial resources in a presentation at NCFCA's annual National Adoption Conference, and directed a family-friendly webinar on financial resources.

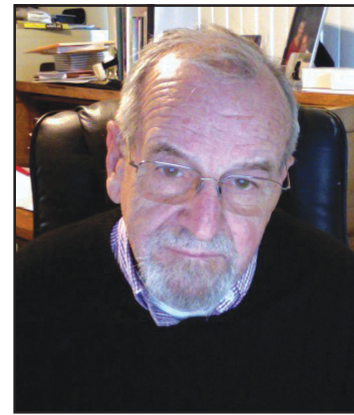
"The role of National Council For Adoption's Board of Directors is to maximize the positive influence the organization has on the future of adoption, while navigating the barriers that prevent children from thriving in loving, permanent families," said NCFCA's Board Chairman, Dr. Wayne W. Sharp. "All adopted children face their own unique challenges of grief, loss, and identity. But for children who wait indefinitely for a forever family—or for children who are never adopted—what is the cost? What is the cost to their well-being? What is the cost to our nation? It is out of true compassion and love that Fawn and her team at ACCU have created a series of financial solutions so that expenses related to adoption do not stand in the way of a child finding his or her forever home. Fawn's work has impacted the lives of more than 1,600 adopted children so far, and I look forward to working alongside her to make an even larger impact with NCFCA."

## Are We Really That Disgusting?

Most of us are appalled at the continual reports of despicable conduct by America's males, compounded by their effort to blame this irresponsible behavior on women. Face it guys, it is we, not women who are the bad apples, and no effort to blame the victims is either helpful or honest.

Recent revelations of how the wealthiest and most powerful among us believe they have a right to capitalize on the overwhelming prerogatives they think their position gives them, is neither an excuse nor a justification. Harvey Weinstein in only one of the latest examples, preceding Bill Cosby, Bill O'Reilly and a handful of others who have been driven out of the shadows by scores of recently empowered women who are saying "No more! Enough is more than enough!" None of us are guiltless, even if our complicity amounts only of our failure to speak out. And who knows what any of us might do, if we could buy off anyone we needed to?

And what about those in whom we put the reputation and the survival of all that is America, and find out only later about their not



Charles H. Bayer

too-well-hidden indiscretions—often covered only by sorry excuses such as, "boys will be boys"?

What we now know about John Kennedy and Bill Clinton has tarnished their images, even if we are convinced that whatever their involvement, it was consensual. What does consent really mean when the aggressor is rich and powerful enough?

Hear again the boastful words of a man who believes himself to be the world's most important person, asked for and received the blessing of this nation codified in the Constitutionally authorized judgment of the Electoral College.[1] These boastful words were uttered out in the

open for the world to hear – it did, and every one of us was cheapened by them.

*"I moved on her like a bitch, but I couldn't get there, and she was married. Then all of a sudden I see her, she's now got the big phony tits and everything."*

*"I'm automatically attracted to beautiful [women]—I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything ... Grab them by the pussy. You can do anything."*

When someone comes along seeking to convince us that he exemplifies the best and noblest this nation has to offer, and demonstrates his nobility from the gutter, what does this say about who we really are? While Trump's gross male buffoonery does not qualify as either a high crime or a misdemeanor, it certainly is embarrassing enough for the American people to seek a remedy. The Republicans who got him elected should now be honor-bound enough to rid the country of this national disgrace.

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## "TIME JOCKEY" - Manuel Garfias

By Joe Castillo

**Rancho San Pasqual...** The history of the San Gabriel Valley is filled with people who left their mark on some place, person or event, and Manuel Garfias was one of those persons. Garfias was a Lieutenant Colonel in Governor Manuel Micheltorena's Alta California army in 1843. He sought to obtain a higher status but his opportunities were limited while he was an officer in the military. But he met a young lady from an aristocratic family and was soon arranging a wedding. Garfias' marriage into the Abila (Avila) family brought Garfias the stature and prestige he was seeking. On the invitation list was Governor Micheltorena who considered Garfias his most prized officer. Micheltorena thought so highly of Garfias that he gave him the deed to a large parcel of land, Rancho San Pasqual. The parcel of land originally was granted to Juan Marine, husband of Dona Eulalia Perez de Guillen, but was transferred to his relative Jose Perez upon Marine's death. Perez included Enrique Sepulveda in joint ownership of the rancho but neither could keep up the requirements of grant ownership and the parcel of land was returned back to the Mexican government. The new grant deed was dated November 28, 1843 but Garfias had no intention of being a farmer or working the land and instead he chose to work as the City of Los Angeles' first Treasurer.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed and the United States took over possession of California for the agreed

sum of \$15 million. The deal included the present day states of California, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas with sections of Colorado and Wyoming. Land title became an issue between the new U.S. government and the existing Mexican land grant titles and Garfias sought to head off any upcoming title issues. He applied to the United States Land Commission regarding the ownership of his land grant. The approval was granted in April 1854 but the government did not inform Garfias that a patent on his property would not be available until 1858.

As the matter was left for time to follow, Garfias was surprised when he received notification that his request for a patent was approved on April 3, 1863. The patent guaranteed Garfias title to every piece of land contained in the original Rancho San Pasqual land grant. It was signed by President of the United States, Abra-

ham Lincoln. Garfias was already in the process of building one of the most luxurious mansions in Southern California which became predecessor to the Pasadena mansions. It was called "La Llave de Valle", the Key to the Valley and was located on the east side of the Arroyo Seco facing the famed Cathedral Oak. The view of the mansion was unobstructed in every direction and Garfias was the toast of the valley. But alas, Garfias invested poorly and soon went into debt. He borrowed at a high interest rate and when he could not pay back his loans, Manuel Garfias was forced to give up ownership to the new American land owner, Don Benito Wilson. ....

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## Tree Lighting Ceremony

**WEST COVINA** - 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.

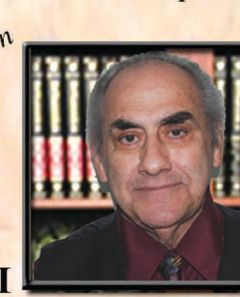
Call Kathy Clark at 626 664-3050 for other information.

## Fall Kid's Camp

**ARCADIA** - The Recreation and Community Services Department offers the Fall Kid's Camp at Holly Avenue Elementary School, 360 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia starting Monday, November 20 to Wednesday, November 22 from 8am-6pm. Each day is filled with fun group activities including crafts, board games, movies, and snacks for youth ages 5-12. Parents are able to sign their children up for one day or all three.

Fall camp is \$27 per child per day. To register in person come by our office or you can go to the city's website at [www.arcadiaCA.gov](http://www.arcadiaCA.gov) under the Recreation and Community Services Department to download a copy. For more questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

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# Could Beneficial Tax Legislation Pass?

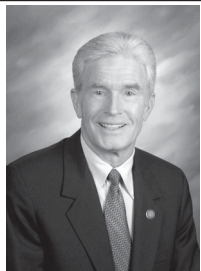
Tax legislation as initially proposed would raise the Federal Income Taxes paid by many people living in higher taxed and/or higher residential cost states. It is hard to imagine elected Representatives from those states supporting perceived targeting of their constituents. It is also hard to imagine Democrats supporting a Republican tax bill which would benefit wealthy families disproportionately more than almost everyone else.

Opinions on current tax proposals from Wall Street vary from "halfway good" to "many people paying more so Corporations can pay less". Why shouldn't at least some of the lost government tax revenue related to lower corporate rates be offset by phasing out non-critical business tax breaks? Eliminating LIFO inventory accounting, with a 15 year recapture of past LIFO tax deferrals, should be under consideration (instead of taking away state tax deductions from individuals).

In addition to large American corporations (which really do need a lower tax rate to compete with international competitors paying far lower tax rates) who else would benefit the most if current proposals became law?

One big winner would be pass through entity owners who could qualify for a proposed new 25% tax rate! An investor in a pass through entity might pay significantly lower taxes than a "c" corporation investor benefiting from proposed 20% rates? Do the math. An investor in a Corporation must individually pay capital gains or dividend tax to cash out any of his or her investment income. Assuming 15% dividend or capital gain rates, that investor could have a cash return (excluding appreciation) equal to 68% on earnings from investment (\$100 before tax earnings less \$20 tax paid at the corporate level as well as \$12 paid at the individual level). With the proposed 25% tax for pass through owners (on 30% of their investment if they actively work in the entity) an investor could have an unwarranted after tax cash return of 75% of earnings on his or her investment. This comparison ignores the fact that many wealthy families tend to avoid paying capital gain taxes because they can pass appreciated (but untaxed) assets down to the next generation. Which points out another reason to question eliminating all estate taxes! Even without eliminating estate taxes in 2023 (as included in current tax proposals)

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heirs of large estates would benefit significantly from the proposed doubling of the estate tax exemption.

Many business owners, especially businesses with large capital expenditures and corporations eligible for the proposed 20% tax rate, as well as individuals in low tax states and families with children or significant allowed deductions should also benefit from proposed tax changes.

Tax reform with lower individual and corporate tax rates would be very beneficial for our economy (and also for most Americans) if it can be passed! Current proposals could be modified so that tax reform would become easier for at least all Republicans to support. However, it may not be easy for special interest groups to accept only a partial victory for their wealthy supporters. Will unselfish statesmen fight for and support a revised tax plan which has the potential to more fairly benefit most Americans? The Senate's GOP tax plan (announcement Thursday) appears to be a good first step toward more equitable tax reform.

**CONTINUING POSITIVE MARKET MOMENTUM**

In the quarter just past, the S&P 500 rose almost 4%, the Dow Industrials rose almost 5%, and NASDAQ rose 5.8%. Most major indexes reached a new all-time high, including the S&P, NASDAQ, and Russell 2000. That's more than exceptional. According to Bespoke Investment Group's "October Seasonality" report, the third quarter has been the worst quarter of the year over the last 20, 50, and 100 years. Over the last 20 years, the Dow Industrials have declined an average 1.3% in the third quarter.

In the last 20 years, October has been the second-best month (April is #1). Better yet, November is #3 and December is #5, making the fourth quarter far and away the best part of the year - delivering four times the average gains of the previous nine months combined. In the last seven years,

October has been up strongly. Through the first nine months of 2017, most markets (including internationals) are up by double digits.

Bond yields have also been moving higher for the past month as fixed income traders are accepting the notion that the Fed may raise rates in December more seriously. There is also a growing chorus of Fed officials talking of two more rate hikes in 2018. Even if there are four quarter-point rate increases that fit the Fed's forecast plan, the Fed Funds Rate will still be at a historically low 2.0%-2.25%. Investors have gotten very comfortable with super-low interest rates and, to a large extent, global equity markets have as well.

With that said, the old saying of "don't fight the Fed" is being heard again, and with the S&P 500 trading at an all-time high, there is an elevated level of chatter as to how high the market can trade in a rising-rate environment. In that light, it might be surprising to hear that, historically, equity prices have often rallied in both the run-up to policy rate-hike cycles and in the year following the onset of rate increases.

In the immediate wake of any change in monetary policy, markets can most certainly endure bouts of volatility and rapid sector rotation, as has been the case for the past month. Fund flows out of telecoms, utilities, and consumer staples have been very pronounced, whereas fund flows into financials, energy, information technology, consumer discretionary, and natural resources have been quite bullish. The repositioning of capital during the past quarter is to be taken seriously, because whether the Fed actually raises rates in December takes a backseat to investors' perception that they will move rates higher.

As things stand now, the pros and cons against a further rally in the stock market appear to be somewhat evenly balanced, with the caveat that a military escalation in global hot spots is difficult to analyze ahead of time. If no such escalation occurs, I think the odds are better that the stock market will continue to be positive at least to the November 2018 midterm elections.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*My husband and I plan to retire in 8 years, but are worried that we won't be able to afford the payments on our mortgage that still has 13 years left. What could we do?*

You have several choices. 1. Pay off your mortgage early. 2. Refinance now, while still employed, into a 30-year mortgage to lower your payments to an affordable amount. (You can still pay it off in a shorter time, but this gives you a lower payment if needed.) 3. Upon retirement, rent your home out, or sell it and obtain less-expensive housing. 4. If your mortgage is paid down considerably in 8 years, you might qualify for a reverse mortgage (HECM - Home Equity Conversion Mortgage).

*We have lived and worked in California for 25 years. Now we want to retire in another state. Will California track us down for the deferred taxes on our retirement account?*

Public Law 104-95 prohibits state taxation of certain pension income of nonresidents, received after December 31, 1995. In other words, the state you move from cannot collect taxes; the state you move to can.

*My wife will probably be entering a nursing home next year. We're planning to apply for Medicaid for her. Does this mean that I'll have to 'spend down'?*

In July 2009, a state Circuit Court of Appeals case sided with the agency that handles Medicaid services saying that monies in the family's combined asset base can be used for an income annuity for the "well spouse" as



**Julia Yoder**

long as it follows the stated statutory guidelines. Even if these monies are greater than the asset allocation for the well spouse, by following the Medicaid Compliant rules, the annuity is okay. This means that couples will be able to reposition tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars into Medicaid-compliant annuities and not have the income from the annuities count against the aid a nursing home bound spouse can receive.

*If I buy an annuity, how can I be sure the income from it will last my whole lifetime?*

Insurance companies use mortality tables to determine how long you are expected to live. However, nowadays, people are living longer. What happens if you annuitize your annuity and you live longer than the insurance mortality tables said you would? Depending on your annuity contract, and providing you selected the right payout option, the insurance company is obligated to continue paying no matter how long you live. You read it right! Even if your annuity is penniless, you could continue to receive income.

*My parents are bugging me to start saving for retirement. I don't have much money for that, but would like to start. What do you have for me?*

You can start investing in your own IRA for around \$100 per month. Then, as your income increases, you can put in more. Or, you could apply for a life insurance policy that includes a cash-accruing account, available while you're alive. You might even ask your parents to match your retirement savings for the first year to help you get a start and build a good habit.

*Although we are not happy with our current financial agent, would it be wiser for us to stay with him, or should we go ahead and change agents?*

If your agent is not serving your needs or financial desires, either talk with him to see if he is willing to make the changes you want, or by all means, make the change. It is your money; you should feel confident with your agent.

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# Cannabis Sellers Must Register with the Dept of Tax and Fee Administration

**SACRAMENTO**—Individuals planning to sell cannabis or cannabis products beginning January 1, 2018, must register with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) for a seller's permit. Cannabis cultivators, processors, manufacturers, retailers, microbusinesses and distributors who make sales are required to obtain and maintain a seller's permit as a prerequisite for applying for a license with the Bureau of Cannabis Control, the Department of Food and Agriculture, or the Department of Public Health. It is easy and convenient to register online with the CDTFA. Individuals who already have a seller's permit (including a permit previously issued by the Board of Equalization) do not need to register for a new one.

In addition, distributors of cannabis and cannabis products

must also register with the CDTFA for a cannabis tax permit - which is separate from a seller's permit - in order to report and pay the two new cannabis taxes to the CDTFA starting in January 2018. Registration for the cannabis tax permit will be available on November 20, 2017.

Beginning January 1, 2018, two new cannabis taxes will be in effect:

- A 15 percent excise tax is imposed on purchasers of cannabis and cannabis products. Retailers are required to collect the excise tax from the purchaser and pay it to the cannabis distributor.
- A tax on the cultivation of cannabis that enters the commercial market is imposed on cultivators, who are required to pay the cultivation tax to either a distributor or manufacturer depending upon the nature of the transaction. The cultivation tax rates

are \$9.25 per dry weight ounce of cannabis flowers, and \$2.75 per dry-weight ounce of cannabis leaves.

Individuals who operate a cannabis business that does not make taxable sales will need to obtain a certification letter from the CDTFA indicating that their business does not require a seller's permit. The certification letter will be available through the CDTFA online registration system beginning November 20, 2017. Individuals may also sign up for CDTFA Cannabis ListServ notifications for the latest information on how to comply with the new laws related to cannabis businesses.

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By Gene Morill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# Finding An Auto Repair Shop You Can Trust

AAA did a survey and found that two out of three U.S.A. drivers do not trust automotive repair shops! Why?

The top reasons that U.S. drivers do not trust repair shops are:

- Recommending unnecessary services (76 percent)
- Overcharging for services (73 percent)
- Negative past experiences (63 percent)
- Concerns that the work will not be done correctly (49 percent)

The survey also noted that older drivers trust auto repair shops' more. Why?

- Baby Boomers are twice as likely than younger generations to fully trust auto repair facilities in general, with one-in-five reporting they "totally trust" the industry.
- Baby Boomers (76 percent) are also more likely to have a chosen auto repair shop that they trust compared to Millennials (55 percent) and Gen-Xers (56 percent).

What does this survey tell us?

- It takes time to find a great repair shop...many times through trial and error.
- Due to this, older, more established adults have found a shop they trust and they stick with them.
- Driver's happy with their repair shop aren't "repair shop hopping" based on coupons, but stick with the shop they know will do a good job at a fair price each and every time.
- The 75 million drivers who haven't found a trusted repair facility need to ask for recommendations from those who have.

What does AAA recommend?

• Find a shop you trust before you are in breakdown mode.

• Start off your search by having a shop do small items first such as oil changes, tire rotations and filter replacements.

There are a lot of great shops out there. Today it has never been easier to find one you trust! Read reviews and ask friends, family and neighbors. It pays great dividends in the long run.

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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.

## ARCADIA

### Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or 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

## COVINA

### American Legion Breakfast and Boutique

The American Legion Post 755, located at 20516 E. Arrow Hwy in Covina, will be hosting a breakfast and a sweet boutique on Sunday, **November 20** from 8am till 11am. So come and pick a sweet treat for the holidays. For more info, call 626 967-7786

## 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](http://www.insidesocal.com/66). Call Karen Levein at (626) 201-1449 or [k.levain@gmail.com](mailto:k.levain@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, 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 more info, visit [glenkirkchurch.org](http://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

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## 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.

## SAN DIMAS

### San Dimas

### Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd 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](mailto: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.

## Breakfast with Santa and Free Holiday Snow Festival

**ARCADIA** - The annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, **December 2** at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. Breakfast is \$10 and includes a hearty breakfast, holiday music and a photo with Santa! (limit one photo per child). 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!

Afterwards, come join us for the Free Holiday Snow Festival also held at the Arcadia Community Center from 9am-2pm (rain or shine). Beginning at 8 a.m., free parking and shuttle services from the Centennial Way entrance at Santa Anita Race Track. For more information, please call (626) 574-5113 or go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [www.arcadiaca.gov](http://www.arcadiaca.gov).

## Veteran's Salute and Tribute Show

**PASADENA**- Lake Avenue Church will sponsor a Veteran's Salute and Tribute Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **November 17-19** in the church's Family Life Center, room 300. These USO-style performances honoring our military veterans will feature a variety of acts spanning three decades, from Bob Hope, Ella Fitzgerald, The An-

drew Sisters, swing dancers, excerpts from 1940s radio shows, and more. The show will culminate on Sunday with a gourmet luncheon and show honoring our veterans.

Showtimes are Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. a veterans' luncheon followed at 2:30 p.m. by a special veterans' show.

On Sunday veterans and one guest may attend the luncheon and show for free. Tickets are available until November 16 at <http://www.lakeave.org>. Search using keyword: veteranshow

Lake Avenue Church is located at 393 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena, at the corner of Lake Avenue and the 210 Freeway.

## Santa Anita Family YMCA Annual Gala

**ARCADIA** - The Santa Anita Family YMCA Board of Directors invites the public to its 9th Annual Santa Anita Family YMCA Gala and Awards Dinner, to be held on Saturday, **November 18** from 6:00pm until 10:00pm at the Santa Anita Race Track clubhouse in Arcadia.

The Y-Gala features live music, dinner, presentation of the YMCA's three "persons of the year awards", followed by faux casino gaming for "Y-Bucks", live and silent auctions, with fine wines and spirits offered throughout the evening. The honorees for this year's Y Gala are: Youth of the Year - Emily Quach, 2017 Arcadia High graduate who headed 2016/17 Santa Anita YMCA Youth & Government delegation. Volunteer of the Year - Karen Schoeni, Monrovia resident is one of many wonderful people who serve as "unpaid staff", giving their time to assist

with YMCA programs; in her case, YMCA water exercise classes for seniors, and youth swim lessons. Servant-Leader Award - Julie Gentile, long time YMCA and Duarte Chamber Board member and Monrovia Kiwanis Club member receives the highest award a person can win at Santa Anita Family YMCA.

Proceeds from the YMCA Annual Gala help to provide financial assistance to individuals and families, enabling people of all ages to participate in a wide range of Santa Anita Y-programs. These include children's swim lessons, sports, and afterschool enrichment programs, Youth & Government for teens; and water exercise or strength & balance training for senior citizens with Arthritis or Parkinson's disease, and more.

The awarding of Y-program scholarships is guided by the

YMCA's financial assistance motto, which simply states that "no child/person will be turned away due to inability to pay." The Santa Anita Family YMCA granted over \$180,000 in financial assistance between 2015 and 2016, and requests continue to rise across age ranges and program offerings in 2017. The Santa Anita Family YMCA serves the communities of Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, and northern El Monte.

Tickets for the YMCA Annual Gala are \$125 per person or \$1000 for a table of 10 people. A portion of the Y-Gala ticket price may be tax-deductible. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact YMCA Executive Director Eric Boyd at (626) 359-9244, extension 8391; or YMCA Office Manager Gabby Galvez at [Gabrielagalvez@ymcala.org](mailto:Gabrielagalvez@ymcala.org).

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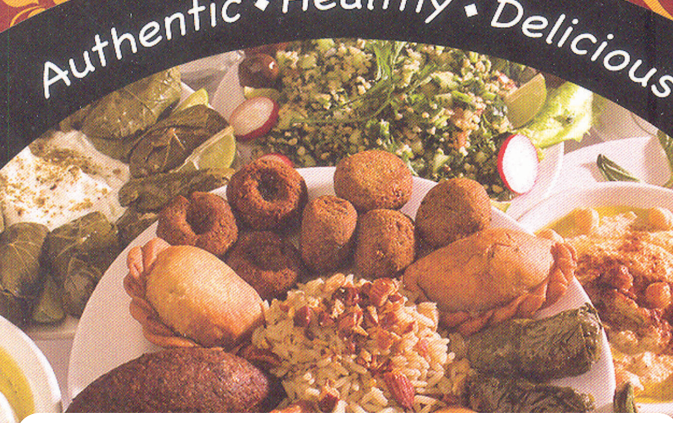


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# Azusa Celebrates

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by his father. The other highlights were the essay presentations by school selected middle high school students on the subject: "The Meaning of Veterans Day to Me," delivered by Enoch Liu, Christbridge Academy; Miracle Lopez and Yuri Waugh, Foothill; Anahid Perez, Slauson; and Sabrina Danielle Soriano, St. Frances of Rome. Pastor Jack Montoya of Calvary Church closed the ceremony in benediction and Aguilera singing with all attendees, "God Bless America."

The week long honor to Veterans concluded this morning with the complete removal of the Field of Glory from city halls lawn and the celebration of the 46th Annual Jim Rose Thanksgiving Dinner and Entertainment for Hospitalized Veterans at Azusa's VFW Post 8070. Throughout the year, members of various Post

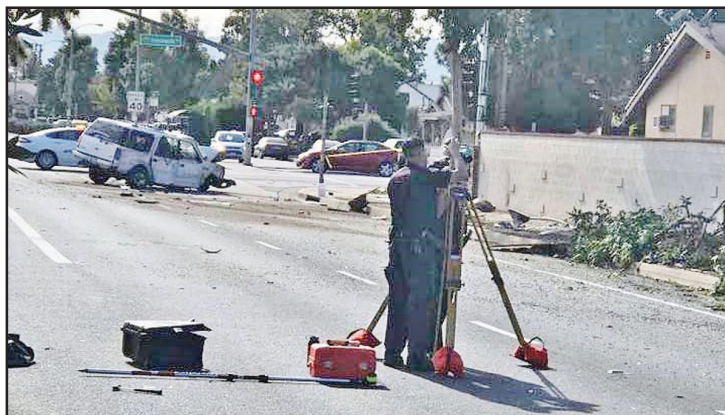
8070 organizations hold different fundraisers to pay for the transportation of the hospitalized Veterans from their respective hospitals (Sepulveda, Long Beach, and Loma Linda VA hospitals) to Azusa's VFW 8070 Post located at 250 E. First Street. In addition to a full thanksgiving dinner the hospitalized veterans are catered, entertained, and prior to their departure, each veteran leaves with a bag full of personal goodies, a blanket, and a handmade head beanie.

The weeklong City of Azusa honor to all Veterans concluded by being able to see the façade of Azusa's City Hall while driving through on Foothill Blvd. and by seeing the chartered buses depart Azusa with the hospitalized Veterans and VFW Post 8070 members and community volunteers waving goodbye to them.



Every year during the annual Jim Rose Thanksgiving Dinner for Disabled and Hospitalized Veterans, Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha helps in catering veterans in attendance. A full thanksgiving dinner is served to each Veteran in attendance.

# Driver Killed In Single Vehicle Accident



Accident investigator plots the accident scene at the corner of Sunset and Francisquito in West Covina.

By George Ogden

**WEST COVINA** - West Covina police department dispatchers started receiving calls of a vehicle accident at the corner of Sunset Ave. and Francisquito in West Covina. This occurred just after 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8. When first responders arrived, they found a full size SUV sitting in the number 2 lane with the driver critically injured inside the totaled SUV. Paramedics rendered first aid and extracted the unidentified 60 year-old driver. He was taken to the hospital. The driver succumbed to his injuries later that day.

It appears that the SUV was traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Sunset approaching Francisquito when the vehicle ran up the curb and struck a concrete light pole. The SUV continued along the

sidewalk with a right front wheel torn off and striking the wall along that sidewalk. After traveling about 100 feet, the vehicle took out a tree and then hit another concrete light pole as it made its way back into the street, stopping just short of the crosswalk.

The debris field was around 300 feet with two light poles and a tree taken down. Car parts were all along Sunset Avenue including a front right wheel.

The southbound lanes of Sunset Avenue were closed to traffic while the accident investigation team did their work. There is some speculation that the driver may have experienced some type of medical emergency prior to the crash.

There were no other vehicles involved and there were no other injuries reported.



At the 12th Annual Saluting Our Veterans Ceremony at Citrus College four Veterans were honored. From left to right: Captain Christopher R. Abalo, Captain, U.S. Army from Glendora; Edward J. Alvarez, Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy and Azusa Councilman since 2013; Walter Seegers, Seaman, U.S. Navy from Citrus College; and Janet E. Wessels, Captain, U.S. Navy from Azusa Pacific University.

# Winter Shelter Program to Start December 1st



Duarte Kiwanis President, Diane Hernandez, and Richard Hopkins

**DUARTE** - Richard Hopkins clearly has a passion to serve the homeless. He has been active with the East San Gabriel Homeless Coalition for a number of

years. He recently shared information on upcoming Winter Shelters at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. The shelters are held at local churches in the East San Gabriel Valley. Each of the churches host for two weeks starting December 1st and ending March 1st. Last year the Coalition was able to partner with the Tzu Chi Foundation who provided dental care, clothing and bedding and 100 sleeping bags. Last year, Dunkin Donuts provided 400 donuts per night. So Cal Gas had an employee donation drive to help with essentials needed (i.e.) underwear, socks, toiletries, etc. Last winter, there were spaces for 220 people each night - a total of 15,200 "bed" nights. 1190 different people were served. If you're interested in supporting - check out the website at ESGVH.org.

If you are interested in joining Duarte Kiwanis or being a speaker at a future event, contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com.



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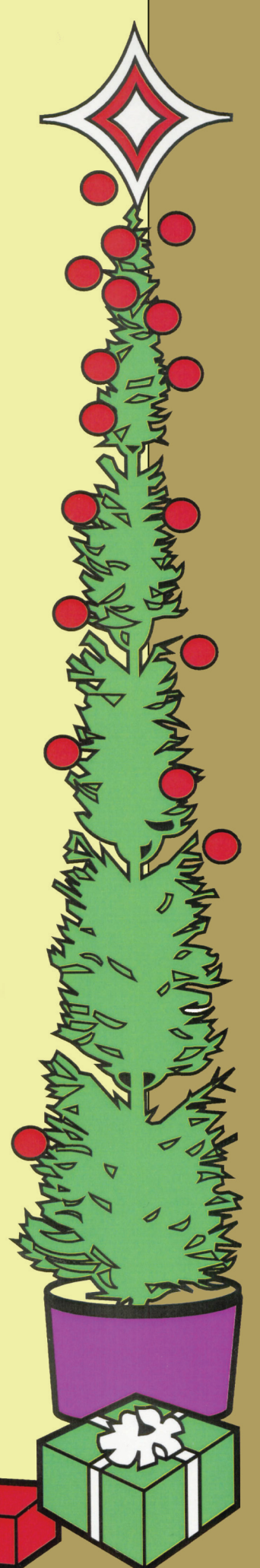
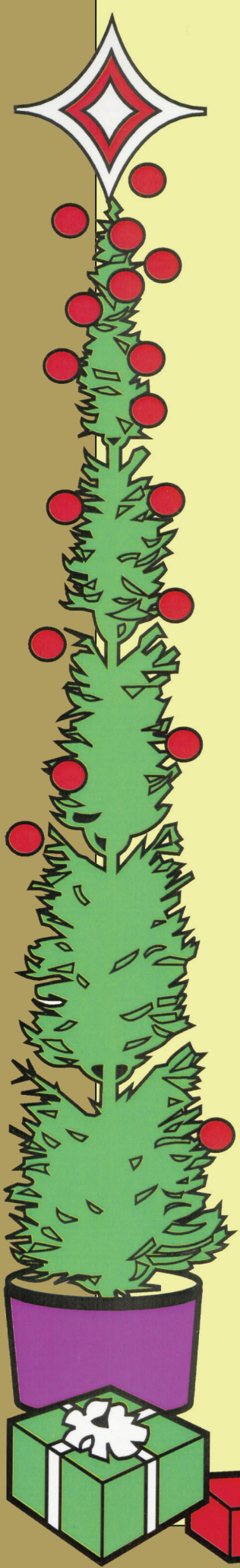
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