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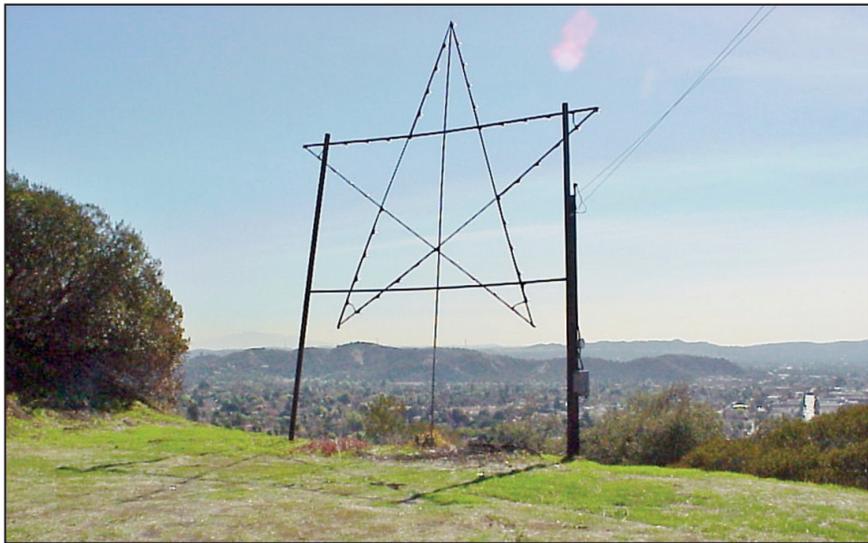
# The Holiday Star Must Shine Again

By Rotarian Gary Boyer  
(Mayor of Glendora)

**GLENDORA** - In the aftermath of the Colby Fire in January 2014, Glendora found itself both cursed and blessed. The Colby Fire devastated the Hillsides above Glendora starting near the Colby Trail in Glendora and traveled west for 10 days before being contained. As the Fire swept through the Foothills above Glendora, 5 families lost their homes, but as devastating as it was for those 5 families, the damage to the community could have been much worse.

One loss that seemed meaningless to the many who were affected by the Fire was the loss of the Glendora Holiday Star. Sometimes the Star was known as the Christmas Star, but unofficial writings about the Star refer to it as the "Traditional Star".

This Star has stood on the hillside overlooking Glendora Ave for what seems like a lifetime for many who came to expect it every Holiday Season and as the first Christmas came and went after the fire,



The star as it stood atop Glendora Avenue. They used three foot welding rods to form the corners and conduit to protect the wiring.

Glendora realized they had lost something special.

The history of the Star is sketchy at best. There are a few written accounts of the beginning of the Star and until someone uncovers more accurate information, this is the story of the Traditional Star.

The Star was built in the 1940's by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, also known as

the Jaycees, in the front lawn of June & Selwyn Eagle on North Cullen Ave. Selwyn was the President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the time. The Star was initially installed on the property at North Glendora Ave that was then the Brown Military Academy.

Harvey Farrquhar, a local electrician and member of the club, did the original wiring and maintained the 20 foot tall Star for years. Other members who worked on the Star were Mac McGeehee, Gordon Stith, Jim Vincent & Richard Miller. They used three foot welding rods to form the corners and conduit to protect the wiring.

During the 60's, the Star fell into disrepair and was rebuilt by the Chamber of Commerce with donations from several civic groups. Farrquhar again did the wiring. Those visiting the Glendora Village during the Holidays continued to enjoy the Star for years.

In 1970, the Star was moved to its current location which is on private property. Jerry Greeran, an employee of the City of Glendora's Community

Services Department took on the responsibility of making sure the Star was ready every Christmas and lit at the appropriate time.

According to Joe Willis, a local printer, Boyce Franks came up with the original idea of the Traditional Star. He mentioned it to other members of the Jaycees and the idea caught on. Initially, Mac McGeehee and Selwyn Eagle were welders at Rainbird. They constructed the original Star with 100 electric sockets and wired the Star to a private residence that sat near the top of Glendora Ave.

The information shared above has been collected by a number of different sources and if anyone has any additional history of the Star, we would love to hear from you.

With the history of the Star, we feel this tradition needs to continue. The private lot where the Star has resided for almost 40 years was placed on the market for sale not long after the Colby fire destroyed the Star. The ability to repair or replace the Star was limited

because until the property was sold, we had no assurance the new owner would allow the Star to continue to reside on their hillside property.

Well, this year, the property sold to a lifelong resident of Glendora who has agreed to allow the continuation of this long history. The Glendora Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club have agreed to take on the project of replacing the Star in order to have it lit again by the 2018 Holiday Season.

We are working on a project to rebuild the Star and inviting the community to get involved. Help can come in a variety of ways. It may not appear to it from down the hill, but the Star is huge. Estimates to replace it have been placed in the neighborhood of \$20,000. So, obviously, we need to raise money. We know that there may be residents with either skills or contacts to people with equipment or skills to help rebuild the Star in order to keep the cost down.

Please take the time to check out our web site [www.Glendora-ChristmasStar.com](http://www.Glendora-ChristmasStar.com). If you would like to help. Even if you can't afford a contribution or have the skills to help build a new Star, we would like to know that you support this effort as we may try to obtain some financing through Grants or Corporate contributions and the more support we can show, the better chance we have of securing funds to complete this project.

Could the City help? Of course, but we would like to continue the history of creating and maintaining the tradition of this being a private contribution to Glendora by those who live or have ties in the community.

## Azusa Canyon City Friends Holds 4th Annual Christmas Toy Drive



Fernando Padilla ( Pancho Padilla's son,) Zack Padilla Champion Boxer, Albert Davila Champion Boxer, Danny "Little Red Lopez Champion Boxer, Paul Banke Champion Boxer, Rocks De Leon Golden Gloves Champion, George Romero (Fundraiser Organizer) with his Grandson, Bobby Puente, and Leo Padilla ( Pancho Padilla's son). Two persons in back row are community members in attendance.

By Jorge V. Rosales

**AZUSA** - On Sunday, November 26, 2017, the Commander of the American Legion Post 180, Dino Baldon, opened the doors to the Azusa Canyon City Friends to hold the 4th Annual Pancho Padilla Christmas Toy Drive consisting of a Menudo, Pozole, and Pancake & Eggs Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Every person in attendance was provided breakfast with a payment of \$10.00 or the donation of a new and unwrapped toy for ages 1-12 years old valued at \$10.00 or more. Present at the breakfast was AUSD

Board Member Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena who volunteered to help in the kitchen and serving breakfast.

There were over 200 members and non-members of the community in attendance and five famous boxing champions who provided great support for this toy drive, World Boxing Council (WBC) Champion Paul Banke; World Boxing Organization (WBO) Champion Zachary Padilla; International Boxing Club (IBC) Champion Rock De Leon; World Boxing Council (WBC) Bantamweight Champion of the World Albert Davila and World Champion at

Featherweight Danny "Little Red" Lopez.

All funds and toys collected from this toy drive will be donated to Pathfinder Ministry for their upcoming toy distribution to registered families on Saturday, December 23, 2017. Funds will be utilized to purchase more toys at discounted rates in Downtown Los Angeles. Nearly \$1000.00 and over 100 toys were collected at the toy drive breakfast.

Anyone interested in donating toys or funds towards the December 23 toy distribution should call Azusa Mayor Joe Rocha at (626) 523-2506.

## Car Maintenance Tips For Holiday Road Trips

Proper car maintenance promotes reliability, making it important to perform proper vehicle check-ups before heading out on holiday road trips. Tackle this basic care routine to maintain the value of your car and avoid road trip headaches by addressing minor issues before they become costly repairs.

Replace the Filter

Experts recommend changing your car's engine filter every 12 months. Check your owner's manual to locate it in

your vehicle, open the case and review how it is positioned inside. Remove the old air filter and insert the new one at exactly the same position. Finish by closing the metal clips on the case.

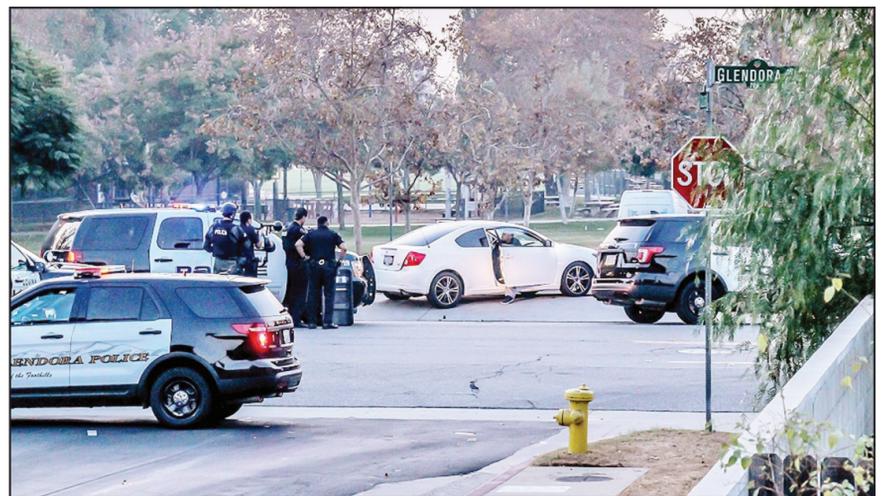
Lubricate the Grille, Hinges, Nuts and Bolts

Wipe the hinges and latches on the hood and doors with a clean rag and spray them with a multi-purpose lubricant to prevent squeaks and corrosion.

Change Spark Plugs

Most spark plugs should be replaced every 80,000 miles. They come in pairs of four to eight depending on the cylinders of your car and are attached to your engine, under the plug covers. Remove the wire using a ratchet's spark plug socket. Screw the new spark plug in by hand at first, then tighten with a wrench and reattach the spark plug wire. Repeat these steps for each plug.

## Man Shot, Infant Daughter Rescued Following 7-Hour Standoff In Covina



Police units from different agencies at the scene of the hostage standoff.

By Glenn Purbaugh  
Staff Writer/Photographer

**COVINA** - A Covina man was shot and killed late Sunday evening after a seven hour standoff with police. The incident started at around 2:45 PM at the entrance to Kahler Russel Park in the 700 Blk. of North Glendora Ave. An officer on patrol came across an occupied white Scion in the driveway to the park. Upon contact with the occupants a female passenger told the officer she needed assistance due to a disturbance with the driver. Inside the vehicle was the couple's seven month old child who remained inside the vehicle with the fa-

ther. The female exited the car and the male remained inside after making threatening statements while armed with a knife.

While the suspect refused to exit the vehicle many onlookers lined the residential street east of the location and the park was evacuated after an announcement from a police helicopter. Traffic was diverted from the area for hours as police tried to resolve the standoff. Numerous officers responded to assist along with mental health professionals and crises negotiators. At some point a Taser was deployed at the subject who managed to

remove the probes and having no effect.

The Covina SWAT team was sent to the scene and for hours officers continued to seek a peaceful ending and release of the child. Out of concern for the child a tactical plan was devised to rescue the child as the evening grew. At around 10:30 PM a flash bang diversion device was deployed and officers approached the vehicle when the shooting occurred. The suspect later identified as 22 year old Daniel Navarro died at the scene and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs are investigating the incident.



# Glendora High School Silhouettes To Perform At Glendora Woman's Club

By Joan Hallidy

**GLENDORA** - The Glendora Woman's Club will present the Glendora High School Silhouettes, under the direction of Dr. Brian Trevor, at the club's luncheon meeting on Tuesday, **December 5**. The high school group's program will feature "Music For the Holidays," with a selection of songs that will help usher in the Christmas Season. The club day will begin at 10:30 am, with a social time, followed by the business meeting at 11 am. The catered luncheon by Ritz Catering around noon and the holiday program by the Glendora High School Silhouettes will follow.



Woman's Club members, from left, EYE-DAS founder and club member Ida Fracasse, Club President Chris Lear, and philanthropy chair Carolyn Cunningham are seen looking over some of the eyeglasses and eyeglass items donated by clubmembers for EYE-DAS at a club meeting. Photo by Rose Myers

A special project at each meeting is the Member's Participation Art Display that features a different theme each time. The theme this month will be "Holiday Cheer" and members are encouraged to share an item from home to display. One of the club's ongoing service projects each month is the donation of nonperishable food items by clubmembers for Shepherd's Pantry. The Pantry serves those families in need and donations of food items by clubmembers is always appreciated.

Another of the club's ongoing service projects is the collection of used prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, lenses without frames, and eyeglass cases for the EYE-DAS (Eye Diseases Are Serious) organization. The Club's ongoing service project helps people of all ages who are in need of vision care.

A special project that helps to raise funds for the club's service projects and philanthropies is the club's arrangement with the New Unto Others Thrift Shop at 167 N. Vermont Avenue | Glendora. When clubmembers and community residents purchase items or donate saleable items to the shop

and mention the Glendora Woman's Club name at the time, the club will receive credit.

For information about membership, special events, or service projects, call Patty at 909-929-0684; for information about renting the clubhouse, call Ryan at Ritz Catering at 909-592-1130. The clubhouse is located at 424 N. Glendora Avenue in Glendora.



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## West Covina to Host Community Meetings on Proposed Development at the BKK Landfill Site

**WEST COVINA** – The City of West Covina will be hosting two community meetings regarding the proposed development by Singpoli Group LLC at the former BKK Landfill site. The meetings will provide the community an opportunity to listen to Singpoli's proposed development, provide feedback on the development, and to have questions answered by both the City and Singpoli on any future development on the site. The two meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Cameron Community Center (1305 E. Cameron Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790)
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Shadow Oak Park (2121 E. Shadow Oak Drive, West Covina, CA 91792)

The proposed site of the de-

velopment is on property owned by the former Redevelopment Agency (Agency) that were intended to be developed into a municipal golf course. As required for the dissolution of redevelopment, the Agency received approval by the State of California's Department of Finance for the Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) in December of 2015. The LRPMP calls for the Agency to sell the three golf course assets for development however does not require that a golf course be developed at the site.

Singpoli unveiled its development proposal at the November 7, 2017 City Council Meet-

ing. The proposal includes an equestrian center for horse training, an outdoor pavilion for event space, a hotel, K-9 training facility, virtual reality entertainment, aerial adventure park, and a potential solar greenhouse facility.

The City encourages residents and stakeholders to attend the meetings and provide both the City and Singpoli with comments and feedback on the proposed development project. For more information about the community meetings or about Singpoli's development proposal, please visit the City's website at <http://www.westcovina.org>.

## Arcadia Beautiful's Holiday Decoration Awards Are Coming To Town

**ARCADIA** - It's already November and Santa and his elves are starting to gear up for the Holiday Decoration Awards on December 14. As the excitement of the season kicks in, haul out your decorations, string your lights, and spread holiday cheer. Judged by the Arcadia Beautiful Commission, this annual event recognizes properties decorated in the most festive and creative ways. Get ready to deck the halls and illuminate the community with holiday spirit!

"The Holiday Decoration Awards are a great tradition in the City of Arcadia. This contest recognizes residents who enjoy displaying their holiday spirit," said Jan Shimmin, Chairperson for the Arcadia

Beautiful Commission.

To be considered for an award, please have your decorations up before **Monday, December 5**. Once your home is decorated, leave your lights on until 10 p.m. for nomination and judging purposes. Winners of a Holiday Decoration Award will receive a yard sign, holiday gift, and a personal visit from the Santa Squad on Thursday, December 14.

To nominate a property for consideration, please call the City Manager's Office at (626) 574-5434 or email [ishakarian@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:ishakarian@ArcadiaCA.gov) before Monday, December 5. Please include the complete address including the street, avenue, etc.

## Join Charter Oak USD For A Night Of Family Fun!!

**CHARTER OAK** - On Friday, **December 8th** Charter Oak will hold its 2nd annual Holiday Parade, Festival and Fire Works Show. Last year's event was such a great success and we are excited to again showcase the pride of Charter Oak as the students, schools, and community come together to celebrate the holidays. The Parade begins at 6:00pm, followed by the Holiday Festival and Fire Works show. The parade route will be featured once again in the heart of Charter Oak, beginning and ending at Charter Oak High School.

The holiday festival will feature several of your favorite

food trucks, including:

- ~Austyn's Fresh Burgers and Fries~
- ~Paradise Fine Cookies & Ice Cream~
- ~Rice Balls of Fire~
- ~The Waffle Oh Truck~
- ~Cocina Fresca~

There will also be other yummy food and dessert vendors as well as many booths selling clothing, jewelry, crafts, toys, household goods and more! This will be a great opportunity for holiday gift shopping! It will be a holiday extravaganza! Don't miss it!

For more info, visit [www.cousd.net](http://www.cousd.net)

## Baldwin Park Unified Marching Band Plans Trio of Holiday Performances

**BALDWIN PARK** - Sierra Vista High School's 130-member marching band will hold a trio of holiday-themed performances in coming weeks, topping 2017 field show victories with the 67th annual Covina Christmas Parade at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 2**, Disneyland's A Christmas Fantasy Parade on

Tuesday, Dec. 12 and its annual winter concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center, 4640 Maine Ave., Baldwin Park. The band recently took home first-place honors at the Baldwin Park and Duarte high school field shows.

## Assemble Arcadia: An Evening With Arcadia Mayor Peter Amundson

**ARCADIA** - Arcadia Mayor Peter Amundson is hosting an assembly for Arcadia residents to discuss a variety of topics of community concern.

The free event is open to the general public and will be held

at the Arcadia Public Library, located at 20 W. Duarte Road, on Monday, **December 4** at 7:00PM. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (626) 574-5401.

## County Approves Plan To Extend Winter Shelter Program

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** — The Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Kathryn Barger to extend the county's Winter Shelter Program by an additional month -- through March 31, 2018 for locations where it is possible to do so.

Supervisor Barger said, "In parts of our County, extreme weather conditions persist through early spring. It is imper-

ative that we do everything we can to make sure that unsheltered individuals are not exposed to these dangerous elements while the weather still poses a threat."

"Our commitment in this fight for those who are experiencing homelessness is unwavering. Winter is an especially difficult season for this vulnerable population," said Supervisor Solis. "With days getting shorter and the

temperatures at night dropping further, it is a critical time to provide those experiencing homelessness a safe place to come in from the cold to receive services, eat a warm meal, and sleep."

\$709,000 from the Homeless and Housing Program will be used to fund the extension. Last year, County-funded Winter Shelter Program sites served 3,451 individuals.

## Support Still Needed For Annual "Santa Clothes" Event

*Organizers aim to serve as many as 300 underprivileged children*

**BALDWIN PARK** - Organizers for one of the city's largest philanthropic events are looking to offset costs for the annual "Santa Clothes" program as they prepare for a special shopping spree for more than 300 students in the city.

In its 20th year, the "Santa Clothes" program provides local, underprivileged school children with the opportunity to shop for the holidays. The effort is made possible through the collaboration of the city of Baldwin Park, the Baldwin Park Unified School District, and local businesses. During one upcoming December morning, Baldwin Park Walmart associates plan to welcome another 300 children - along with business owners, community volunteers, and city and district staff - to roam the aisles of their store and select clothing for the holi-

day season.

The event has been quite successful every year, but the needs of the community continue to rise as well, organizers said.

Manny Carrillo, director of recreation and community services, noted that 100 percent of funding for Santa Clothes - projected at about \$15,000 each year - comes via donations from the city, school district, businesses, and citizens. In previous years, sponsorships have filtered in from Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, the Baldwin Park Police Department, Waste Management, and SCE Credit Union, among other community groups and businesses. These groups have already committed for this year's event, along with new partners such as LA Fitness and others, but there is still a shortage

in sponsorships to help organizers reach their goal of serving another 300 students this holiday season.

For those who would like to contribute to the effort, monetary donations are welcomed for "Santa Clothes." A \$50 donation helps secure one child's participation in the program. Interested donors may make checks payable to the Baldwin Park Charitable Relief Foundation by December 1. These tax-deductible donations are accepted on a year-round basis; all donations will be used specifically for this program.

Monetary donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Esther Snyder Community Center,

ATTN: Santa Clothes Program, 4100 Baldwin Park Boulevard, Baldwin Park, CA 91706.

## Downtown Arcadia Hosts Holiday Market

*Features More Than 100 Local Artisans, Food, and Wine*

**ARCADIA** - The Downtown Arcadia Holiday Market promises to fill South First Avenue with a holiday artisan shopping market like Arcadia has never seen before. With more than 100 local artisans highlighting their handcraft and food items, there will be something for everyone at this artisanal street fair. The market takes place on Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on South First Avenue in Downtown Arcadia.

With a particular emphasis on products made in the United States, visitors to the Holiday Market can start filling their holiday shopping list. Featured items include products for the home, jewelry, pet products, and gourmet food items. Visitors will have an opportunity to get a family photo with Santa in front of Arcadia Fire Department's vintage fire truck. The Downtown Arcadia Improvement Association will also host a raffle for several

prizes from local Downtown Arcadia businesses during the event.

Parking is available in the public parking lot between Huntington and Wheeler, or ride public transportation with the Metro Gold Line, exiting at the Arcadia station. The Downtown Arcadia Improvement Association and the City of Arcadia are sponsoring the Holiday Market. For a full list of vendors, please visit <http://artisanalla.com/>.

## Officials Spark Holidays With Tree Lighting Ceremony

*Carolers, dancers, Santa on tap for community celebration*

**BALDWIN PARK** - Traditional holiday features including Christmas carolers and, of course, Santa Claus will be on tap as Baldwin Park kicks off its annual Tree Lighting ceremony this Thursday, November 30.

Residents and business members are invited to join in the festivities at the Esther Snyder Community Center gymnasium, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. The community gathering begins at 6 p.m., and it is free and open to the public.

"This is a great way to gather the community and to kick off the holiday season," said April Rojo, a program coordinator with the Department of Recreation and Community Services, which is organizing this week's holiday celebration.

Thursday's tree lighting ceremony is part of a long-standing custom for the Baldwin Park community, according to officials. Student choirs from Sierra Vista and Baldwin Park high schools, as well as local senior citizens, will help set the mood with presentations of seasonal music throughout the evening. Children from the local East Valley Boys and Girls Club daycare program, as well as members of Pualani's Polynesian Dancers, will also provide entertainment before officials light the city's 18-foot Noble Fir Christmas

tree, organizers noted.

Rojo added that Santa Claus is expected to make a guest appearance during Thursday's event. After the tree lighting, Santa will spend some time visiting with those children in attendance, Rojo said, adding that as many as 1,000 visitors are anticipated for Thursday's celebration.

The Tree Lighting celebration, she noted, has annually been one of the city's most attended holiday events.

"I think the residents have a lot of pride in their community groups, and this is a way to highlight a portion of who we are and what we offer in the community," said Rojo. "Families and community members, in general, come out for a night on the town

where they get to enjoy seeing local students and our seniors perform.

"It's a very diverse celebration, where all generations are coming together and taking pride in our community."

Those who attend Thursday's holiday event can enjoy free refreshments and posole immediately following the ceremony. Members of the Baldwin Park Women's Club have also helped to sponsor pan dulce (Mexican sweet bread) for those in attendance. Rojo said that the city's Christmas tree will later be relocated to the City Hall lawn for the public to enjoy. It will be on display there until after New Year's Day, according to organizers.

## 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, com-

munity 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](http://www.foothillgoldline.org).

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# Congressmen McClintock and Issa: Tax Reform Needs Work

Thanksgiving is over and now I'm moving into the merry celebration of the holiday season, looking forward to bringing in 2018 and then on into tax time and rounding up all those little pieces of paper I'm going to call deductions. Others will disagree I am sure, including my tax man, but I'm just hoping those little schnipples of paper will preserve just a little bit of my checkbook.

We already know we have a challenging year ahead of us with President Trump's tax plan taking first place in dinner-time discussions at our house followed up with the boat load of new Democrat taxes and initiatives coming at us loaded with more dollars to drain my pocketbook and the state coffers.

Two of our congressmen, Darrell Issa (CD 49 - San Diego) and Tom McClintock (CD - 4 Roseville) have come out with serious concerns about H.R. 1 - House Tax Reform Bill that is currently laid out for reconciliation. Both voted "no" because of the impact it will have on the middle-class California families.

Congressman Issa has said, "The tax plan approved this week would have made some good steps forward - simplifying the tax code, changing the corporate tax rate from the world's highest to be more globally competitive, and bringing down the rates for individual taxpayers - but I worry that even under the reduced tax rates, many across our state could be forced to pay more, not less, and for me that is simply unacceptable."

Congressman Tom McClintock was even more pointed and descriptive about his concerns and the affect on the middle-class Californian while assuring ... "this bill will produce dramatic growth for the national economy."



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

McClintock said, "I favor a flat tax, but families make the most important financial decisions in their lives based in part - sometimes in large part -- on the tax deductions available to them. Transitioning to a flat tax requires a very gradual phase-out of deductions over a long period of time to prevent trapping taxpayers in a bait-and-switch world where deductions they had counted on suddenly disappear. This bill ignores that necessity."

With the current cost of housing in this state, and the unwillingness of Sacramento to get those costs under control, McClintock says, "Even though the mortgage interest deduction is grandfathered for existing mortgages, the limitation will make home ownership less affordable for future home buyers and devalue the asset for current homeowners. Yes, that will cause home prices to decline, but for all the wrong reasons [and] the Joint Committee on Taxation estimates nearly one fifth of families earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 will see an average \$500 annual tax increase by 2027."

Cong. McClintock offered an amendment that would have retained major deductions for

mortgage interest, state and local income taxes, medical and casualty expenses and student loan interest and still provided a significant, across-the-board reduction in all tax rates. "It would leave no taxpayer behind. It assures that whatever deductions or credits that a taxpayer currently claims - wherever they live and whatever financial decisions they have made - their taxes will go down by one percent of their taxable income," McClintock said. The amendment failed.

Cong. Issa went on record: "Republicans are right as they work to reduce taxes, revitalize our economy, make America competitive on a global scale again and fix our broken tax code, but any plan must benefit all taxpayers - no matter where they live. Californians aren't asking for a special handout, they just deserve their fair shake at the table."

The tax plan is still a work in progress and certainly there should be no special hand out for California, but don't forget, we are very special thanks to outgoing Gov. Jerry Brown. We have one of the highest poverty rates with 20.6% living in poverty. We have one of the highest jobless rates, one of the highest individual income tax rates, one of the highest corporate tax rates, and now, one of the highest gas tax rates.

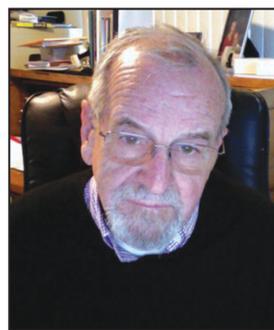
Cong. McClintock's amendment should be part of the tax reform bill to protect the middle- to lower-income families in California. And, Californians need to step up and demand those elected to seats in Sacramento be as sensitive -- and answerable to living conditions they've created -- as our Republican Congressmen Issa and McClintock are in the process of tax reform.

# "A Place To Park A Car? You Must Be Kidding!"

Some years ago I was thinking about accepting an invitation to become the pastor of a historic congregation located at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City. Wendy and I spent a couple of days there discussing with the church the pros and cons of our making such a move. (For a number of reasons we decided to remain in Missouri-which turned out to be the right decision.) During these conversations, having toured the extensive church property, we looked at the adjacent brownstone parsonage, and I noticed, among other things, I that it did not have a garage. So I asked, "And where would our car be parked?"

The incredulous look on our hosts' faces could not have revealed more disbelief had I requested an enclosure for my herd of elephants. "A car? You mean you intend to bring a car? Nobody in New York has a car. Why, you would have to park it miles away, and even that would cost hundreds of dollars a month. Here there are the subway, trains, buses, and taxis. Why would you need a car? In an emergency you could rent one."

I hadn't thought about that conversation until something recently took place in our retirement community. A new couple had just moved here having previously lived in an apartment in the heart of Manhattan where, of course, they had no car. As they were leaving their old neighborhood a friend asked them if they were worried about having no way to get around in this part of California. Since neither of them had a driver's license, it had not occurred to them that Los Angeles was the heart of the automobile empire. Everybody has a car! But in New York they had never needed a car, and were quite certain that they would not need one



**Charles H. Bayer**

here. So they moved in wheel-less!

The office where they both would be working was almost a mile from their house, and being resourceful they did purchase a couple of the adult style tricycles common among seniors in the community. So they would peddle from home to their office and back. That solved their transportation problem, and in addition the bikes provided much needed exercise.

So, all was well, UNTIL one of them came down with a complicated medical problem that required daily travel to a hospital in a community almost an hour away. So it was an hour there, an hour for the treatment and an hour back every day, for weeks! Now what? Had they still been in Manhattan, cab fare would have run a hundred dollars a day, which on top of the medical expenses would have been almost impossible. What were they to do?

It has taken me over 400 words to get around to what this column is really about-so reader, please be patient, and keep the foregoing in the corner of your mind while I get to the heart of what I want to say.

Given the nature of these columns I most often find myself dealing with the nastiness engulfing the nation-centered on the king of nastiness who happens

to be President. But just about the time I'm ready to give up on our society I am hit between the eyes with unexplainable goodness, and I am forced back from the rim of despair where I have been tottering!

Now let's go back to the car-less matter faced by these recent transplants from New York. Somehow the word got out that they were stymied on how to get X to these daily out-of-town hospital visits. It took just a few hours without fanfare for the car-owners in this "intentional community" to solve the problem. Before the sun set all of these daily trips were taken care of, and even a collection of substitutes had signed up in case they were needed. People saw a need and quickly responded.

I mentioned living in an intentional community, and one of our intentions is to take care of one another. No fuss. No complicated structure, just a sense that in this terribly complex and often heartless society, good people find ways to share the journeys each of us must make over the rocky roads of daily life. Readers, I invite you to imagine how it might have gone in the neighborhood where you live if somebody on your block were confronted with such a problem. Perhaps part of the secret of living in an often selfish and heartless society is the generation of intentional communities of mutual concern. At least that is how we here have found ways to deal with these issues without pomp, complex legal structures or State regulations. Once again I was reminded of the innate goodness of people.

My guess is we don't need more individuality or rules, just more community!

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# Why Choose Citrus College?

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the San Gabriel Valley enjoy wonderful amenities-great weather, diverse recreational venues, exciting job opportunities and, of course, a variety of options for higher education.

Given the number of community colleges and four-year institutions in our region, high school seniors contemplating the next step in their education have a lot to consider. Choosing the right college is one of the most important decisions they will ever make.

As a member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, I am often asked, "Why should I attend Citrus College? What makes Citrus so special?" The college's outstanding faculty and staff would certainly be a top reason. So would our beautiful, modern campus. However, I believe the most important characteristic of any college or university is its commitment to student success-and that's what makes Citrus College so special.

At Citrus College, student support services go far beyond the usual counseling, testing and tu-



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**Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees**

toring that are standard at other colleges and universities. For students attending high schools in our district, support services actually begin before graduation.

Early Decision, one of Citrus College's most successful student support programs, is offered to seniors attending high schools in the college's district. It begins with regular visits to high school campuses by the Citrus College outreach team. Students who express an interest in Citrus College are invited to an informational session and application workshop. They are later

bused to the Citrus College campus, where they take English and mathematics assessment tests and receive new student orientation. Early Decision students receive priority registration throughout their first academic year.

Another unique student support program is I Will Complete College (IWCC). As part of Citrus College's Early Decision program, IWCC starts during the students' senior year in high school. The goal of the IWCC program is for new, first-time college students to successfully complete college level math and English, and to provide them with strategies and services that will help ensure their continued college success.

Support for high school seniors is just one of the many reasons that students choose Citrus College. Among the more than 90 programs of study offered, the college's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program stands out as a star. This award-winning program features several innovative support systems, including Learning Communities, made up of students, faculty and counselors; Faculty Inquiry Groups, collaborative teams of instructors within STEM-related fields; a Math Success Center; and STEM counselors, who provide counseling for STEM majors. Select STEM students can also participate in the Summer Research Experience, where they gain firsthand experience in scientific investigation at prestigious research institutions.

Affordability, accessibility and a reputation for excellence are additional reasons why 20,000 students in the San Gabriel Valley and beyond have made Citrus College their first choice for higher education. I invite you to visit our campus or go to [www.citruscollege.edu](http://www.citruscollege.edu) for more information.

# "TIME JOCKEY" - Lost Days

By Joe Castillo

**Sierra Resignation...** Significant historical events have a way of sticking to our memory forever. We always remember the days in our lives when the world stopped and everything else seems far less important. Those dates are forever remembered and we can always recall what we were doing on each of those days. The landing on the moon, the assassination of President Kennedy and 9/11 are forever in our memory and we tend to remember exactly what we were doing on each of those special dates.

In August 1974, one of the most newsworthy events in U.S. history took place. It wasn't a complete surprise as the event had been on-going for almost a year, but it was still something that people had to adjust to and believe. It had never been done before and until recently was something that most people didn't even consider. On Thursday August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon resigned as President of the United States. It was the first time a president of our country resigned from office and no other president before or after has followed in his footsteps. I'm sure many of us remember where we were when we heard the news and what our reaction was as it was something important to remember in our lives. The image of President Nixon addressing the country in a news conference followed by the next day waving goodbye while he boarded his military helicopter. These images will forever stay ingrained in our minds, especially if it was seen live.

But for me, my recollections are only images after the fact, reading old newspapers or magazines, watching old newscasts from that era or seeing old pictures in history books. Where was I on August 8, 1974? I was in the high Sierra's, on a backpack trip

with my brothers. We were in the midst of a 10 day trek which took us over the highest and most spectacular vistas in the grandest mountain range in the continental United States. We virtually had no interaction with the outside world and went days without seeing anyone else on the trail. The first news we heard of the resignation was upon our approach to the end of the trail and a group who was just starting out on their journey told us what happened. We were stunned. It took us quite a while to hear on the car radio that President Ford was now reorganizing his new administration.

This weekend I happened to go to an estate sale and came across some old Los Angeles Times

newspapers from August 7-9, 1974. I had never seen the Times from that period of time so seeing it 43 years later helped fill a void of what actually happened and also brought back a lot of memories. When I'm asked where I was on August 8, 1974, I can recall I was in the high Sierra's fighting off mosquitos, sleeping on the rock-hard ground and eating dehydrated meals. On one of the most important days in U.S. history, I was in a place where history just passes by...

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# Is Tax Reform Needed For Continued Growth?

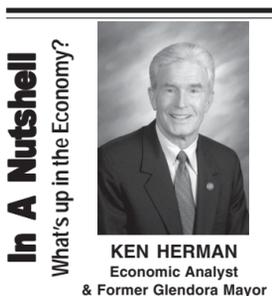
Maybe yes, but why should many individuals be asked to pay more federal tax to cover the cost of needed corporate tax rate reductions? More equitable tax reform could significantly boost our economy! However, reducing corporate rates to 25% (instead of 20%), while also allowing capital asset purchase write-offs, should do that! The threshold for paying the top individual rate could also be raised to avoid significant tax increases for most moderately high income individuals in high taxed states. Nothing in this tax bill needs to be a tax cut for the extremely wealthy because they will benefit at least indirectly from stimulating tax reform.

## WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE NEW FED CHAIRMAN?

In his acceptance speech, incoming Fed Chairman Jay Powell sounded all the right notes for someone hoping to win approval from the Senate. As Yellen and Bernanke did when nominated, Powell mostly parroted his predecessor. There were a couple of subtle differences, however. Where Yellen recently said the economy is at full employment, Powell said it is near full employment. That might not sound like much, but it is one more thing - alongside his faith that labor force participation levels off and even rises late in the cycle - to add to the list of reasons he is likely to be more tolerant of growth than Yellen.

Powell's promotion to Chairman frees up another seat on the FOMC unless Yellen decides to stick around. As a result, Trump should have a Vice Chair and three governors to appoint to the seven-member board.

Powell was a lawyer and investment banker before joining the Fed. He spent time at the Treasury, where he policed financial markets and earned his regulatory chops. At the Fed, he was responsible for large bank supervision.



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Powell has been largely silent on the policy front, but that does not mean he does not have an opinion or that he is a "Yellen clone," as The Wall Street Journal's editorial board called him. Powell is likely to be a calming influence on the Fed, something it needs with the government calculated unemployment rate at a 17-year low, but wage and price inflation lower than desired.

Yellen will still be Chair in December, when rates will almost certainly rise again. But, what about rates in 2018 and '19? Given Powell's likely support of the staff and their preference for slower hikes, we expect rates will rise just 100bp in two years, at quarter-point increments in in June and in Decembers, keeping rate increases on a semi-annual pace.

## THINGS HAVE BEEN LOOKING UP

The economy has been accelerating in 2017, primarily thanks to a recovery in the oil and manufacturing sectors rebounding after slowing significantly in 2015. In the GDP accounts, the most significant change between 2016 and this year is in business equipment spending, which fell as much as 13.1% at an annual rate in the first quarter of last year but rose more than 8% annualized in the second and third quarters of this year. Faster growth is not - yet - evident in consumption. It slowed from 4% to about 2.75% in 2015 and has been stuck there since.

Inflation is stubbornly low, but with good reason. The economy

is accelerating from a sharp slowdown, and low inflation typically lags economic weakness. Nothing about low inflation this year requires excuses about cell phone billing or anything else. The Fed might even have seen it coming had they been willing to acknowledge the slowdown in GDP. Of course, that would also require acknowledging a slowdown in economic growth can depress inflation even when the only increase in unemployment is overseas, which again is not the sort of thing the Yellen Fed is comfortable discussing.

With GDP accelerating for a second consecutive year, inflation should begin to climb again before the end of this year. By the middle of next year, the Fed should be comfortably able to hike rates, especially if financial conditions continue to heat up - as they likely will, thanks to a more business-friendly political climate.

Two puzzles must be solved if Fed policy makers are going to hit the right mix now that the economy is at or near full employment. The first is the one everyone asks about: What happened to inflation? The second is equally important: What happened to productivity growth? Both have been uncomfortably weak through this business cycle.

The cure for both low inflation and low productivity is consistent, moderate growth. The economy does not have to boom, but moderate growth alone will not do the trick unless it is sustained. Employment growth tends to be stable once an expansion is underway, tailing off over the course of the cycle not because growth slows, but because workers are harder to find.

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# Your Money - Ask Julia

*For some, this holiday season can be joyous, for other it's depressing.*

Slow down, take some time for yourself, and think about the reason behind this season. If you're still paying for last year's gifts, you'll need to be extra budget-wise this year! It is a time of giving, but don't feel pressured to gift to everybody you know. Think about making some homemade gifts, or ways you can offer a helping hand. Those are the things that make memories. If you've gone through a life event (moved, changed jobs or unemployed, a loved one passed, a break-up or divorce), your friends and family will understand that you are going through a period of adjustment. If you're unhappy, or depressed, consider talking with a counsellor, therapist, or pastor. Even all the partying, eating too much fat and sugary foods, and drinking too much alcohol can add to feelings of depression. If you have enjoyed all the lights, decorations, and music in the past, then it's especially important to enjoy those now. And, if you are a Christian, remember that it's a time to celebrate the birth of Christ.

*We are going to move to another state to be closer to family. When we sell our house here in California, will we have to pay taxes on the profit we'll make between the price we paid 15 years ago and what we sell it for?*

At this time, when you sell your primary residence, you will still receive the full benefit of the capital gains exclusion: \$250,000 (single tax return), \$500,000 (married filing joint tax return). If your capital gain is greater than these amounts,



**Julia Yoder**

then you will probably have to pay capital gains tax on just that amount. Remember to calculate in your allowable deductions for major improvements (not maintenance) to your home. Check with your CPA.

*My wife is healthy, but I was 'rated' for life insurance, meaning my premiums would be higher due to some health problems. Is there another way to provide for my family when I die?*

One choice would be to apply for a second-to-die life insurance policy with your spouse, along with a first-to-die rider. Qualifications for this life insurance would be based on your spouse's qualifications. Because of the rider, the life insurance policy would pay out whenever one of you passed. Another choice would be to invest in an annuity. This would be a contract between you and an insurance company, but without life insurance underwriting. Annuities can be used to help ensure a steady stream of income in retirement, as well as help ensure that your beneficiaries will be taken care of in the event of your death.

*What is RMD? When does it start? Is there a way to avoid it? Can it affect my tax bracket?*

RMD is Required Minimum

Distribution. It's the annual amount that must be withdrawn from a traditional IRA or a qualified retirement plan (401k, 403b, Keogh). Although you are allowed to begin taking penalty-free distributions from tax-deferred retirement accounts after age 59 1/2, you must begin taking distributions upon reaching age 70 1/2. If you delay your first distribution to April 1 following the year you turn 70 1/2, you have to take a 2nd distribution that year. The amount of your RMD distribution depends on your age, your life expectancy, and the value of the account. (Refer to IRS tables.) If you do not take RMDs, you might have to pay a 50% federal income tax penalty on the amount that you should have withdrawn. Tax-deferred retirement plans are subject to ordinary income tax. If your RMDs are large, you might be pushed into a higher tax bracket. Plan ahead to figure out the best time to begin taking your RMDs. Note: Roth IRAs contain post-tax money, grow tax-free, and do not fall under the RMD rules. Distributions from a life-insurance policy can be taken (if done correctly) income tax free, too.

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# California DMV to Offer REAL ID Driver Licenses and ID Cards in 2018

*Federal Enforcement Begins October 1, 2020*

**SACRAMENTO** - The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin offering the option to apply for a federal compliant REAL ID driver license or identification (ID) card beginning January 22, 2018 at DMV offices statewide. Californians may choose either a REAL ID or a federal non-compliant card.

The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 was passed by Congress in response to the events of 9/11. Under the REAL ID Act, all states must meet requirements set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for its driver licenses and identification cards to be accepted for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic flight or visiting a military base or certain federal facilities, by October 1, 2020.

The federal compliant REAL ID driver license or ID card is optional. A valid US Passport or US Passport Card, military ID, or other federally approved identification can be used to board a domestic flight or enter certain federal facilities. If a customer has another federally approved identification, does not fly, or does not plan to visit a military base or certain federal facilities,

they do not need a REAL ID and will have the option to apply for a federal non-compliant driver license or ID card.

Valid California driver licenses and ID cards will continue to be accepted by TSA to board a domestic flight and by federal agents to enter certain federal facilities until October 1, 2020. After that date, a REAL ID or other federally accepted ID will be required.

"The DMV wants to make sure our customers are informed about their choices starting in January 2018," DMV Director Jean Shiomoto said. "If you choose to apply for a REAL ID, consider waiting until your renewal date, if possible. We always encourage customers to make an appointment when visiting a field office."

A DMV field office visit is required to apply for a REAL ID card. Applicants should make an appointment and must be prepared with the following documents:

- Proof of Identity: Such as a certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate, a valid U.S. passport, employment authorization document, permanent resident card or foreign passport with an approved form I-94.

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- Proof of Social Security Number: Such as a Social Security card, W-2, or paystub with full SSN.

- California Residency Document: Such as a rental agreement, mortgage bill, utility bill, medical, employment or school document.

- Name Change Document: This may be required if your identity document is different from the name on your application. Such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, other court document.

Customers do not have to come into a field office immediately to apply for a REAL ID card. They can still use a valid California driver license or ID card for federal purposes until October 1, 2020. Customers can always use a passport, military ID, or TSA-approved identification documents in lieu of a federally approved driver license.

A REAL ID is not needed to:

- Drive
- Vote
- Apply for or receive federal benefits (Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration)
- Enter a federal facility that does not require ID (post office)
- Visit a hospital or receive life-saving services

For more information on REAL ID, visit <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/realid>.

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# DMV Launches Awareness Campaign to Combat Unlicensed Vehicle Dismantling

**SACRAMENTO** - In an effort to address unlicensed vehicle dismantling, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is announcing a statewide campaign to inform the public of the health and safety risks posed by this activity. Dismantling a vehicle without a license is against the law and can involve stripping down vehicles, selling used vehicle parts illegally, and dumping hazardous waste into the environment.

An estimated 1.2 million vehicles are disposed annually in California - and approximately 360,000 wind up in the hands of unlicensed and unregulated dismantlers. This activity occurs not only in private garages and industrial areas, but also in residential neighborhoods, near parks, schools, and vulnerable waterways such as storm drains. Individuals who dismantle vehicles without permits typically do not properly dispose of chemicals such as engine oil and transmission and radiator fluids. This hazardous waste can end up in rivers and streams and contaminate drinking water. Defective auto parts also could contribute to serious vehicle collisions. Economically, unlicensed vehicle dismantlers do not pay sales and income taxes, which results in a loss of state revenue.

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"Unlicensed vehicle dismantlers operate in the underground economy and do not comply with licensing requirements," DMV Director Jean Shiomoto said. "These individuals ignore environmental regulatory requirements, insurance and tax obligations, and workplace safety requirements. Vehicle fluids can seep and contaminate ground water and defective parts can be sold to unsuspecting people, creating a potential public safety hazard."

The DMV Vehicle Dismantler Industry Strike Team is collaborating with representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), Department of Toxic Substances

Control (DTSC), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to investigate the occurrences of unlicensed and unregulated vehicle dismantling.

DMV's investigators will continue focusing on problem areas throughout the state by identifying and citing unlicensed vehicle dismantlers, as well as checking for compliance with state law and environmental regulations. The DMV also is unveiling a poster and webpage to educate Californians on the impact of unlicensed vehicle dismantling.

The DMV encourages the public to report unlicensed vehicle dismantling activity. Anyone who suspects a person or business may be dismantling vehicles without a proper license or permit should complete the online complaint form.

# Five Things to Never Flush Down the Toilet

Best Service, a leading residential electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning company serving Orange County has timely plumbing advice for all homeowners.

Sewer and septic systems are designed for a very specific purpose. Adding modern convenience items to the system can cause serious plumbing problems, which in turn, can become a serious money problem for homeowners and rental property owners. To avoid expensive repairs, never send the following five things down the toilet:

1. Anything made from cotton: Cotton balls and swabs will not dissolve in water and will clog pipes.
2. Dental floss: Floss isn't biodegradable and can contribute to pipe clogs.
3. Disposable cleaning wipes and sponges: Wipes and sponges

don't break down like toilet paper. Not even those marketed as flushable are acceptable for flushing down the drain.

4. Feminine hygiene products and disposable diapers: These highly absorbent products are designed to soak up liquid and will not dissolve in water.

5. Hair: Hair doesn't break down in water, it floats and gets stuck as it moves through the system.

"The toilet is something we all use daily," said Brian Vardiman, owner of Best Service. "It has one purpose and should never be used as a general disposal for things

that belong in the garbage. Some may be surprised to learn that items marketed as flushable aren't. Disposable wipes can collect in pipes and cause a system backup. Sewer systems can process two things - toilet paper and human waste."

Best Service has been providing services to Orange County and surrounding areas for 15 years. The mission of the company is to help people live in greater safety and comfort. They do this consistently providing superior customer service, coupled with the highest quality repairs and workmanship.

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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 pinocle. 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.

## Day of the Lady Guadalupe Cultural Celebration

Come join us on Tuesday, **December 12th** from 9:00 am - 11:30 am for a day of cultural festivities. A cultural presentation will be provided followed by performances by Coyolxauhqui Telpochcalli Aztec Dance Group, and Mariachi Juevenil Grullense. An altar dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe, will be present. Coffee and sweetbread will be provided. Tickets are \$5.

## 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](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

## 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!

\$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

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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.

## December Meeting of Republican Women

The Christmas luncheon meeting of the Republican women will be at the lovely South Hills Country Club located at 2655 So. Citrus, West Covina, on Friday, **December 8**. Social is 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00. Dr. Forest Tennant will install the new officers followed by lunch at noon. The highly acclaimed Wescovaires under the direction of Tyler Wigglesworth will present a Christmas program of music. The choir has been invited to appear at Carnegie Hall in New York next year. For more information and reservations,

please call (626) 378-7244. Guests are welcome

## 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.

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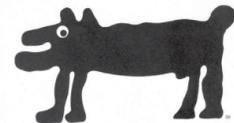
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## San Dimas's Freedom Park Gets New Mural



**SAN DIMAS** - A new mural was unveiled at this year's Veterans Day celebration at Freedom Park in San Dimas. San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish A Remembrance Of Every

Servicepersons) commissioned local artist Lucien Van Oosten to create the new mural. Vista Paint of San Dimas donated the paint and supplies for this project.

## The Gift Of Giving: Azusa Community Comes Together



**JOIN US IN THE GIFT OF GIVING**  
**THE COMMUNITY IS COMING TOGETHER**

Azusa Chamber of Commerce is hosting their **11th Annual Food & Toy Drive** For our **Azusa Community Food Banks** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 7:30am-10:00am Azusa Eagles Lodge 1603 N. San Gabriel Canyon Road, Azusa



*Pick a Stocking Auction*

By **Jorge V. Rosales**

**AZUSA** - The Azusa Chamber of Commerce has hosted an annual

food and toy drive for the past ten years to help four organizations that eventually help the Azusa needy. On Tuesday, December 5, 2017 they will host the 11th Annual Food and Toy Drive for Four Azusa Community Food Bank at the Azusa Eagles Lodge located at 1603 N. San Gabriel Canyon Road in Azusa.

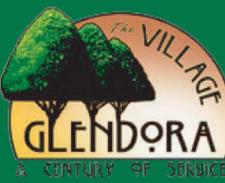
The event is being spearheaded by Chairman Dan Colasanti, Chairman of The Chamber Board with America's Christian Credit Union, committee representatives from the four food banks earmarked to receive the foods and toys collected, and Azusa Chamber of Commerce Staff and Ambassadors. The four food banks in Azusa are Saint Frances of Rome Church, families of the U.S. Army National Guard soldiers, Poverty Summit, and Pathfinders Ministry. The food and toys are to be distributed to needy families in Azusa prior to the Christmas Day.

Everyone that attends the event is asked to bring non-perishable food and/or new unwrapped toys for children 1 through 12 years old and in return they will receive a free pancake and eggs breakfast prepared and donated by members of the Azusa Knights of Columbus and one raffle ticket for a fabulous door prize. Breakfast participants will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win one of the more than at least a dozen prizes and bid on four or more auction items. Proceeds from the raffle and auction will be distributed amongst the four food banks equally so they can purchase additional food and/or toys for those families in need in the Azusa area.

Doors at the Azusa Eagles Lodge will open at 7:00 a.m. Members of the U.S. Army National Guard will be at hand to help unload and sort out food and toys being donated by attendees. Once the event and breakfast ends at 10:00 a.m., members of the U.S. Army National Guard will separate all of the food and toys received into four equal piles and helped load them up for each of the four food banks.

Donations may also be brought to the Azusa Chamber of Commerce Office located at 240 West Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, 91702, or Azusa City Hall, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the food and toy drive call Steven Castro or Susie Vander Loop at the Azusa Chamber of Commerce office at (626) 334-1507.




# Glendora Village

## Santa in The Plaza

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# Duarte H.S. Choristers to Entertain at Retired Teachers' Holiday Meeting



Duarte High School's Cantabile Show Choir will perform for Retired Teachers on December 8.

ARCADIA - Festive music for the holidays is on the program at the luncheon meeting of the California Retired Teachers' Association #71 (CalRTA-SGV) on Friday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m. Under the direction of Claire Hsu, the Duarte H. S. Cantabile Show Choir will perform such merry songs as "Hark How the Bells" and "Ding Dong Merrily on High." This hard-working group has had a busy year of performing. Choir Director

Hsu states that in the recent past the choir has won six First Place titles and two High Musicianship awards in competitions. Now the Show Choir is taking it up a notch by accepting an opportunity to participate in a five-day Broadway Residency in Manhattan which will culminate in their performing at Carnegie Hall in February 2018!

The Retired Teachers' luncheon meeting will take place at the Senior Center Building in Arcadia Park (county park), 405 West Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia (next to the Lawn Bowling Greens). Guests are welcome to come enjoy the luncheon and to hear the lovely voices of Duarte High School's Cantabile Show Choir. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$12. For reservations, please call John Gera at (626) 286-0714 by December 1. The cost of the luncheon for those who pay at the

door without reservations is \$13. Members of CalRTA #71 are looking forward to hearing from the Duarte H. S. singers before they embark on their New York tour. According to Director Hsu, the choir is "currently seeking

financial sponsors to help with tuition." Those interested in making donations may call Director Claire Hsu at (626) 599-5700 (school office) for more information.



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# Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley Invites Local Residents to Events

ARCADIA - Are you interested in meeting new people, making new friends, exploring well-known landmarks, and enjoying new activities? Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, a social club, invites local residents to attend their December meeting.

On December 6, at 10:00 am, Newcomers and Friends of SGV's "meet-and-greet" coffee will be held at the Fire-side Room, Santa Anita

Church, 226 West Colorado Blvd., in Arcadia.

This general meeting is a great way to meet the members of Newcomers and Friends and learn about the club's wide variety of daytime, weekday, fun activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

Additional Newcomers and Friends' mostly-daytime week-day activities include a Book

Club, Bridge, Crafters, Games (Bunco, Rummikub, etc.), Hiking, Happy Hour, Day Trips, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Meditation, Movies, Golf, and Wine Tasting.

To learn more about Newcomers and Friends of San Gabriel Valley, contact them via email at [sgvnewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:sgvnewcomers@gmail.com) or visit them online at <http://www.sgvnewcomers.com>

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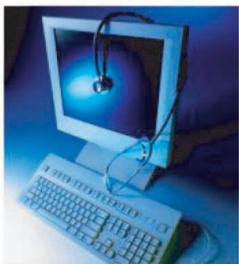
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